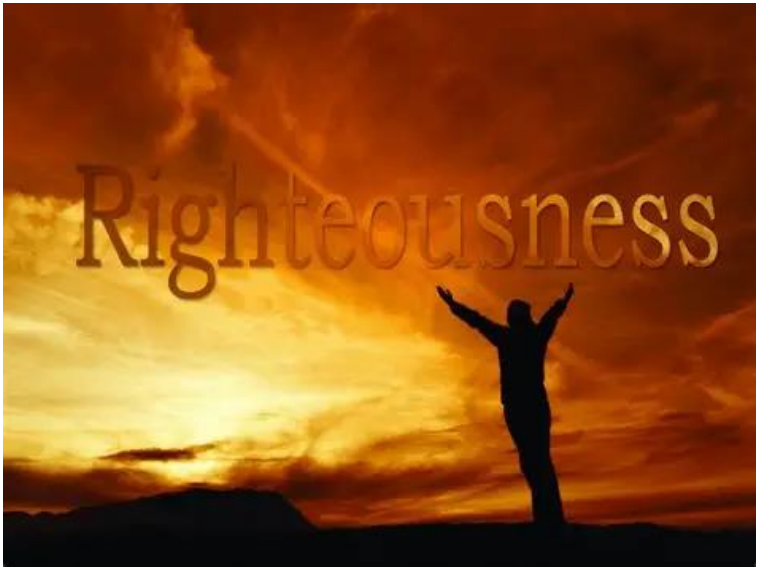


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Welcome

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.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

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'

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

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude "Washed"

I've been washed in the water Washed in the blood
I'm as good as new Oh hallelujah
I've been washed in the water Washed in the blood
All because of You Oh hallelujah

I'm clean … Sin was stained on me
Shame was running deep
But love was spilled on Calvary Oh hallelujah I'm clean
God how can it be? I'm ransomed and redeemed
Standing in Your victory
Oh hallelujah

I've been washed in the water Washed in the blood
I'm as good as new Oh hallelujah
I've been washed in the water Washed in the blood
All because of You Oh hallelujah

I'm clean It's not what I have done
But what You've done for me
You paid it all upon that tree Oh hallelujah I'm clean
Your love has overcome
Your mercy is supreme
I'm dancing in Your victory
Oh hallelujah

I've been washed in the water Washed in the blood
I'm as good as new Oh hallelujah
I've been washed in the water Washed in the blood
All because of You Oh hallelujah
I've been washed in the water Washed in the blood

I'm as good as new Oh hallelujah
I've been washed in the water Washed in the blood
All because of You Oh hallelujah

'Cause You took away my shame
And You nailed it to the cross
You got me running out the grave
Hallelujah here I come
'Cause You took away my shame
And You nailed it to the cross
You got me running out the grave

Hallelujah here I come
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song "Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.
Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.
You're my one defense, my righteousness. Oh God how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise "Our God"

Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You None like You

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God
And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
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Our God is greater Our God is stronger
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First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of
the LORD? It is darkness, and not light,**19** as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear
met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a
serpent bit him.**20** Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom
with no brightness in it?**21** "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in
your solemn assemblies.**22** Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and
grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened
animals, I will not look upon them.**23** Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.**24** But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. **2** Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.
3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, **4** but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. **5** As the bridegroom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and slept. **6** But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' **7** Then all those virgins rose and trimmed
their lamps. **8** And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our
lamps are going out.' **9** But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be
enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'
10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were
ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. **11** Afterward
the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' **12** But he answered,
'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' **13** Watch therefore, for you know neither
the day nor the hour.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song "New Creation"

I thought I knew what I was talking about
When I testified of your great love
Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt
Bible believing saved and washed in the blood

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation

And now I know what you were talking about
Went from my head into my heart
When I was broken at the bottom I found
You're my healer and redeemer
Jesus that's who you are

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
Oh oh. Oh oh.

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
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I'm a new creation

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Message "Stank"

Offering

Would you like to give online? Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our donation site.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor.11:26). Holy Communion is offered every week at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:

1. *Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
2. *Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*

3. *Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
4. *Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
5. *Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine (Matt.26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer **"yes"** to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises. Children and those who do not subscribe to these statements are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing and should indicate this by keeping their hand folded.*

Distribution Song "Come Jesus Come"

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray
Come Jesus come let today be the day
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break
But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade

Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong We need You right now
Come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home
Come Jesus come Come Jesus come

There'll be no war and there'll be no chains
When Jesus comes let today be the day
He'll come for the weak And the strong just the same
And all will believe in the power of His name

Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong We need You right now
Come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home

Come Jesus come Come Jesus come

One day He'll come and we'll stand face to face
Come and lay it all down 'cause it might be today
The time is right now there's no need to wait
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace

Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong We need You right now
Come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home
Come Jesus come Come Jesus come
Come Jesus come

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song "Can't Steal My Joy"

In the valley of the shadow
I got a feeling it's a season that'll make me grow
I'm still breathing I got praise in my lungs
And a choir in my soul

Can't steal my joy Can't steal my joy
What the world couldn't give no it can't take away
Sorrow may come but it can't steal my joy
Can't steal my joy

In the high highs in the low lows
You fill my cup You fill it up until it overflows
I remember I'll keep holding on to hope
'Cause You're the king of rolling stones

Can't steal my joy Can't steal my joy

What the world couldn't give no it can't take away
Sorrow may come but it can't steal my joy

Can't steal my joy
(Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh)
Can't steal my joy
(Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh)

Can't steal my joy joy joy
Down in my heart down in my soul deep in my bones
I got the joy joy joy
I can't contain nothing can quiet my praise

I got the joy joy joy
Down in my heart down in my soul deep in my bones
I got the joy joy joy
I can't contain nothing can quiet my praise
Can’t steal my joy

Can't steal my joy Can't steal my joy
Can't steal my joy
What the world couldn't give no it can't take away
Sorrow may come but it can't steal my joy
Can’t steal my joy
(Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh)
(Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh)
Can't steal my joy

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Sermon Notes