



St. John's Lutheran Church
January 29, 2023

Welcome to St. John's

Enjoy

We feel blessed that you're here. We want you to feel comfortable in worship. Participate as much or as little as you feel comfortable. To help out, everything for our worship is projected on the screens up front and printed here in the service folder.

You and your kids are welcome

We enjoy having you and your kids in worship. And yes, that means that we don't even mind if kids want to be heard in worship in their own special way. Special Children's messages are offered on non-communion Sunday's. If they are comfortable, they are invited to come to the front of the church for a special message. If you do need a quiet place to calm a child, a nursery room is available immediately to the left as you exit the sanctuary. There are also changing stations in each bathroom.

Fill out a Connection Card

We'd love to know you were here and help you take the next step. There are Connection Cards inserted in the worship folders, or they can be completed online. Text "Connect" to 651-401-1400, scan the QR code, or visit www.StJohnsLutheran.com/connection-card to complete the card online.

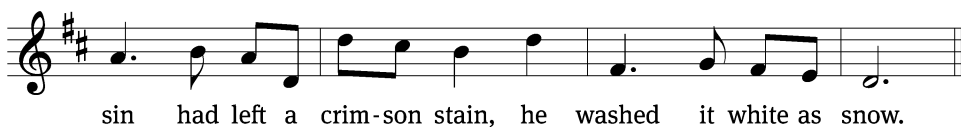
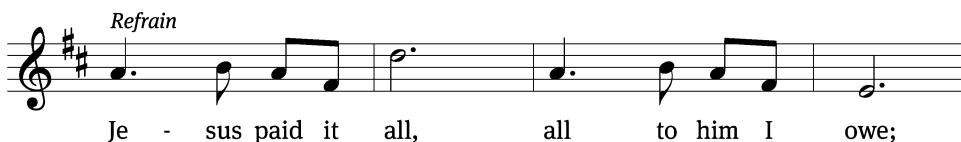
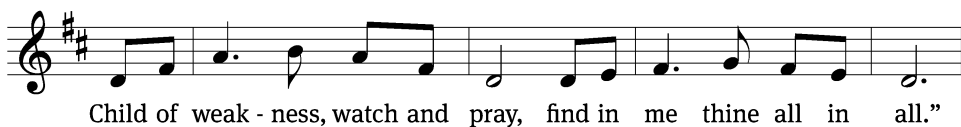


Today's Worship: THE SAVIOR'S SERMON - TRUST IN GOD'S STRENGTH

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount with a series of blessings. "Blessed are..." Jesus says, again and again. In the Latin translation of the Bible, these begin with the word "beati" which translates as "blessed" or "happy." Thus, this portion is often called "The Beatitudes." It had to give Jesus' listeners pause. For what Jesus calls blessed, the world never would. The world praises the strong and the self-sufficient. Jesus calls blessed what others would see as weak or stupid. But, like any good preacher, Jesus is trying to drive home one crucial point. The weaker you are, the more ready you are to rely on God's strength. The more difficult your present circumstances, the likelier you are to yearn for future reward.

Opening Praise: Jesus Paid It All

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Stand

A Psalm of Praise

- Psalm 68

PASTOR: May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;

CONG: **may his foes flee before him.**

But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.

Our God is a God who saves;
from the Sovereign LORD comes escape from death.

Summon your power, God;
show us your strength, our God, as you have done before.

Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.

You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!

2 Lord, now in-deed I find thy pow'r, and thine a-lone
 can change the lep-er's spots and melt the heart of stone.

Refrain
 Je-sus paid it all, all to him I owe;
 sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.

CW21- 562 sts. 2, Ref

Our Confession; God's Forgiveness

Children of God, we gather in the house of the Lord, in the presence of our holy and powerful God. As sinful people, we have no right to stand before him. But God invites us to confess our sins to Him and seek forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

3 For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim;
 I'll wash my gar-ments white in the blood of Cal-v'ry's Lamb.

Refrain

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;
 sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.

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Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant Church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. As a fellow redeemed child of God and called servant of our Savior, it is my joyful privilege to proclaim in his Name: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (*Eph 5:25*)

Amen! Thanks be to God!

4 And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,
 "Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;
 sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Children's Message

God's Word for Our Hearts

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

³Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land,
 you who do what he commands.
 Seek righteousness, seek humility;
 perhaps you will be sheltered
 on the day of the LORD's anger.

¹¹On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame
 for all the wrongs you have done to me,
 because I will remove from you
 your arrogant boasters.

Never again will you be haughty
on my holy hill.
¹²But I will leave within you
the meek and humble.
The remnant of Israel
will trust in the name of the LORD.
¹³They will do no wrong;
they will tell no lies.
A deceitful tongue
will not be found in their mouths.
They will eat and lie down
and no one will make them afraid.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

God’s Word for Our Hearts

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blest Are They

CW21- 690

A soloist will introduce the first verse, the congregation may join as comfortable



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it, theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones, they shall in -
3 Blest are they who show mer - cy, mer - cy
4 Blest are they who seek peace, they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they who
shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
cause of me. Re - joice and be glad,



full of sor - row, they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst, they shall have their fill.
pure of heart, they shall see God!
suf - fer in faith, the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are



you, ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

Today's Message based on Matthew 5:1-12

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

Message Notes: Things for me to remember this week...

Stand

Our Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

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

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Be seated

Our Offering of Thanks & Love

“This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God”

- 2 Corinthians 9:12

Ways to Give Electronically

Choose one of 3 Simple, Safe Options for Offering Thanks



- Text “give” to 651-401-1400
- Go to www.StJohnsLutheran.com/give
- Scan the QR code

Stand

Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me



blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

God's Encouragement and Blessing

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

We sing...

**When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before his throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.**

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