

St. John's Lutheran Church

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**January 18, 2026
11:00 a.m. WORSHIP SERVICE**



St. John's Lutheran Church is part of the North American Lutheran Church. We welcome you and are glad you are participating in worship this morning as we celebrate the **Confession of St. Peter**. Please register your attendance in the blue pad at the end of the pew. HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated the first and third Sundays of each month and on Festival Sundays. All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present in the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

Prayer upon entering God's House:

Glorious God, as You poured out Your Holy Spirit out upon Jesus at the river Jordan, so pour Your Holy Spirit upon those who are gathered here that the words on our lips and the songs in our hearts might reflect gratitude and devotion to You for all we hear and see of Your amazing grace and constant love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

PRELUD*"Wie schon leuchtet"*

Manz

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✡ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

P Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for us and, for His sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

PROCESSIONAL HYMN"Built on a Rock"*

LBW 365

***GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from a- bove, and for our sal- vation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. C A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE

A Glory to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.

C Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al- might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa- ther; re- ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty God, You inspired Simon Peter to confess Jesus as the Messiah and Son of the living God. Keep Your church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

BELL ANTHEM (11:00) "Shine, Jesus Shine"

arr Cota

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:8-13

A The First Lesson is from the forth chapter of Acts.

⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been

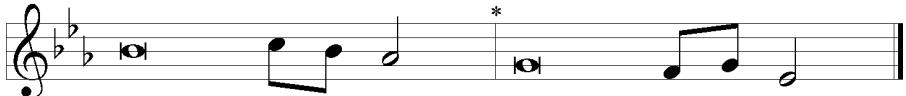
healed,¹⁰ let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹ This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹² And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³ Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

A Here ends the reading.

PSALM

PSALM 18:1-7, 17-20



¹ I love you, O | LORD, my strength.*

 O Lord my stronghold, my fortress, and | my deliverer.

**²My God, my rock, in whom | I take refuge,*
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, | and my stronghold.**

³ I will call up | on the LORD,*

 And so shall I be saved | from my enemies.

**⁴The cords of death en | compassed me;*
the torrents of destruc | tion assailed me;**

⁵ the cords of Sheol en | tangled me;*

 the snares of death | confronted me.

**⁶In my distress I called up on the LORD;
to my God I | cried for help.***

 From his temple he | heard my voice,*

 and my cry to him | reached his ears.

**⁷Then the earth | reeled and rocked;*
the foundations also of the mountains trembled
and quaked, because | he was angry.**

¹⁷ He rescued me from | my strong enemy*

 and from those who hated me,

 for they were too migh | ty for me.

**¹⁸They confronted me in the day of | my calamity,*
but the LORD | was my support.**

¹⁹ He brought me out into | a broad place;*

 he rescued me, because he deligh | ted in me.

**²⁰The LORD dealt with me according to my | righteousness;*
according to the cleanness of my hands he | rewarded me.**

SECOND LESSON

Corinthians 10:1-5

A The second lesson is from the tenth chapter of Corinthians.

¹ For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.

⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

A Here ends the reading.

*VERSE

Music notation for the verse. The first line starts with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second line starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. The lyrics are 'You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.'

GOSPEL:

Matthew 16:13-19

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

Music notation for the gospel verse. The lyrics are 'Glo - ry to you, O Lord.'

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

Music notation for the gospel verse. The lyrics are 'Praise to you, O Christ.'

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"They Cast Their Nets"

LBW 449

SERMON

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

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*THE PRAYERS

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world, and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Thank you, Father, for granting such faith to Peter that he could boldly confess your Son as the Christ. Thank you for promising that the gates of hell cannot withstand the gracious battering-ram of your faith-filled Church, for the forgiveness of sin that the Church pronounces in Jesus' name and at his command. Thank you for Jesus our doorway into your heart. Thank you for making him your dear Lamb, the sacrifice for our sin and the light of the world and of our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

(Other intercessions are offered)

L Into your hands, O LORD, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ our LORD.

C Amen

*PEACE

P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C And also with you.

