

your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing.....Hebrews 13:20, 21 (EHV)

Now may the God of peace – who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, in connection with his blood, which established the eternal testament – may he equip you with every good thing to do his will, as he works in us what is pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ. To him be glory forever and ever.

Amen.

Closing Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (TLH 262)

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| <p>1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
A trusty Shield and Weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil Foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.</p> | <p>3. Tho' devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpow'r us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.</p> |
| <p>2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of *Sabaoth*¹ Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.</p> | <p>4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Let these all be gone,
They yet have nothing won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.</p> |

¹ *Sabaoth in verse 2 means “hosts” or “angel armies.” In this hymn, Jesus isn't the Lord of rest (sabbath), but the Lord of hosts (sabaoth). The word is pronounced sa-bay-oath.*

**Reformation Sunday
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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

At Your Service Today:

	<u>7:45</u>	<u>10:15</u>
Greeters:	Michelle Bruecker Carroll Treptow	Mary Fritsch Barb Verbeten Rozanne Bohrtz Nichole Meyers
Ushers:	Jacob Bruecker Bryce Herlache Noah Penneberg Monty Reynolds Dave & Don Treptow	Josh & Ralph B Chris & Ryan L Ed Maass Kenny Lemke
PowerPoint:	Zaine Gehl	Lou Ann Beard
Altar Guild:	Lou Ann G, Courtney S, & Janet W	

Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) John 1:29

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 your peace. A - men.

Distribution

Song of Simeon (Nunc Dimittis) Luke 2:29-32

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| <p>1. O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!</p> | <p>2. All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.</p> |
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Closing Prayer

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as

Holy, Holy, Holy (Sanctus)..... Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

1. **O holy, holy, holy**
Lord God of pow’r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

2. **Hosanna in the highest!**
How truly blest is he
Who in God’s name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Your Word brought all things into being, and your Word will call all things to an end. We thank you, heavenly Father, that in mercy you sent your Son to redeem us. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. We remember, O Lord, with thanksgiving the saving work of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Renew us that we may joyfully serve you in your kingdom of grace now and in your kingdom of glory forever.

Amen.

Words of InstitutionMatthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24, 25

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.

Service Theme for Reformation Sunday: Lord, keep us faithful to your Word! The Festival of the Lutheran Reformation of the Church emphasizes the true Church’s unfailing reliance on the Word of God and unflinching testimony to it in the face of persecution. Jesus promised to pour out his Spirit on the Church that we might be God’s mouthpiece even before kings. Today the Church prays that the Lord give us the strength to be faithful and the peace of knowing our lives are safe in his hands.

Order of Worship

Opening Hymn..... “Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening” (CW 283)

Greeting

In the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession of Sins and Announcement of Forgiveness (Absolution)

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory Be to God..... (Gloria in Excelsis)

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| 1. All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race. | 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God’s right hand, your mercy share. |
| 2. Our grateful thanks to you we bring,
For your great glory, heav’nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son. | 4. You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;
The Father’s glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again:
“All glory be to God!” Amen. |

Prayer of the Day

Let's join together in prayer:

Almighty God, in your mercy you chose to speak to us in your Holy Word, the Bible. You revealed your righteous law, which convicts us of our sinfulness. You proclaimed your grace in Christ Jesus, who earned us the forgiveness of sins. Lead us to always teach the truth of your Word, to treasure the gospel, and to let the love of Christ compel us to live according to your will. Amen.

First Lesson2 Kings 22:1-11; 23:1-3 (CSB)

¹ Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. ² He did what was right in the LORD's sight and walked in all the ways of his ancestor David; he did not turn to the right or the left. ³ In the eighteenth year of King Josiah, the king sent the court secretary Shaphan son of Azaliah, son of Meshullam, to the LORD's temple, saying, ⁴ "Go up to the high priest Hilkiah so that he may total up the silver brought into the LORD's temple—the silver the doorkeepers have collected from the people. ⁵ It is to be given to those doing the work—those who oversee the LORD's temple. They in turn are to give it to the workmen in the LORD's temple to repair the damage. ⁶ They are to give it to the carpenters, builders, and masons to buy timber and quarried stone to repair the temple. ⁷ But no accounting is to be required from them for the silver given to them since they work with integrity." ⁸ The high priest Hilkiah told the court secretary Shaphan, "I have found the book of the law in the LORD's temple," and he gave the book to Shaphan, who read it. ⁹ Then the court secretary Shaphan went to the king and reported, "Your servants have emptied out the silver that was found in the temple and have given it to those doing the work—those who oversee the LORD's temple." ¹⁰ Then the court secretary Shaphan told the king, "The priest Hilkiah has given me a book," and Shaphan read it in the presence of the king. ¹¹ When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. ¹ So the king sent messengers, and they gathered all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem to him. ² Then the king went to the LORD's temple with all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, as well as the priests and the prophets—all the people from the youngest to the oldest. He read in their hearing all the words of the book of the covenant that had been found in the LORD's temple. ³ Next, the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant in the LORD's presence to follow the LORD and to keep his commands, his decrees, and his statutes with all his heart and with all his soul in order to carry out the words of this covenant that were written in this book; all the people agreed to the covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For protection against all enemies of your saving Word; for the truth to be reclaimed in congregations that currently teach error; and for resolve to keep your Word holy among us:

We humbly ask for your favor, O Lord.

