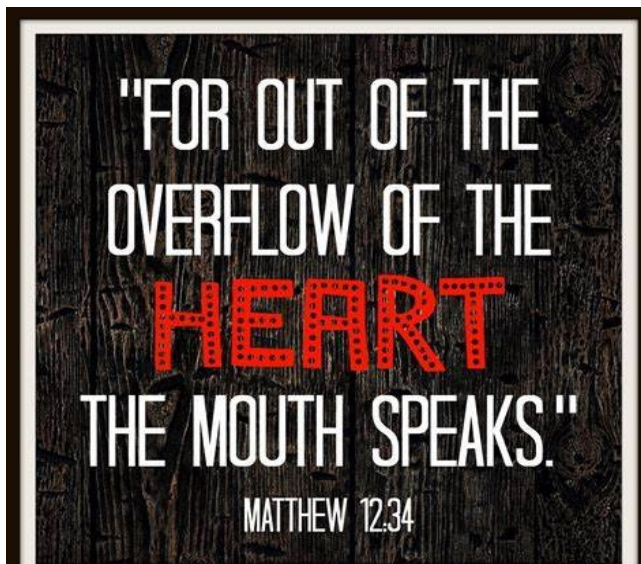




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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional 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'***

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

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost *Divine Service Three* (pp 184ff)

Prelude

"This is Our God"

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus

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Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

“God So Loved”

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.

Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.
For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

G **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your

infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

P Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

C **all you who wait for the Lord!**

P But I trust in you, O Lord;

C **I say, "You are my God."**

P My times are in your hand;

C **rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!**

P Make your face shine on your servant;

C **save me in your steadfast love!**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Song of Praise

"Holy Forever"

A thousand generations falling down in worship

To sing the song of ages to the Lamb

And all who've gone before us

And all who will believe

Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all

All thrones and dominions All powers and positions

Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb

If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
You will always be Holy Holy forever

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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray together...

G **Lord Jesus Christ, our support and defense in every need, continue to preserve Your Church in safety, govern her by Your goodness, and bless her with Your peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Amen.**

First Reading

James 3:2-10

And if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are

so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:17-27

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord

¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can!' All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a

corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Children's Message

Message Song

"10,000 Reasons"

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending ...
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

Message

“Say What?”

Offering

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



Offering Song - Sung

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and proper ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy (*Sung*)

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: *LSB 196*

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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

The Peace of the Lord

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen

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 Hymn

“Remembrance”

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me into this mystery;
say, “Take this bread take this wine”? Now the simple made divine
for any to receive. By Your mercy we come to Your table.

By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship You,

our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation.

We remember You.

See His body, His blood; know that He has overcome ev'ry trial we will face.

None too lost to be saved, none too broken or ashamed;

all are welcome in this place.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.

By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship You,

our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation.

We remember you.

Dying, You destroyed our death. Rising, You restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.

And as we worship You, our worship leads to communion.

We respond to Your invitation. We respond to Your invitation

We remember you.

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Song of Simeon *(Sung)*

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☑ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen

Blessing

LSB 202

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

Closing Song

“Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things

His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand And outstretched arm His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us Forever, and ever forever

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever

And by the grace of God We will carry on

His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us Forever and ever forever