



St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church

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We are glad to have you worship with us today. We ask members and guests to fill out the **Connection Card**, in the worship folder, letting us know you were here, who attended the Lord’s Supper, and/or your ministry needs.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & GREETING

Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card

OPENING PRAYER AND INVOCATION

- L** We gather in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

SONG: “Here I Am To Worship”

video music, words on screen

PSALM READING

Psalms 146

- P** Praise the Lord!
- C** **Praise the Lord, O my soul!**
- P** I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
- C** **I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**
- P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
- C** **whose hope is in the Lord his God,**
- P** who made heaven and earth,
- C** **the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;**
- P** who executes justice for the oppressed,
- C** **who gives food to the hungry.**
- P** The Lord sets the prisoners free;
- C** **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.**
- P** The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- C** **the Lord loves the righteous.**
- P** The Lord watches over the sojourners;
- C** **he upholds the widow and the fatherless,**
- P** but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- P** The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
- C** **Praise the Lord!**



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** God’s Word tells us, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

HYMN: “PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY”

LSB 790

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Let us pray.
- C** **O Lord, You are a good and perfect God who does all things well, grant that by faith in Your Son who did Your will perfectly, we would have forgiveness and life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4-7a

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 2:1-10, 14-18

L This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL READING

Mark 7:24-37

P This is the Gospel of our Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ!**

APOSTLE'S CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting.
Amen.**

HYMN: “PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS”

LSB 849

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

SERMON: “All Things Well”

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OFFERING

Using our God-given resources to connect people to Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

BENEDICTION

Psalm 146:1-2

P Praise the Lord!

C Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

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.

C Amen.

HYMN: "LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING"

LSB 924

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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Reader:	Jim Oliver	Next Sunday:	Frank Wendt
Counting Team:	Chad Cornell, Donna & Frank Cornell, Brent & Lynn Kroening		
Next Week:	Bill Nelson, Marv Werth, Bev Harder, Lorrie Weir, Randy DeVantier		
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Lawn Mowing:	Ron Wolf, Jason Licht		