For the people of our country; for the Lord's blessings on our work; for those seeking employment; for good health; and for good weather:

We beg for your mercy, O Lord.

For all who are sick in body or mind; for the hungry and the homeless; for those who are in prison; for those who are dying and those who are mourning:

We ask you to help them according to your will, O Lord.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

All this we ask, O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer.....Matthew 6:9-13

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.

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 good and right so to do.

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, and we praise you this day for the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us and by whose testimony you have fixed our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

The 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 fully 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.

Thank-Offering

We gather an offering to support the Lord's work that we do here and around the world. This is very important to us. If you are visiting us today, please do not feel that you must participate in the offering. You are our guest!

Prayer of the Church

Let us pray to the Lord for the Christian church on earth and for all people everywhere.

For all who gather here today and for our entire congregation, that through the gospel the Lord would give us growth in faith and increase our love:

We ask you to bless us, O Lord.

For the spreading of the gospel throughout the world; for all pastors, missionaries, and their families, that they may boldly proclaim Christ to the nations:

We ask you to hear us, O Lord.

For the comfort of the gospel restored to the church on earth through your servant, Martin Luther, and other faithful pastors and leaders during the time of the Reformation:

We magnify your name, O Lord.

Psalm of the DayPsalm 23



**The LORD is my • shepherd,*
I shall not • be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green • pastures,*
he leads me beside quiet • waters.**

**He re- • stores my soul,*
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his • name's sake.**

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no • evil,*
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they • comfort me.**

Refrain

**You prepare a table before me in the presence of my • enemies.*
You anoint my head with oil; my cup • overflows.**

**Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days • of my life,*
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- • ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son * and to the Holy • Spirit,
as it was in the be- • ginning, * is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 2:1-14 (EHV)

¹ As for me, brothers, when I came to you, I did not come with superior speech or wisdom in order to proclaim to you the testimony of God. ² For I had no intention of knowing anything among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness, in fear, and with much trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not marked by persuasive words of human wisdom, but by a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. ⁶ Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature, but it is not a wisdom of this world or of the rulers of this world, who are being reduced to nothing. ⁷ Instead we speak God's wisdom that has been hidden in mystery—before the ages, God foreordained that this wisdom would result in our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this world knew it. (If they had known it, they would not

have crucified the Lord of glory.)⁹ But as it is written: What no eye has seen and no ear has heard and no human mind has conceived— that is what God has prepared for those who love him.¹⁰ But God revealed it to us through his Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.¹¹ Indeed, who among men knows a man’s thoughts except the man’s spirit within him? So also, no one else knows God’s thoughts except God’s Spirit.¹² What we received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we might know the blessings freely given to us by God.¹³ We also speak about these things, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual truths with spiritual words.¹⁴ However, an unspiritual person does not accept the truths taught by God’s Spirit, because they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually evaluated.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel Lesson John 8:31-36 (EHV)

The Gospel according to John chapter eight.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you remain in my word, you are really my disciples. ³² You will also know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³ “We are Abraham’s descendants,” they answered, “and we have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say, ‘You will be set free?’” ³⁴ Jesus answered, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: Everyone who keeps committing sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ But a slave does not remain in the family forever. A son does remain forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day..... “Speak, O Lord” (CWS 735)

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.
2. Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.
3. Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built and you fill the earth with your glory.

Sermon Jeremiah 23:1-6 (CSB)

¹ “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” This is the LORD’s declaration. ² “Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who tend my people: You have scattered my flock, banished them, and have not attended to them. I am about to attend to you because of your evil acts”—this is the LORD’s declaration. ³ “I will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands where I have banished them, and I will return them to their grazing land. They will become fruitful and numerous. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will tend them. They will no longer be afraid or discouraged, nor will any be missing.” This is the LORD’s declaration. ⁵ “Look, the days are coming”—this is the LORD’s declaration— “when I will raise up a Righteous Branch for David. He will reign wisely as king and administer justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. This is the name he will be called: The LORD Is Our Righteousness.