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# SALT & MATTHEW 5:13-16 LIGHT

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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'***

*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 - Third Sunday after Epiphany**

### **Preludes**

### **"Your Name Is Power"**

You're the only answer to the darkness  
You're the only right among the wrong  
You're the only hope among the chaos  
You are the voice that calls me on

    Louder than ev'ry lie  
    My sword in ev'ry fight  
The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness  
    Freedom for the captives  
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless  
    Your name is faithful in the battle  
    Glory in the struggle  
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us  
Your name is power Your name is power

I know it is written hope is certain  
I know that the Word will never fail  
    I know that in ev'ry situation  
    You speak the power to prevail

    Louder than ev'ry lie  
    My sword in ev'ry fight  
The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness  
    Freedom for the captives  
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless  
    Your name is faithful in the battle

Glory in the struggle  
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us  
Your name is power Your name is power  
When You speak You scatter darkness  
Light arrives and heaven opens  
Holy Spirit let us hear it  
When You speak the church awakens  
We believe the change is coming  
Holy Spirit let us see it  
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Your name is power in the chaos  
Your name is power

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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **“Send Me”**

If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet  
Here I am Lord send me  
If it's loving one another even when we don't agree  
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy I'll serve You just the same  
Here I am Lord send me  
On the mountain or the valley I will choose to praise  
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect  
How much I love You I love You  
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes  
'Cause I love You I love You

If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway  
'Cause here I am Lord send me  
If it means that they'll reject me Lord I will still obey  
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect  
How much I love You I love You  
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes  
'Cause I love You I love You

When I'm standing in Your glory  
I'll be glad I chose to say  
Here I am Lord send me  
Well done good and faithful I live to hear You say  
Here I am Lord send me  
Here I am Lord send me  
Here I am Lord send me

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Song of Praise**

### **(You Are The) "Light of the World"**

You are the light of the world. You are the light of the world.  
So shine, shine, shine where You are.  
You are the light of the world.

You are a city on a hill. You are a city on a hill,  
So shine, shine, shine where You are.  
You are a city on a hill

You are a candle in the dark. You are a candle in the dark,  
So shine, shine, shine where You are.  
You are a candle in the dark.

You are a star in the night. You are a star in the night,  
So shine, shine, shine where You are,  
You are a star in the night

You are the light of the world. You are the light of the world.  
So shine, shine, shine where You are.  
You are the light of the world.

## First Reading

Ephesians 5:8-18

<sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup> For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup> for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you."

<sup>15</sup> Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup> And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-16

<sup>13</sup> "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

<sup>14</sup> "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that<sup>Ⓜ</sup> they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "My Jesus"

Are you past the point of weary  
Is your burden weighing heavy  
Is it all too much to carry  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
Do you feel that empty feeling  
'Cause shame's done all its stealing  
And you're desperate for some healing  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Amen amen

Who can wipe away the tears  
From broken dreams and wasted years  
And tell the past to disappear  
Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And all the wrong turns that you would  
Go and undo if you could  
Who can work it all for your good  
Let me tell you about my Jesus  
He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Amen amen amen

Who would take my cross to Calvary  
Pay the price for all my guilty  
Who would care that much about me  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh  
He makes a way where there ain't no way  
Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free  
And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Amen amen

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Let my Jesus change your life

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## Message

***“Light of the World”***

## 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**

## **"Jesus Messiah"**

He became sin, who knew no sin,  
 That we might become His righteousness.  
 He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.  
 Love so amazing, love so amazing.  
 Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,  
 Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
 The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.  
 Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,  
 Broken and poured out, all for love.  
 The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.  
 Love so amazing love so amazing.  
 Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,  
 Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
 The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.  
 Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.  
 All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.  
 Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,  
 Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.  
 The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.  
 Jesus Messiah, Lord of all, Lord of all, the Lord of all.

## 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

## *“Sing Wherever I Go”*

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

God is for me He's not against me

I will hold to the plans He has for me

When I'm broken He will fix me

I will call on the name of the Lord

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

He's my heartsong In my sorrow

He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow

When the storms rise All around me

I will call on the name of the Lord

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

I got joy joy joy Deep in my soul

I will sing sing sing Wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

### **Sermon Notes**

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