

Let's Make a Joyful Noise PSALM 98:4



January 25, 2026 8:00/9:30/10:45am

National Lutheran Schools Week

PRE-SERVICE (9:30/10:45) "Joy of the Lord" Llwellyn, Gilkeson and Cash

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

LSB 803

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Fountainhead of love divine:
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

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LITANY OF PRAISE

Psalm 150

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

Students: *Praise the Lord!*

Congregation: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!

Students: *Praise the Lord!*

Congregation: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Students: *Praise the Lord!*

Congregation: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

Students: *Praise the Lord!*

Congregation: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

Students: *Praise the Lord!*

Congregation: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Students: *Praise the Lord!*

Pastor: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

All: Praise the Lord!

SONGS

K-8th Grade Choir

“Jesus in the Morning”

“Ten Thousand Reasons”

Please join the choir on verse 3 and the final chorus.

Verse 3:

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

Final Chorus:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name

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HYMN "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" LSB 411, v. 1

I want to walk as a child of the light.
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God, our Heavenly Father.
Almighty God...

We confess that we have not always lived with joy or gratitude. We have failed to love You and others as we should. Forgive us, renew us, and help us to live in the joy of Your forgiveness. Amen.

Upon this your confession, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, who for the joy set before him endured the cross scorning its shame (*Hebrews 12:2*), I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Joy to the World" LSB 387

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many challenges of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 98:1-9

Lectors: 8:00 Kendra Gilmore/9:30 Grace Ortloff/10:45 Gretchen Dolan

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord! Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who dwell in it! Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:12-17

Lectors: 8:00 Kendra Gilmore/9:30 Laura Stender/10:45 Gretchen Dolan

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:37-40

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30)

Pastor Snow

HYMN OF THE DAY “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” LSB 528, vv. 1-3, 7

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner’s ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv’n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav’n.

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SERMON

“The Joy of the Lord”

Pastor Snow

RESPONSE HYMN (8:00)

“Earth and All Stars”

LSB 817, vv. 1, 6

Earth and all stars!

Knowledge and truth!

Loud rushing planets!

Loud sounding wisdom!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Oh, victory!

Daughter and son!

Loud shouting army!

Loud praying members!

Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Refrain

He has done marvelous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song!

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RESPONSE SONG (9:30/10:45) “This Is The Day”

Chorus:

This is the day that the Lord has made

We will rejoice as we lift His name

This is the day that the Lord has made

Come and rejoice we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Whether the sun will shine
Whether the skies will rain
I know that You are good
And this is the day You made
Whether in life or death
Whether in joy or pain
I know this truth remains
That this is the day You made. **Chorus**

Now I can walk in faith
You will protect my way
Your every work is good
And this is the day You made
I am a child of Yours
You are the One who saves
I am redeemed by love
And this is the day You made. **Chorus**

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OFFERING

Musical Offering **“House of the Lord”** **(9:30/10:45)**
Congregation joins on the final two choruses.

Chorus:

There’s joy in the house of the Lord
There’s joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won’t be quiet
We shout out Your praise
There’s joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won’t be quiet
We shout out Your praise

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

As disciples and God's dearly beloved children, we come before God in prayer, confident that He hears our prayers and answers them according to His will.

Almighty God, through Your Word you call us to discipleship. Give us joy as we diligently study your Word, so we may hear You speaking clearly to us and follow You. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Thanks and praise to You, O Lord, for our parents, teachers, pastors, professors, and theologians who faithfully deliver the truth of Your Word in home, church, school, and every form of instruction. Help us to learn and know Your Word that we, too, may pass it on to our children and neighbors, that the glory of Your salvation may continue to shine brightly in our world. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant success and blessing to our Lutheran schools, especially St. John's and Mayer Lutheran, and all our elementary, high schools, universities, and seminaries established for the glorious task of handing down the truth of Your pure Word through each generation. Raise up workers to take on the task of teaching in Your Church in the years to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Holy Lord, give Your light to those whose minds and hearts are clouded with darkness and fear. Give Your healing to the sick, the hospitalized, those preparing for surgery, and those recovering... Surround them with Your presence and Your peace in their day of trouble, according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, as disciples and beloved children we bring these prayers to You this day, trusting in Your mercy and praying for Your will to be done in our lives and in all Your creation.
Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

O sing to the Lord,
O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord,
O sing God a new song.
O sing to the Lord,
O sing God a new song.
O sing to our God,
O sing to our God.

"O Sing to the Lord"

For God is the Lord!
And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord!
And God has done wonders.
For God is the Lord!
And God has done wonders.
O sing to our God,
O sing to our God.

