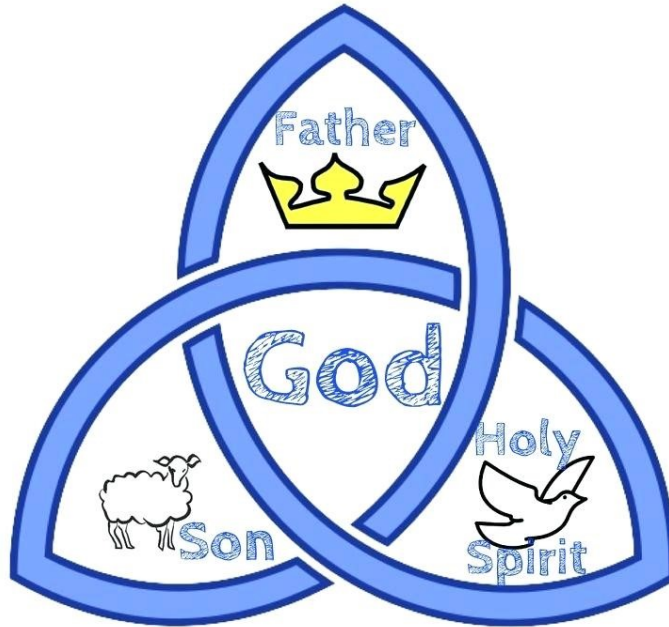




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# Welcome

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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and Serve'***

*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**

**Prelude**

**"House of the Lord"**

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is  
We worship the God who evermore will be  
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea  
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves  
We sing to the God who always makes a way  
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave  
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord  
There's joy in the house of the Lord today  
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise  
There's joy in the house of the Lord  
Our God is surely in this place  
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars Now we're royalty

We were the prisoners Now we're running free  
We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace  
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening 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  
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And with your spirit living inside of me  
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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Song of Praise**

### **"I Believe"**

I believe there is one salvation One doorway that leads to life  
One redemption one confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion By His blood I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome

The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

No I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life  
No I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
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## First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup> And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup> And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

John 3:1-13

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### “Trust In You”

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.  
Every moment of my wandering, never changes what You see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess, my hands are weary, I need Your rest.  
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,  
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,  
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings.  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.  
So in all things be my life and breath,  
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing else.

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,  
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,  
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand,  
You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.  
Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.  
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood.

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,  
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,  
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.  
I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

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## Message

## “Beyond Comprehension”

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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.*

## **Communion Song - Instrumental**

### **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 T give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### **Sending Song**

### **“Rescuer”**

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.  
We are free from sin forevermore.  
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed.  
There is good news for the one who walked away.  
There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed,  
for the good Lord has come to seek and save.

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.  
We are free from sin forevermore.  
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor.  
He is friendship for the one the world ignores.  
He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive.  
Oh, the good Lord is the way the truth the life.  
Yes, the good Lord is the way the truth the life.

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.  
We are free from sin forevermore.  
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

So come and be chainless. Come and be fearless.  
Come to the foot of Calvary.  
There is redemption for every affliction  
here at the foot of Calvary.

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.  
We are free from sin forevermore.  
Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!  
We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.  
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