



St. John's Lutheran Church

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St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church



Welcome to our visitors!

- It is our hope and prayer that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace that only God can offer and the joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Restrooms are located at the far end of the entry area.
- Large print service folders, assisted listening devices, children's service folders, and children's worship notes are available from the ushers.
- Parents may take small children into the entry area, mother's room (at the back of the church), or nursery (lower level of church) as needed and follow the worship service on the TV monitor. Changing tables are available in the mother's room and in the room adjacent to the nursery.
- During the offering, all worshipers are asked to fill out a Connection Card (included with the service folder or at www.sjtosa.org/Connect). Completed cards may be placed in the baskets by the exit.
- The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in our worship today. Scripture tells us that the Lord's Supper is an expression of unity in God's Word and a privilege reserved for those who have publicly confessed their oneness in faith. Therefore, we ask guests who are not members of WELS or ELS congregations to refrain from communion until such oneness can be established. We do not intend to be exclusive and unloving. Rather, we desire to faithfully carry out the teaching of Scripture and further explore God's Word with you in the hope that we may eventually enjoy such "communion fellowship" together. For more information, please speak with one of our pastors.

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

Self-Righteousness is Crushed by Repentance.

Prelude

Call to Worship (6:45 p.m.)

Adult Choir

Miserere Mei

by Antonio Lotti

Miserere mei, Deus,
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam
et secundum multitudinem miserationum
tuarum dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your great mercy
and blot out my iniquity according
to the greatness of your compassion.*

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Opening Hymn

Please stand to sing the final stanza

Before You, God, the Judge of All

Christian Worship 655

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Instruction for the Beginning of Lent

Brothers and sisters in Christ, God created us to know joy in communion with him, to love all humanity, and to live in harmony with all creation. But sin separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, and so we do not enjoy the life our Creator intended for us. By our sin we grieve our Father, who does not desire us to come under his judgment but to turn to him and live. Therefore, God in his mercy has sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take our place under the law, to suffer for us, and to die the death we deserve. God made Jesus, who had no sin, to be sin for us so that in him, we might become the righteousness of God.

During the 40 days of Lent, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of God. The time of Lent reminds us that to know Christ and the power of his resurrection, we must also know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we are called to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to confess your sins, ask our Father for forgiveness, and commit yourselves to this struggle. Let us be silent. Let us be still. Let us pause now for a time of reflection and self-examination.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Please kneel

Confession

Most holy and merciful Father,

we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned by our own fault, by our own grievous fault, 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 and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,

we confess to you, O Lord.

Our love of worldly goods and comforts and our dishonesty in daily work and life,

we confess to you, O Lord.

Our negligence in worship and prayer and our failure to show the faith that is in us,

we confess to you, O Lord.

Forgive us, Lord, for the wrongs we have done. For our blindness to human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,
forgive us, O Lord.

For what we think, say, or do that is at variance with your will,
forgive us, O Lord.

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us.
Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and suffering of your Son, O Lord,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners, but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. During these days of Lent, let us implore God to give us renewal and his Holy Spirit. May we continue to abide in the true faith and at last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please stand

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; 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

First Reading

2 Samuel 12:1–13

*Through Nathan, the LORD crushes David's self-righteousness
and calls him to repentance.*

The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, “There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

“Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.”

Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.’

“This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’ ”

Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 51

Faculty Choir (3:30 p.m.); Adult Choir (6:45 p.m.)

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Have mercy in your goodness, Lord,
and in your grace forgive my sin;
wash me from evil through and through,
cleanse me, O Lord, without, within.

All my transgressions, Lord, I know;
I see my sin both day and night;
against you only have I sinned,
done what is evil in your sight.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

So when you speak, Lord, it is just;
your judgments all reveal the truth;
I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner even from my youth.

For deep within you look for truth;
in secret make me understand;
purge out my sin and I shall be
pure as your holy law demands.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

Tell me of joy and gladness, Lord,
and give my broken body ease;
Lord, hide your face from all my sin;
blot out all my iniquities.

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord have mercy.

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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2

Our self-righteousness is crushed by Christ becoming sin for us.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Gospel Acclamation

Joel 2:13

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love.

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Luke 18:9–14

The tax collector was crushed by his sin and trusted in God's mercy to make him righteous.

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Anthem (3:30 p.m.)

Faculty Choir

Lamb of God
Christian Worship 403

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the world's sin,
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

As high as the heav'ns are over the earth, so great is your love for us.
As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our sin.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the world's sin,
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

A Father's heart you turn to us; you hear us when we call.
Now, Lord, in compassion, lend your ear; you know our needs, O hear our prayer.

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the world's sin,
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, give to us your peace.

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Anthem (6:45 p.m.)