ANTHEM

"Let Your Light Shine"

McDonald

*OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless- ing. Gath- er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are You,

C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made, for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, He lived among us to reveal Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

*THE 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**



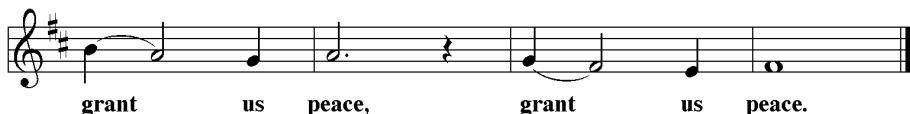
¶ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer- cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace,

grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW 203, 179, 358, WOV 645

*COMMUNION

All who are baptized and believe that Christ is truly present

In the Lord's Supper are invited to receive this Sacrament with us.

(Gluten-Free Communion Wafers are available, please inform the Pastor of your needs)

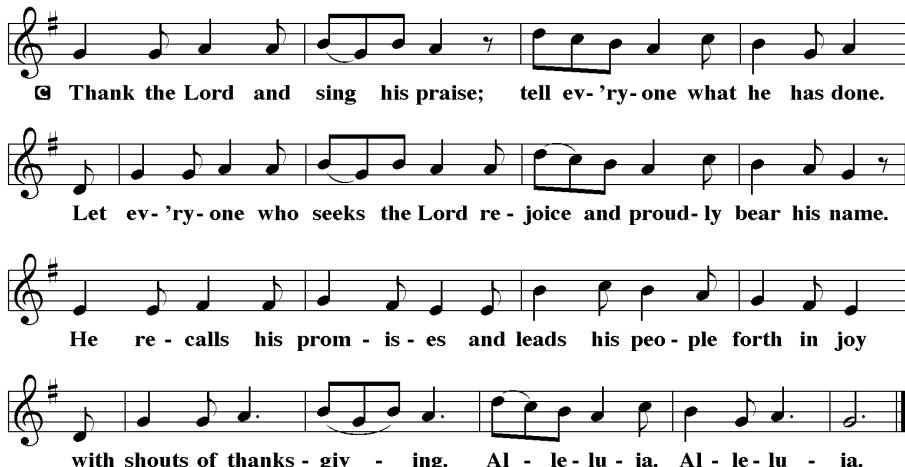
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C** Amen

***CANTICLE**



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev- 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud- ly bear his name.
He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray....Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food: through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen

***BENEDICTION**

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. In the name of the Father, and of the **¶** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C A - men

***RECESSATIONAL HYMN** "*I Was There to Hear Your Burning Cry*" LBW 770

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"In dir ist Freude"

Bach

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Everyone is invited for a time of fellowship following worship in the Gathering space.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday 1/18	8:30 a.m.	Worship: Rock of Our Salvation
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Campfire
Monday 1/19	6:00 p.m.	Mutual Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music
Tuesday 1/20	6:15 p.m.	SPARK
Wednesday 1/21	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	1:00 p.m.	Newsletter mailing
	6:15 p.m.	Senior Bells
	7:00 a.m.	PJ's Bible Study
	7:30 p.m.	Senior Choir
Thursday 1/22	9:30 a.m.	Children's Hour
	2:45 p.m.	Catechism
	7:00 p.m.	Catechism
Friday 1/23	4:30 p.m.	Youth leave for QUAKE
Saturday 1/24		Pray for Youth at QUAKE
Sunday 1/25	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:00 a.m.	Senior Choir
	11:00 a.m.	Worship: Communion
	After worship	Congregational Meeting
	12:30 p.m.	Youth return from QUAKE



Today we welcome into the Church
through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism,
Edward Walker.



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*For 200 years St. John's has been a bright beacon
of Christ's light and life for the world.
200 years and the work continues:
That all might know Christ's Love.*

OUR MISSION

St. John's Lutheran Church is a group of people who believe that we are saved by God's grace and who respond to God's love by joyfully serving God, each other, our community and our world. We will humbly and lovingly serve by proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the Word, offering Sacraments, leading others to fellowship, supporting those in need, giving generously of our talents as well as our resources and by thanking and praising God.



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