

**ST. JOHN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

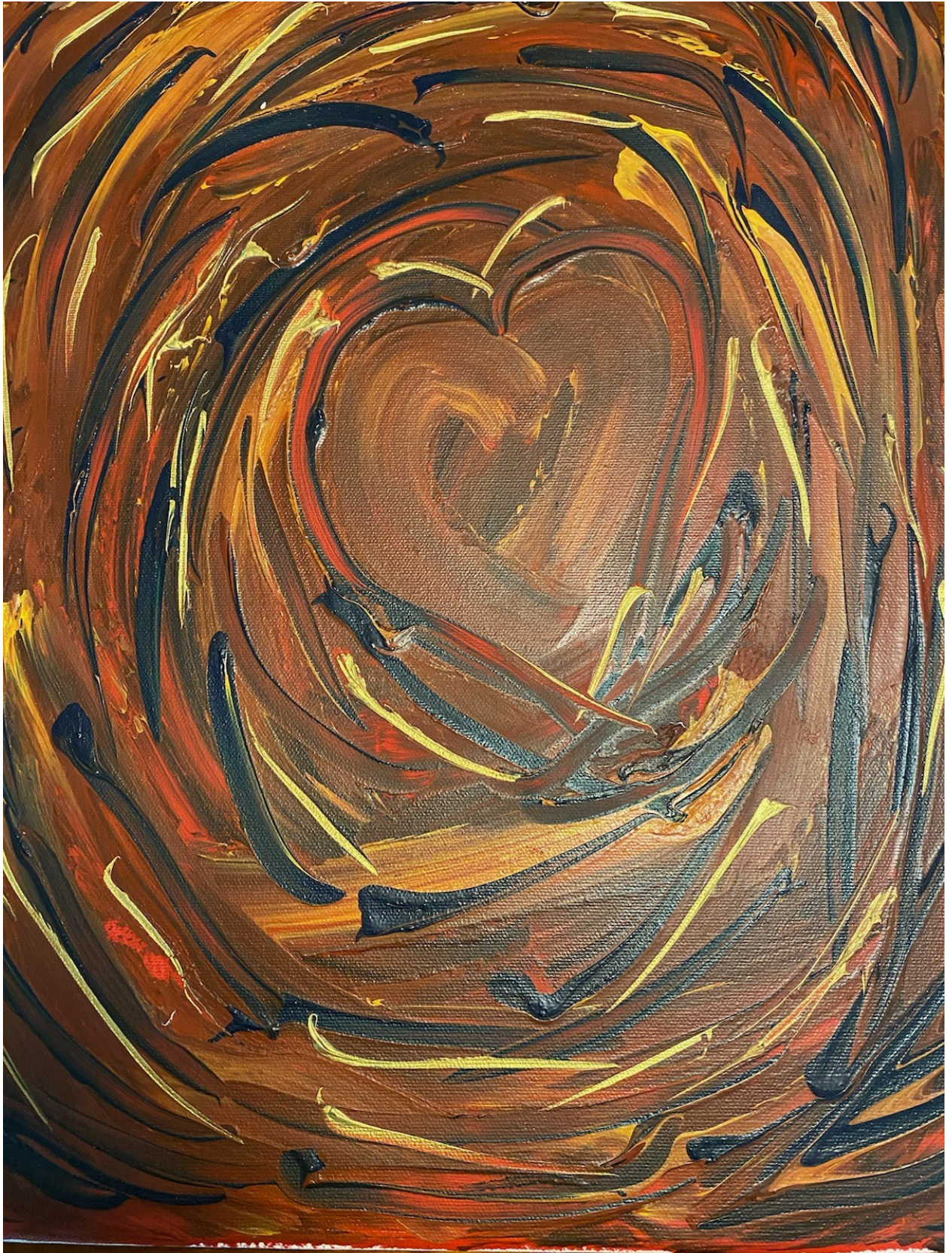
**9:00 AM  
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**Making the  
Love of  
*Christ*  
Known**

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## Announcements

### Sharing of the Peace \*

### Praise Songs\* (lyrics in back of bulletin)

*Greater  
Nothing But The Blood  
Open The Eyes of My Heart*

### Confession and Forgiveness \*

#### First Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel: John 15:9-17

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have



loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sermon

### Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Prayers of the People



Offering

Offering Prayer\*

Communion Prayer\*

Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Benediction\*

Sending Song\*

*I Will Follow*

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## Greater

### Verse 1

Bring your tired and bring your shame  
Bring your guilt and bring your pain  
Don't you know that's not your name  
You will always be much more to me

### Pre-Chorus

Every day I wrestle with the voices  
That keep telling me I'm not right  
But that's alright

### Chorus

'Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed  
When others say I'll never be enough  
And greater is the One living inside of me  
Than he who is living in the world  
In the world in the world

And greater is the One living inside of me  
Than he who is living in the world

## Verse 2

Bring your doubts and bring your fears  
Bring your hurt and bring your tears  
There'll be no condemnation here  
You are holy righteous and redeemed

## Pre-Chorus

Every time I fall  
There'll be those who will call me a mistake  
Well that's ok

## Interlude

Woah oh oh  
Woah oh  
(He's greater He's greater)

## Bridge

There'll be days I lose the battle  
Grace says that it doesn't matter  
'Cause the cross already won the war  
(He's greater He's greater)  
I am learning to run freely  
Understanding just how He sees me  
And it makes me love Him more and more  
(He's greater He's greater)  
(REPEAT)

## Ending

Than he who is living in the world

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## Nothing But The Blood (Plainfield)

### Verse 1

What can wash away my sin  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
What can make me whole again  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus



### Chorus

O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow  
No other fount I know  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### Verse 2

For my pardon this I see  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### Verse 3

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

### Verse 4

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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## Open The Eyes Of My Heart

### Chorus

Open the eyes of my heart Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You



## Verse

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy holy holy

## Bridge

Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
Holy holy holy  
I want to see You

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## I Will Follow

### Intro

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow  
Oh oh oh

### Verse 1

All Your ways are good  
All Your ways are sure  
I will trust in You alone  
Higher than my sight  
High above my life  
I will trust in You alone

### Chorus

Where You go I'll go  
Where You stay I'll stay  
When You move I'll move  
I will follow You  
Whom You love I'll love  
How You serve I'll serve  
If this life I lose  
I will follow (You)

## **Interlude**

Yeah I will follow You yeah

## **Verse 2**

Light into the world

Light into my life

I will live for You alone

You're the One I seek

Knowing I will find

All I need in You alone

In You alone

## **Bridge**

In You there's life everlasting

In You there's freedom for my soul

In You there's joy unending joy

And I will follow

## **Ending**

Yeah I will follow You yeah

I will follow You yeah

I will follow You yeah

