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# Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

5:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all  
generations, wherever they may be'*

## **A Time of Preparation**

### **Preludes**

### **"Make Room"**

A family hiding from the storm found no place at the keeper's door.  
It was for this a child was born: To save a world so cold and hollow.

A sleeping town, they did not know that lying in a manger low  
a Savior king who had no home has come to heal our sorrows.

Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart?  
Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?

Shepherds counting sheep at night. Do not fear the glory light.  
You are precious in His sight. God has come to raise the lowly.

Is there room in your heart? Is there room in your heart?  
Is there room in your heart for God to write His story?

You can come as you are. It may set you apart,  
when you make room in your heart and trade your dreams for His glory.  
Make room in your heart, make room in your heart.

A mother holds the promise tight. Every wrong will be made right,  
the road is straight, the burden's light, for in His hands He holds tomorrow

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Make room in your heart, make room in your heart, make room in your heart.

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# Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

## Opening Song

## “Way Maker”

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.

You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.

You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,

Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are.

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## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

**C** **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

**P** In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Song of Praise

## "Hosanna" (Praise is Rising)

Praise is rising Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day

In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You  
We turn to You

In Your Kingdom Broken lives are made new  
You make us new

'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day  
In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.

Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us  
Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna Come have Your way among us  
We welcome You here Lord Jesus

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## First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.'"

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" <sup>10</sup>And

when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?" <sup>11</sup>And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "The Father's House"

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes.  
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength.  
My story isn't over; my story's just begun.  
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.  
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.

Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.  
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

Arrival's not the endgame; the journey's where You are.  
You never wanted perfect; You just wanted my heart.  
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good.  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.

Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, cause it ain't welcome anymore.  
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope;  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.  
Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life;  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.  
Miracles take place, the cynical find faith;  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.  
Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking;

Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.  
Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.

Oo, you're in the Father's house.

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## Message

*“Where’s the Mountain?”*

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**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

- P** ... Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer and grant our petition.



## Offering

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## Sacrament

### The Words of Our Lord

#### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- G** **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.**

#### Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:*

1. *Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
2. *Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
3. *Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
4. *Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
5. *Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

#### Distribution Song

#### "Goodness Of God"

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.  
In darkest night, You are close like no other.  
I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.  
I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.  
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.  
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.  
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.  
I will sing of the goodness of God.

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## Blessing

- ☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

☑ Amen.

## Sending Song

***“Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”***

It all comes down to this What you require of me  
Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things  
Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God

In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God  
It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet  
Good news to all the world The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God  
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing  
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven  
It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing  
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown  
faith just like a seed The only way it grows

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God  
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

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