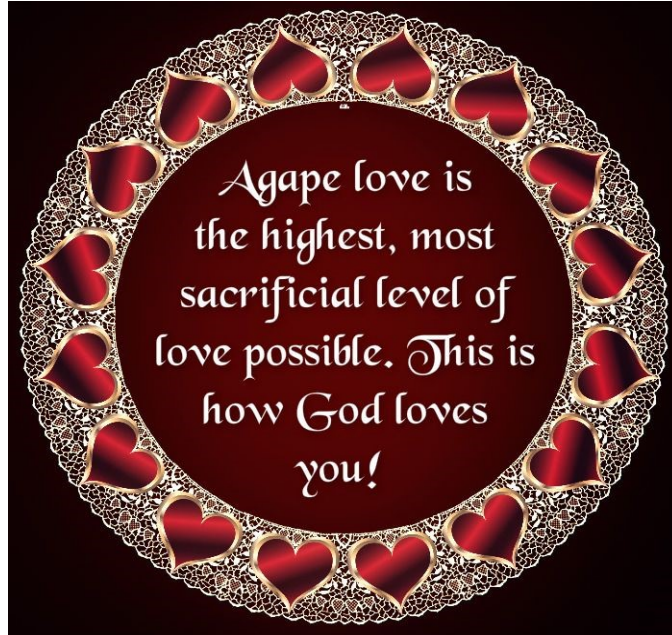




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Welcome

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'***

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

Reformation Sunday

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"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

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All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome
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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

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“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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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

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First Reading

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned

and fall short of the glory of God,²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody.
You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies
'til all my fears are gone.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God

From my mother's womb You have chosen me;
Love has called my name. I've been born again to Your family;
Your blood flows through my veins.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
I am a child of God. Yes, I am a child of God.

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Message

“Faithful Feelings – Glad - Love ”

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- ☑ **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

"Reckless Love"

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me You have been so so good to
me

Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me You have been so so kind to
me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me You have been so so good to
me

When I felt no worth You paid it all for me You have been so so kind to me

And O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

There's no shadow You won't light up Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me
There's no shadow You won't light up Mountain You won't climb up
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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 T give you peace.

G Amen.

Sending Song

“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

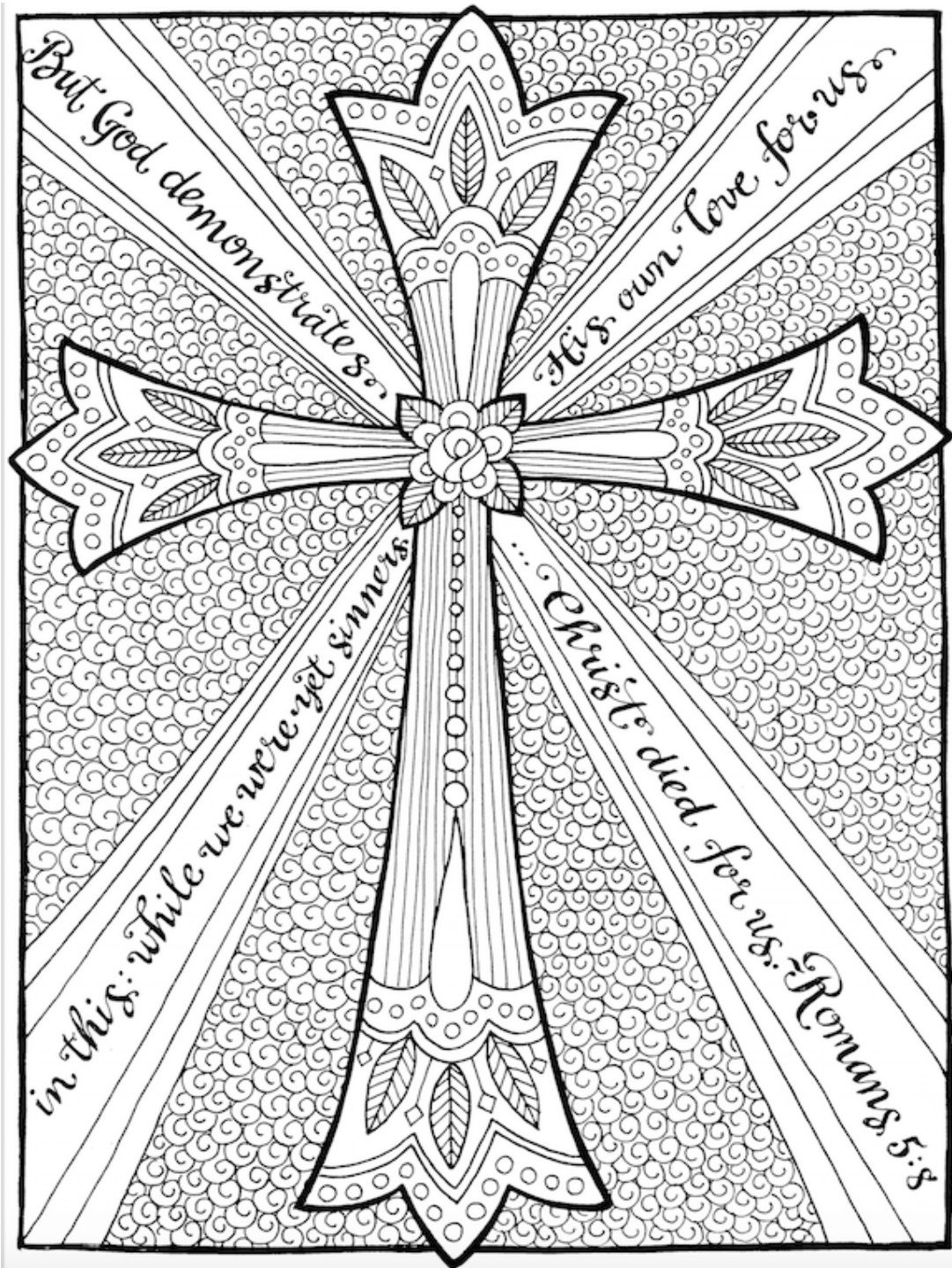
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Him

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
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But God demonstrates...

His own love for us

in this: while we were yet sinners

... Christ died for us. Romans 5:8