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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 .

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to 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'*

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"This I Believe (The Creed)"

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One.

I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.

For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, forever seated high.

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One.

I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.

For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

I believe in You, I believe You rose again.

I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One.

I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.

For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

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I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church.

I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again.

For I believe in the Name of Jesus.

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, our God is three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again.
For I believe in the Name of Jesus.
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Glorious Day”

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a Virgin
Dwelt among men, my example is He.
The Word became flesh and the light shined among us
His glory revealed

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,
Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.
The hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.
One day the stone rolled away from the door.
Then He arose; over death He had conquered.

Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore.
Death could not hold Him,
The grave could not keep Him from rising again.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day. Glorious day.

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day, my beloved one bringing.
My Savior Jesus is mine.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day. Glorious day, oh, glorious day.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Graves Into Gardens"

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley

There's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

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First Reading

1 Peter 1:8-12

⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, ¹¹ inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 20:24-31

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

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Jesus Christ my living hope
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Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope
Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

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Message

"Why Do You Believe?"

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

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 Sunday 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 given and received in and with 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.

Distribution Song: "Just as I Am/ I Come Broken"

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms, Praise God, just as I am.

Just as I am I would be lost, but mercy and grace my freedom bought.
And now to glory in Your cross, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

I come broken to be mended. I come wounded to be healed.
I come desperate to be rescued. I come empty to be filled.
I come guilty to be pardoned by the blood of Christ the Lamb.
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Blessing

P 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

"Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles
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