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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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5:00 - Contemporary

***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

*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

Prelude

"Hope Has A Name"

Breaking through the silence With glory in the highest
The hope of all creation Resting in his mother's arms

A song on the horizon Ringing through the heavens

The long-awaited Savior

Come to set the captives free

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Come set us free

Hope has a name Emmanuel

The Light of the World Who broke through the darkness

All hail the King Emmanuel

The Light of the World The Glory of Heaven

We didn't see it coming The story of redemption

What started in a manger Ended in an empty grave

Oh I know that

Hope has a name Emmanuel

The Light of the World Who broke through the darkness

All hail the King Emmanuel

The Light of the World The Glory of Heaven

Come if you're broken Come if you're searching

If you need healing He's where you find it

Lay down your burdens And breathe in forgiveness

If you need freedom Yeah He's where you find it

Oh if you need freedom Yeah He's where you find it

Yeah He's where you find it oh

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“New Creation”

I thought I knew what I was talking about
When I testified of your great love
Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt
Bible believing saved and washed in the blood
But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
And now I know what you were talking about
Went from my head into my heart
When I was broken at the bottom I found
You're my healer and redeemer
Jesus that's who you are
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
Oh oh. Oh oh.

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation

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Oh oh. Oh oh

And with your spirit living inside of me
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"If We're Honest"

Truth is harder than a lie. The dark seems safer than the light,
and everyone has a heart that loves to hide.

I'm a mess and so are you. We've built walls nobody can get through.
Yeah, it may be hard, but the best thing we could ever do, ever do:

Bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine,
'cause love can heal what hurt divides,
and mercy's waiting on the other side, if we're honest, if we're honest.

Don't pretend to be something that you're not,
living life afraid of getting caught.

There is freedom found when we lay our secrets down at the cross, at the cross.

Bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine,
'cause love can heal what hurt divides,
and mercy's waiting on the other side, if we're honest, if we're honest.

It would change our lives, it would set us free.
It's what we need to be.

So, bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine,
'cause love can heal what hurt divides,
and mercy's waiting on the other side,
if we're honest, if we're honest.

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First Reading

Isaiah 35:3-10

³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. ⁹ No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰ And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:2-15

² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are

cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

⁷ As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸ What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

¹¹ Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³ For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Who I Am”

I stand in front of the mirror
But I don't like who's looking back at me
Wish I could see things clearer
Like who I'm supposed to be
In every trial lift me higher
Through the fire hold me tighter
Remind me again that I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father
Who I am His love set free

Who I was I left at the altar
I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am
I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am
I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

Everything has been changing
You haven't left a stone unturned
Anything I've been facing
I'll keep standing on Your word
In the water take me under
Fill my lungs to speak Your wonder
You brought me out of the darkness
I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father
Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar
I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am
I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am
I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

You gave up everything for me to have everything
For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing
You gave up everything for me to have everything
For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing

I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me
I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am in the eyes of the Father
Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar
I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am
I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am
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Message

"Personal Reset"

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

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.

Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

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

"What A Beautiful Name"

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is!

What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King!

What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this!

What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus!

You didn't want heaven without us. Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater, What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is!
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King!
What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this!
What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus!
What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus!

Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You.
You silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory,
For You are raised to life again!

You have no rival, You have no equal.
Now and forever God, You reign!
Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,
Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is!
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King!
What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against.
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus!
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What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus!

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Blessing

P 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.

G Amen.

Sending Song

“Child Of Love”

I was walking the wayside Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life Try'n to satisfy my soul
All the lies I believed in Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven And I've never been the same

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over You broke me out of the grave

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

Yeah yeah oh I am a child of love
Yeah oh I am a child of love

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way
I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way
I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

I'm gonna climb a mountain I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom I am a child of love

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

Oh yeah oh I am a child of love
I am a child of love

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