Adult Choir

Out of the Depths
by Carl Schalk

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, O Lord, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word, is my hope.
My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning.
O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy,
with him there is plenteous redemption, and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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Hymn of the Day

In Adam We Have All Been One
Christian Worship 565

Sermon

2 Samuel 12:1–13

What Happens to the Worst?

Please stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people that, through repentance and reception of the gospel, he may draw us close to himself. Lord God, heavenly Father, we rejoice that you set your Son's sacrifice between us and sin's reward.

By your Spirit, work in us through the gospel, give us repentant hearts, make our faith firm in Christ, and enliven us to serve you willingly. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, heavenly Father, renew your Church throughout the world that it may constantly look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Bless us with faithful ministers who always proclaim Christ's cross and resurrection for the salvation of the world. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, heavenly Father, in your mercy you abundantly supply our needs of body and soul. Put in us the mind of Christ, that in humility and generosity – considering not only our own interests, but also the interests of others – we would be merciful to those in need around us.

Direct our efforts to help poor, lonely, troubled, and ill people. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, heavenly Father, comfort all who mourn the death of loved ones with your Son's death that destroyed death and with his resurrection to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Teach us to number our days aright that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, heavenly Father, look with favor upon all sick, injured, and recovering people. If it be your will, deliver them from their infirmities.

Let them hear of your unfailing love. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your unfailing love.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise you that you have delivered the saints who have gone before us from this world of dust and ashes to paradise. As their prayers continually ascend before your throne, join our prayers to theirs as fragrant incense.

Hear us for the sake of him who was crucified for us and always intercedes on our behalf, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

Members of St. John's give offerings to support the Lord's work in our community and around the world. Visitors are welcome but not obligated to give an offering. To submit your offering electronically or to fill out an online Connection Card, scan the QR code or visit www.sjtosa.org/offering.



Please stand

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

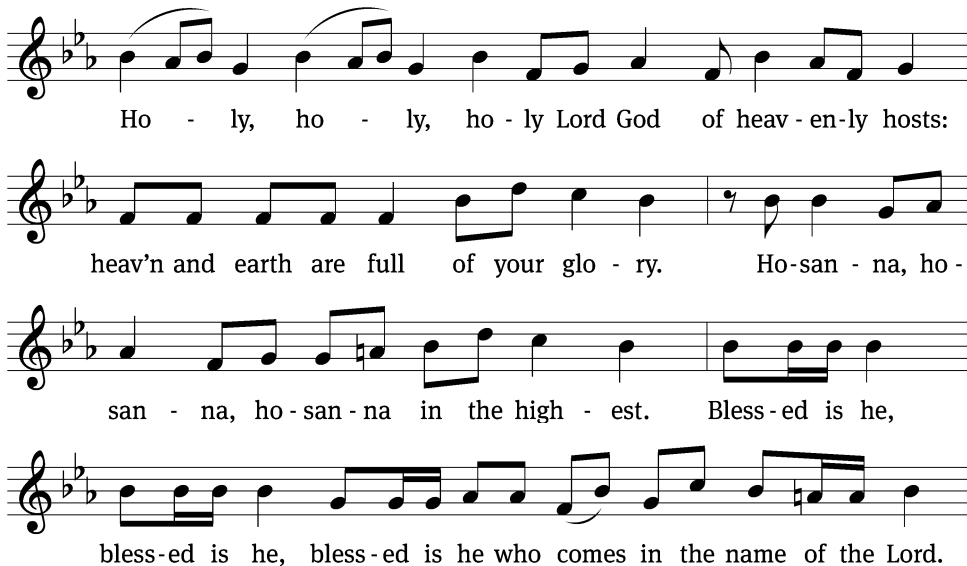
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

