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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'

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Preludes

"Honey In The Rock"

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got There's honey in the rock

Praying for a miracle Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy Sweetness at the mercy seat
Now I've tasted it's not hard to see Only You can satisfy
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Freedom where the Spirit is Bounty in the wilderness
You will always satisfy

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did's enough

I keep looking I keep finding You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep praying You keep moving I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep looking I keep finding You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need

I keep praying You keep moving I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I have all that I need You are all that I need Yeah!
There's honey in the rock Water in the stone

Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Jesus who You are is enough There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Grace Like Rain”

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found; Was blind but now I see so clearly
Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing Your praise than when we'd first begun.
Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me.
Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away, they're washed away.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Evidence”

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring. In every season, from where I'm standing

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You, oh, Jesus, oh.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life, yeah.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.

Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

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First Reading

Romans 6:1-11

¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Holy Water"

God, I'm on my knees again.
God I'm begging please again. I need You. Oh, I need You.
Walking down these desert roads,
Water for my thirsty soul, I need You. Oh, I need You.
Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, like holy water on my skin.
Dead man walking, slave to sin,
I wanna know about being born again. I need You. Oh God, I need You.
So, take me to the riverside. Take me under baptize. I need You.
Oh God, I need You.
Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, like holy water on my skin.
I don't wanna abuse Your grace. God I need it ev'ry day.
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.
I don't wanna abuse Your grace. God I need it ev'ry day.

It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, like holy water.

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, like holy water on my skin.

Yeah, it's like holy water on my skin.

Oh, it's like holy water ...

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Message

“Water Feature”

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

"I Surrender"

Here I am Down on my knees again
 Surrendering all Surrendering all
 Find me here Lord as You draw me near
 Desperate for You Desperate for You I surrender
 Drench my soul As mercy and grace unfold
 I hunger and thirst I hunger and thirst
 With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry
 Speak to me now Speak to me now
 I surrender I surrender
 I want to know You more I want to know You more
 I surrender I surrender
 I want to know You more I want to know You more
 Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
 Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
 Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
 Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
 Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
 Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
 Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
 Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
 Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me

I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more

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Blessing

- L** 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

“Soul On Fire”

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You.

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again!

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways; I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire. God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart 'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

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