

ST. JOHN  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

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Making  
the Love  
of  
Christ  
Known

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# Gathering Song

*Blessed Be Your Name*

## Welcome/Announcements

## Threshold

## Praise Songs

*10,000 Reasons*

*How He Loves*

## Prayer of the Day

## Children's Sermon

## Kids Praise

## Reading 1 Kings 19: 4-13

*First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the LORD is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.*

<sup>4</sup> But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." <sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." <sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. <sup>9</sup> At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

<sup>11</sup> He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the



wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

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

### Gospel: Luke 24: 13-21, 28-35

*The colorful story of Jesus’ appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.*

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles<sup>[1]</sup> from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad.

<sup>[2]</sup> <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth,<sup>[3]</sup> who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders

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 4 handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified

him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*The gospel is concluded:*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

*Vicar Charlie Frekot*



## Gathering Prayers

*Preacher asks these questions. Congregation has the opportunity to pray silently, light candles, etc. Band gathers on stage.*

## Prayer Song

*Fight My Battles*

## Prayers of the People

## Offering Prayer

## Lord's Prayer

## Sending of Vicar Charlie

For everything there is a season; a time to go, and a time to come. Yet the Spirit blows where it will. And for those who are led by the Spirit, they must follow. God has blessed St. John with a year of service by Vicar Charlie. He has been our Intern, our co-worker in Christ, our counselor, our teacher, our friend. With joy and sadness, we mark and celebrate the ending of his ministry with us.

Vicar Charlie, we called you to be our intern, to proclaim God's Word, to join us in the waters of baptism, to experience God's forgiveness, to join us at our celebrations of the Lord's Supper, and to comfort us with the Gospel in times of sickness, trouble, and at the death of our loved ones.



of Christ. You have challenged us with the Gospel mission in your work. You have helped us to mark our direction and encouraged us on our way. Together we have served the Lord and his Church in common devotion to the Gospel. Sharing in our joys and sorrows, you have been important to us in our life together in the Church of Jesus Christ.

*The Departing Intern addresses the congregation.*

People of God, you invited me to serve in this place, and now God leads me into another stage in my service. I praise God for the time which we have shared together. I have known your love and your patience. You have ministered to me as I have ministered to you. You have been my teacher as I have been yours. You have forgiven me as I have forgiven you. Hand-in-hand, we have walked in the light of Christ, and we have grown together in the Gospel. Our lives have been intertwined by the Holy Spirit, and I shall not soon forget you.

*Pastor Prays:*

Eternal God, thank you for Vicar Charlie, for our life together in this congregation and community. You have led him by the Holy Spirit to serve your people in this place, to build up your Church, and to glorify your name. We have worked in common for the sake of the Gospel. Together we have studied your Word. Together we have broken bread and given thanks. In thanksgiving, we praise you for raising up faithful servants among us for the ministry of your Church. And we pray that Charlie may continue to exemplify, in word and deed, the Gospel of your Son. Grant that we, with him, may continue to serve you in the Church on earth, and be brought to rejoice in your kingdom forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



*The intern addresses the congregation.*

Scripture tells us that endings are only new beginnings. Therefore, let us go forth, doing God's will in our respective places, for the sake of the Gospel of Christ.

**Go now, and do God's will. As you have been a blessing to us, go to be a blessing to others.**

As you have been a blessing to me, so also may you be a blessing to others.

**Witness faithfully in word and deed to the love and salvation that is known to us.**

Strive for righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness among yourselves.

**Give and receive comfort as you serve within the Church.**

May God, the Father, bless you in your ministry in this place.

**May God, the Father, bless you wherever God leads you in ministry**

May God, the Son, be ever with you and guide you.

**May God, the Son, be ever with you and guide you.**

May God, the Holy Spirit, equip you with everything good to do God's will.

**May God, the Holy Spirit, equip you with everything good to do God's will. And may you always know God's peace.**

**Amen!**

**Sending Song**

*Power In The Blood*