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.**

Words of Institution

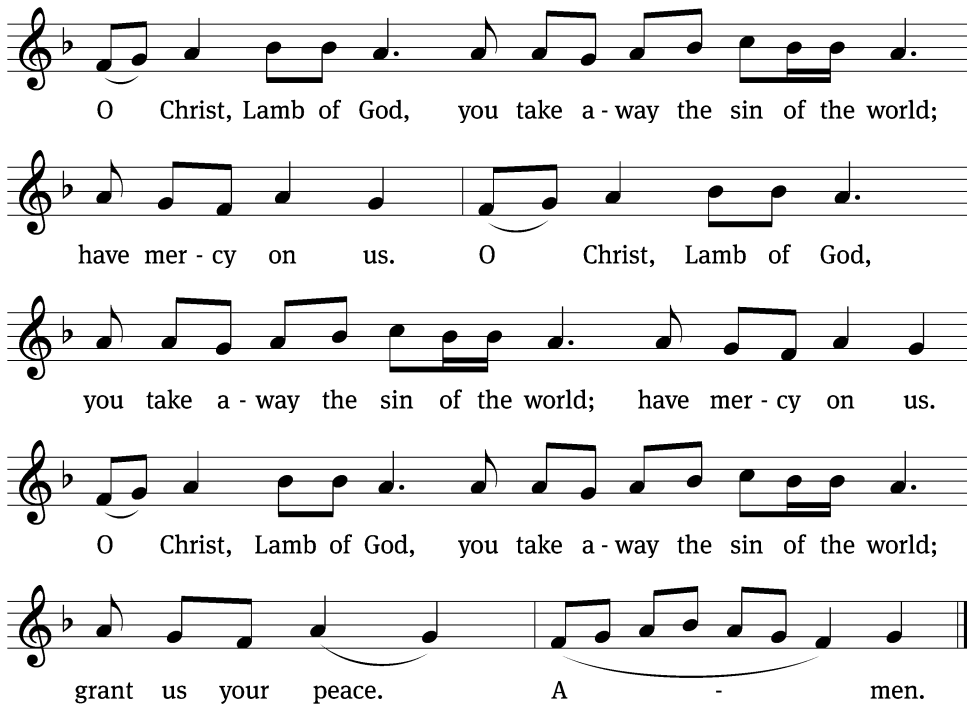
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

The Scriptures teach us that receiving the Lord's Supper is a public declaration of shared belief. Therefore, we ask our guests who are not members of a WELS or ELS congregation to refrain from receiving the Lord's Supper until they have had the opportunity to talk with one of our pastors about our beliefs and practice.

To receive communion, please proceed down the center aisle and exit via the side aisles. Grape juice is available in the center of the individual cup tray for those unable to receive wine. Personal prayers for communion can be found on pg. 16 of the service folder.

Distribution Hymns

The Lamb
Christian Worship 525

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
Christian Worship 429

Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord
Christian Worship 661

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting.
Go † in peace.

Please stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Lord God, as we begin another Lenten season, fix before our eyes the cross and our deep need for a Savior. Look with mercy on this your church and grant to us your Holy Spirit that our hearts may be contrite, our faith steadfast and immovable, and our hope built securely upon the willing sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Closing Hymn

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain
Christian Worship 394

Announcements

Postlude

Acknowledgments

Setting One from Christian Worship.

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Personal Prayer for Before Communion

Merciful Lord, I come here to your table trusting in your measureless grace and not in my own goodness. Even though I am not worthy to eat the crumbs under your table, you are always rich in mercy. Gracious Lord, grant pardon and peace through the body and blood of this sacrament. Amen.

Personal Prayer for After Communion

I thank you, O Lord my God, that you have not rejected me – a sinner – but have made me worthy to partake of your body and blood in this sacrament. Through the gifts I have received here, cause me to always remember your grace and not live for myself alone, but for you. Amen.

Serving at Worship

Preacher	Pastor Eric Schroeder
Presiding Minister	Pastor Joel Leyrer
Musicians	Lynn Kozlowski, organ Megan Bauer, piano
Adult Choir Director	Adam Sipe
Communion Assistants	Keith Hackbarth & Dave Leyrer (3:30 p.m.) Ethan Carter & Adam Goede (6:45 p.m.)

In Our Prayers

- Family and friends of long-time St. John's member Sue Pappalardo, who went to be with her Lord on Sunday, February 27. Her Christian victory service will be held at St. John's on Thursday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. with visitation beforehand beginning at 5:00 p.m..

Lent Worship Opportunities

Midweek Lent services are held on Wednesdays at 3:30 (broadcast online) and 6:45 p.m.

March 9: Midweek Lent 2

“Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”

Pastor Kyle Bitter

March 16: Midweek Lent 3

“They Bound Him”

Pastor Joel Leyrer

March 23: Midweek Lent 4

What to Remember When You Are Seized
with Remorse

Pastor Ben Wessel

March 30: Midweek Lent 5

The Semblence of Legality

Pastor Tom Kneser

April 6: Midweek Lent 6

A Part for the Whole

Pastor Mark Aufdemberg

April 14: Maundy Thursday

3:30 & 6:45 p.m. worship with Holy Communion

April 15: Good Friday

1:00 p.m. worship with Holy Communion

6:45 p.m. Tenebrae worship

April 17: Easter Sunday

6:00 a.m. sunrise worship

8:30 & 10:30 a.m. festival worship



The Mission of our Church

As God's people gathered together at St. John's, we live to declare the praises of our Savior God who called us out of the darkness of sin into the light of his grace.

As 21st century disciples of Jesus, we reflect the light of God's love by:



Making worship of our Savior the top priority in our lives



Growing in our faith through daily contact with God's Word



Fostering Christian friendships for mutual encouragement and support



Using our unique gifts to glorify God and serve God's people



Sharing the good news of God's forgiving love with others

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Worship Services

Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

Sundays at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Worship in Chinese

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

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