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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

We encourage you to stay after worship. Please introduce yourself to new people, catch up with old friends and make new friends.

May God bless your worship with us today,

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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to
Joyfully Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'***

5:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all
generations, wherever they may be'*

All Saints Day

Preludes

"Heaven Song"

You wrote a letter and You signed Your name
I read every word of it page by page
You said that You'd be coming coming for me soon
Oh my God I'll be ready for You

I want to run on greener pastures
I want to dance on higher hills
I want to drink from sweeter waters
In the misty morning chill
And my soul is getting restless
For the place where I belong
I can't wait to join the angels and sing
My Heaven song

I hear Your voice and I catch my breath
Well done my child enter in and rest
Tears of joy roll down my cheek
It's beautiful beyond my wildest dreams

I want to run on greener pastures
I want to dance on higher hills
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I can't wait to join the angels and sing.
No I can't wait to hear the angels and sing
My Heaven song

“Praise the Lord Forever”

Oh let all that is within me Bless His holy name
For His love endures forever And His mercies new today
We will enter with thanksgiving And fill His courts with praise
Come on Church Lift your voice and sing

Praise the Lord Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord forever Bless His name
Let all within me sing Praise the Lord forever

If your life's been resurrected By the war that Jesus won
If you wait in expectation For a kingdom yet to come
All you citizens of heaven Sons and daughters of the King
Come on Church Lift your voice and sing

Praise the Lord Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord forever Bless His name
Let all within me sing Praise the Lord forever
For the one who's brokenhearted And it's hard to sing this song
You've been walking through the valley And your faith is feeling small
I pray peace and love surround you From the God who understands
As the family all around you Lifts your arms up when you can't
Join the choir of creation With the song of the redeemed
Come on Church Lift your voice and sing

Praise the Lord Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord forever
Bless His name Let all within me sing

Praise the Lord forever
Praise the Lord forever
Praise the Lord forever

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship

Opening Song

“The Sound of The Saints”

Oh, I love to hear the song of creation, the wind and the rhythm of the rain.

Oh, the thunder it speaks of Your power,
but there's something in the sound of the saints

I've been washed in the roar of the ocean, found peace in the echoes of a cave,
And the trees of the field they clap their hands,
But there's something in the sound of the saints

From the lips of those You saved, a redemption song will rise
With a sound so full it cracks the sky!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen!
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion,
Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen!

I will hear the chorus of the angels, forever a symphony of praise.
I long to hear the voice of my Savior, and He hears us: the sound of the saints.

From the lips of those You saved, a redemption song will rise
Ev'ry tongue, ev'ry tribe, hear the Church, Your bride.

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen!
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion,
Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen! Whoa, whoa,

Our hearts will rise. Our song shall be Jesus Christ, our Savior King forever!
Our hearts will rise. The saints will sing
Of Jesus Christ, our Savior King forever, forever!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen.
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion,
Singing alleluia, amen, alleluia, amen!

Whoa, we sing hallelujah! Whoa, we sing amen!
Hear the sound of the saints as we march onto Zion,
Singing alleluia, amen! Singing alleluia, amen!
Alleluia, amen

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Echo Holy”

Gathered at the highest throne Welcomed by a melody
An anthem I have always known A song that’s always been in me

All glory and honor Dominion and power To You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can’t help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Memorized by every heart Written in eternity
Every lifted voice a part Joining in the symphony

All glory and honor Dominion and power To You
All wisdom and wonder Belong to no other But You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can’t help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Standing at the end of time There before the throne of grace
Majesty before my eyes I’ll let it take my breath away

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can’t help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." ¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence." ¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"I Will Rise"

There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail
There's an anchor for my soul I can say It is well

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings before my God fall on my knees and rise ... I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks to light
And the shadows disappear and my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome, and the grave is overwhelmed
The victory is won He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings before my God fall on my knees and rise ... I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the voice of many angels sing Worthy is the Lamb
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart worthy is the Lamb Worthy is the Lamb

I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow no more pain
I will rise on eagles' wings before my God fall on my knees and rise
I will rise ... I will rise

Message

"My Peeps"

Commemoration Of the Redeemed Children Of God

- P** Today, with God's children throughout the Christian Church, we remember all those who remain God's children for eternity. We especially note this day those who have gone to the church triumphant during the days of this last year.

Jane Doehring -	August 19, 1931 - November 12, 2025
Mark Bartholomew –	July 9, 1966 – November 15, 2025
Carol Latham	November 15, 2025
Anne Rutkofske	August 27, 1932 - January 7, 2026
Jim Zabel -	January 11, 2026
William (Bill) Serniuk –	February 7, 1935 – January 16, 2026
Gail Kukuk –	March 21, 1943 – January 30, 2026
Rodney Stender –	December 5, 1968 – March 5, 2026
James Johnson –	February 22, 1941 – March 6, 2026
Lee Fuller -	October 10, 1964 - March 19, 2026
Augusta Raab –	September 8, 1936 – May 3, 2026
Carl Raab	January 30, 1941 - May 3, 2026
Barbara Ruhlig –	September 29, 1937 – May 21, 2026
Richard Damon –	July 1, 1946 – July 20, 2026
Terry Grenell –	November 15, 1946 – August 24, 2026
Jeanette Robinson –	April 18, 1936 – August 30, 2026

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
- G** **Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;**
- P** through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- G** **Amen.**

Commemoration Song

“Hymn of Heaven”

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven

Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

G Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

L The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen.

Sending Song

“Echoes”(Till We See The Other Side)

We will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side
'Cause we belong to the light When the night is at its darkest
Just hold on for the dawn will soon arrive

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise
And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise
And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise
And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life
Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise
And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life

So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

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