



Beauty

FROM
ASHES

Isaiah 61:3

St. John Lutheran Church
Women's One Day Retreat
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Welcome to St. John's Women's One Day Retreat!

Thank you for joining us at the Third Annual Women's One Day Retreat!

Our focus this year is on God's great care for us even in difficult times. We remember His promise to turn even the **ashes** of our lives into something **beautiful**. We trust He continues to grow us into **oaks of righteousness** so that we may show forth His strength and power to a world that desperately needs Him.

“And to provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.”

Isaiah 61:3

Prayer Room Invitation

You are encouraged to spend some quiet time with the Lord in the Prayer Room located in the Parlor.

Come by as often as you'd like and stay as long as you'd like.

Feel the peace that only comes from Him. Pray that He would give you the strength to let go and give your cares and concerns to Him during this time.

You may leave your specific prayers and/or praises in the Prayer Box. Our Leadership Team will be honored to pray over each of the prayers we receive.

Schedule

- 9:00am** **Entrance and Registration**
Coffee and Refreshments
- 9:15am** **Sanctuary**
-Welcome, Announcements, Prayer
- Large Group Icebreaker/Game
-Music
- Session One: Beauty from Ashes
- 10:20am** *Break/Coffee/Refreshments*
- 10:30am** **Small Groups in Various Rooms**
- Icebreaker/Game
- Table Discussions
- 11:45am** **Various Rooms**
Lunch
- 12:30pm** **Family Life Center**
- Large Group Icebreaker/Game
- 12:45pm** **Sanctuary**
- Music
- Session Two: Oaks of Righteousness
- 1:30pm** **Small Groups in Various Rooms**
- Icebreaker/Game
- Table Discussions
- 2:30-3:00pm** **Sanctuary**
Closing Worship with Communion

Session One: Beauty from Ashes

“And provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair”

Isaiah 61:3a

God turns trouble into triumph by:

1. Providing for those who grieve
2. Giving joy to those who mourn
3. Turning despair to praise
4. Making beauty out of ashes

Notes

Session Two: Oaks of Righteousness

“They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord, for the display of his splendor”

Isaiah 61:3b

God grows us into oaks of righteousness in the “hidden” places:

1. John the Baptist
2. Joseph
3. Susanna Wesley
4. John Wesley
5. You

Notes

Celebration of Holy Communion

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Women: Amen.

Leader: God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting.

Women: God receives us as a father receives his wayward children.

Leader: God deals with us as a mother deals with those she loves.

Women: In his love we are set free from the past and can act upon the future in new ways.

Leader: God will not fail in fulfilling His promises.

Women: He has promised to hear our prayers and to forgive our sins.

Leader: Let us pray together the Prayer of Confession and Preparation.

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, we confess that we have fallen short of your will for us. We have not loved you above everything in our lives, and we have not loved one another more than ourselves. Pardon our sins and cleanse us from our iniquities. Forgive us and help us to live as a new creation in Christ. Let your love redirect us in all our ways.

Lord, as we gather at your Table, prepare our hearts for receiving this bread of life and this cup of salvation that we may feel our hearts being filled with the presence, and power, and love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Women: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Women: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

The Words of Institution

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me.

All: 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.

Post Communion Blessing

Leader: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Songs

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Ha La La La Song

Ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,
ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,
ha-la-la-la-la-le... le-lu-ia

Shake another hand, shake a hand next to ya
Shake another hand and sing this song
Shake another hand, shake a hand next to ya,
Shake another hand and sing....sing this song.

Ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,
ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,
ha-la-la-la-la-le... le-lu-ia

Scratch another back, scratch a back next to ya,
Scratch another back and sing this song.
Scratch another back, scratch a back next to ya,
Scratch another back and sing....sing this song.

Ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,
ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,
ha-la-la-la-la-le... le-lu-ia

Bump another butt, bump a butt next to ya
Bump another butt and sing this song.
Bump another butt, bump a butt next to ya,
Bump another butt and sing....sing this song.

Ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,
ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia
Ha-la-la-la-la-le-lu-ia,
ha-la-la-la-la-le... le-lu-ia

I Will Call Upon the Lord

I will call upon the * Lord

(echo group repeats at the star)

Who is worthy to be *praised

(echo group repeats at praised)

So shall I be saved * from my enemies

(echo group repeats at saved)

I will call upon the Lord *(all sing this together)*

I will call upon the * Lord

(echo group repeats at the star)

Who is worthy to be *praised

(echo group repeats at praised)

So shall I be saved * from my enemies

(echo group repeats at saved)

I will call upon the Lord *(all sing this together)*

Chorus (with motions)

The Lord liveth!

And blessed be the rock

And let the God of my salvation be exalted!

The Lord liveth!!

And blessed be the rock

And let the God of my salvation be exalted!!

I will sing unto the * Lord

(echo group repeats at the star)

I will sing unto the *Lord

(echo group repeats at the star)

Who is worthy to be *praised

(echo group repeats at the star)

So shall I be saved * from my enemies

(echo group repeats at the star)

I will call upon the Lord *(all sing this together)*

Chorus (with motions)

I will dance before the * Lord

(echo group repeats at the star)

I will dance before the *Lord

(echo group repeats at the star)

Who is worthy to be *praised

(echo group repeats at the star)

So shall I be saved * from my enemies

(echo group repeats at the star)

I will dance before the Lord *(all sing this together)*

Chorus

Lord I Lift Your Name on High (motions)

Group 1 begins,

Group 2 start after group 1 sings the first line

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord, I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us...to save us

Chorus (both groups together)

You came from heaven to earth to show the way

From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay

From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky

Lord, I lift Your name on high

Yeah! Yeah!

Group 1 begins,

Group 2 start after group 1 sings the first line

Lord I lift Your name on high

Lord I love to sing Your praises

I'm so glad You're in my life

I'm so glad You came to save us...to save us

Chorus (all together)

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high!

You came from heaven to earth to show the way
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky
Lord, I lift Your name on high!
Lord, I lift Your name on high!

Father We Adore You (sung as a round)

Group 1 begins,

*Group 2 starts in after group 1 sings the first line
for each verse*

Father, I adore You

Lay my life before You

How I love You

Jesus, I adore You

Lay my life before You

How I love You

Spirit, I adore You

Lay my life before You

How I love You

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,
Allelu, alleluia

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for You

Thank you for joining us today!

Plan now to join us for our annual

Women's Weekend Retreat
October 14-16

at Camp Chrysalis in Kerrville



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