LSB 808, vv. 1-2

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SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH ST. JOHN'S TODAY! If this is your first time at St. John's, we encourage you to fill out a CONNECTCard located on the Welcome Desk. We want an opportunity to get to know you.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher: Pastor Snow
 Liturgist: Pastor Barry
 Pianist: Kristin Johnson
 Musicians: K-8 School Choir directed by Dr. Katie Rolf, Contemporary Musicians

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes: 8:00 Josie Watry/10:45 Kenley Sandvig
 Elders: 8:00 Zac Lewis/9:30 Michael Johnshoy/10:45 Lyle Hilk
 Usher Team: 8:00 Jay Molnau/9:30 Mike Bennes/10:45 Dave Hagen
 Welcome Team: 8:00 Jana Beckendorf, Al Dutcher, Watry Family
 9:30 Kendra Gilmore, Renee Siegel/10:45 Al Dutcher, Laura Stender
 Tech Crew: 8:00 Hunter Krueger/9:30/10:45 Bennett McGlothlin
 Coffee Hour: 9:00 Jana Beckendorf, Al Dutcher, Laura Stender, Ashleigh Hegseth

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UPCOMING WEEK	
Monday, January 26	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Wednesday, January 28	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Messengers of Praise Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm
Thursday, January 29	Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
	Trail Life Troop Meeting 6:30pm
Friday, January 30	AA 6:30pm
Sunday, February 1	Worship with Communion 8:00/9:30/10:45am
	Education Hour 9:30am
	Youth Night 6:00pm

In Sympathy

Hunter and Catherine Mucklebust, upon the passing of their son, Harvey.
The family of Gina Niesche, upon her passing.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Pastor Al Holthus
Tracy Koepsell
Wayne Peterson
Betty Shimmin

JoAnn Schesso
Barb Frey
Patti Oelfke

Allan Panning
Janet Macenthun
Joel Landskroener
Jolene Berg

Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Merlin Bentz
Jack Boman
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver
Marguerite Craighead
Sunnie Deis

Anita Doss
Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Ruth Harms
Eugene Henke
Carol Jones
Len Kallsen

Tim & Gretchen Laubach
Marilyn Lenzen
Melinda Meuwissen
Steve Pond
Austin Rannow
Val Schlefsky
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler

Celebrating Anniversaries

1/29 Mark and Taylor Struble

Expectant Moms

Izzy King
Amy Peterson

Brenda Simpson
Nicole Stockey

Brittany Thormodson
Kourtney Vipond

Celebrating Birthdays

1/25
Crystal Beussman
Erik Johnson
Fred Poppler
1/26
Paul Handberg
Catherine Raether
1/27
Rebecca Wetzel

1/28
Linda DeRocher
Kaylee Koepsell
Caleb Kulzer
Amy Peterson
Paityn Wolter

1/29
Jana Beckendorf
LeeAnn O'Sell
Ruby Paulson
Gretchen Smith
1/30
Emilia Olson
1/31
Gayle Degler

St. John's Staff

Kendra Gilmore, School Principal
Carol Eliason, School Admin. Assistant
Tracy Koepsell, TTG Dir./Pre-K Teacher
Deanne Hofer, Pre-K Teacher
Jenni Swenson, Preschool Teacher
Grace Ortloff, Kindergarten Teacher
Julie Herrmann, 1st Grade Teacher
Laura Stender, 2nd Grade Teacher
Renee Siegle, 3rd Grade Teacher
Amy Feek, 4th Grade Teacher
Jana Beckendorf, 5th Grade Teacher
Heidi Hengst, 6th Grade
Stephanie Wilaby, 7th Grade Teacher
Al Dutcher, 8th Grade Teacher
Melanie Pandolfo, Preschool Teacher/Aide
Karen Reich, Preschool Aide
Ashley Moyer, Preschool/Pre-K/K Aide
Jamie Abercrombie, Pre-K Aide
Airin Matzke, Kindergarten Aide
Allie Olson, 1st Grade Aide
Pam Rodgers, 1st Grade Aide
Kate Swanson, K-4th PE Teacher
Elise Wercinski, 7th-8th PE Teacher
Kristin Johnson, K-5th Music Teacher

Jared Brown, Band Teacher
Jenna Colehour, School Nurse
Kim Wetzel, Cub Care Dir./Librarian
Becca Peters, School Food Services
Ashleigh Hegseth, School Event Coord.
Kylie Grahn, SEL Coach
Melissa Henry, LSEM/Special Ed. Teacher
Keri Galchutt, Support Spec./Art Teacher
Gretchen Dolan, Support Spec./Curriculum Dir.
Abby Hendrickson, STEM/Enrichment Teacher
Doug Mierow, Substitute Teacher
Karna Hagen, Substitute Teacher
Greg Snow, Senior Pastor
Matthew Barry, Associate Pastor
Gordon Thomas, Church/School Administrator
Dr. Katie Rolf, Dir. of Parish Music/Music Tchr.
Justin Weber, Director of Christian Ed.
Maria Mayberry, Church Ministry Assistant
Kayla Ellingson, Church Admin. Assistant
Jerry Hanson, Night Building Manager
Brian Johnson, Facilities Manager
Brian Riner, Assistant Custodian
Kaye Wikstrom, Financial Secretary
Les Bauer, Campaign Support