

#1— “O God Our Help”

Verse 1

O God our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter from the stormy blast
And our eternal home

Verse 2

Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure
Sufficient is Your arm alone
And our defense is sure

Chorus

O God You are You are our help
You are our helper
To all generations You will be Forever and ever
Our Shield and our Eternal Hope
O Lord
You are the Ancient of Days
And worthy of our praise

Verse 3

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame
From everlasting You are God
To endless years the same

Verse 4

A thousand ages in Your sight
Are like an evening gone
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun

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#2— “10,000 Reasons”

Chorus

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul
Worship God's holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

Verse 1

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Verse 2

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

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

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#3— “All Because of Jesus”

Verse

Giver of ev'ry breath I breathe
Author of all eternity
Giver of ev'ry perfect thing
To You be the glory
Maker of heaven and of earth
No one can comprehend Your worth
King over all the universe
To You be the glory

Pre-Chorus

And I'm alive because I'm alive
in You

Chorus

And it's all because of Jesus
I'm alive
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this
dead one's life
It's all because of Jesus I'm
alive

Bridge

Ev'ry sunrise sings Your praise
The universe cries out Your
grace
I'm singing freedom all my days
Now that I'm alive

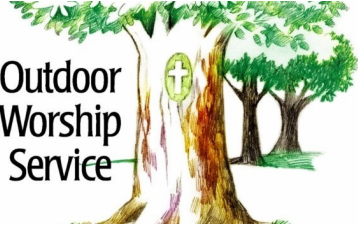
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Welcome to Worship at St. John

August 23, 2026—10AM

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Outdoor Worship Service



GATHERING SONG (#1)

“O God Our Help”

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: (based on Psalm 138)

O Lord our God, we come together with songs of praise in our hearts, because of your unfaill- ing love and faithfulness. **Even though we struggle with life’s issues, your mercy blesses us.**

Listening God, we come together with prayers of thanks in our hearts, because you hear and answer our prayers. **Even though life is sometimes difficult, your strength blesses us.**

Welcoming God, we come together in reverent worship filling our minds, because your faithful love endures forever. **Even though we are fragile people who sometimes feel lost and aban- doned, God’s love blesses us and never changes. Thanks and praise be to our glorious God for ever and ever. Amen.** — written by Joan Stott

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) STATEMENT

Wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome here in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate that each person is loved by God. We affirm the gifts of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, and are committed to work- ing for racial equity. Welcome to St. John Lutheran Church!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins.**

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

SONG (#2)

“10,000 Reasons”

READING: Isaiah 51:1-6; Romans 12:1-6

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

1ST GRADE & 3RD GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE *(Blessing of Bibles)*

GOSPEL/SERMON: Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel According . . . **Glory to you, O Lord**
The Gospel of our Lord. . . **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SONG (#3) “All Because of Jesus”

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

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PRAYERS *Response:* **Receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION SONG (#4) “Desert Song”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION/BLESSING

SENDING SONG (#5) “Great Things”

DISMISSAL *Response:* **Thanks be to God!**



#4— “Desert Song”
Verse 1
This is my prayer in the desert
When all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need
My God is the God who provides

Verse 2
This is my prayer in the fire
In weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me Lord through the flame

Chorus
I will bring praise (2x)
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice
I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

Verse 3
This is my prayer in the battle
When triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ
So firm on His promise I'll stand

Bridge
All of my life in ev'ry season
You are still God
I have a reason to sing
I have a reason to worship

Verse 4
This is my prayer in the harvest
When plenty and fruitfulness flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

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#5— “Great Things”
Verse 1
Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus
O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2
You’ve been faithful through every storm
You’ll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things
And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge
Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)
You’ve done great things

Ending
You have done great things
O God You do great things

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