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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.

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**

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

**Prelude**

**"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

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

### **Opening Song**

### **“Nobody”**

Why You ever chose me Has always been a mystery  
All my life I've been told I belong At the end of the line  
With all the other Not-Quites With all the Never-Get-It-Rights  
But it turns out they're the ones You were looking for All this time

'Cause I'm just a nobody Tryin' to tell everybody  
Well all about Somebody Who saved my soul  
Ever since You rescued me You gave my heart a song to sing  
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus  
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus

Well Moses had stage fright And David brought a rock to a sword fight  
You picked twelve outsiders nobody would've chosen  
And You changed the world

Well the moral of the story is Everybody's got a purpose  
So when I hear that devil start talking to me saying  
Who do you think you are ... I say

I'm just a nobody Tryin' to tell everybody  
Well all about Somebody Who saved my soul  
Ever since You rescued me You gave my heart a song to sing  
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus  
I'm living for the world to see nobody but Jesus

So let me go down down down in history  
As another blood-bought Faithful member of the family  
And if they all forget my name Well that's fine with me

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## Confession and Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

### “Raise A Hallelujah”

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.  
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.  
I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.  
I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.  
I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes hope will arise. Death is defeated; the King is alive.  
I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me.  
I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee.  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.  
I raise a hallelujah; fear you lost your hold on me.  
I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.  
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.  
Up from the ashes hope will arise. Death is defeated; the King is alive.  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)  
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies.

Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.

Sing a little louder; my weapon is a melody.

Sing a little louder; Heaven comes to fight for me

Sing a little louder.

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.

Up from the ashes hope will arise. Death is defeated; the King is alive.

I raise a hallelujah. I raise a hallelujah.

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## First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and

redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

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

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 5:3-12

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

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

## **Children's Message**

### **Message Song**

### **“Stand in Your Love”**

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,  
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.

When brokenness and pain is all I know,  
I won't be shaken. I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide; I am not a captive to the lies.

I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

There's power that can break off every chain.

There's power that can empty out a grave.

There's resurrection power that can save.

There's power in Your name, power in Your name.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

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## Message

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## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

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

**C** **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.**

## 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Sending Song

## ***"All the People Said 'Amen'"***

You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy,  
to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.  
And all the people said, "Amen!" whoa,  
and all the people said, "Amen!"  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends!  
And all the people said, "Amen!"  
If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know, love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and we fall,  
and He so loved the world, He sent His son to save us all.  
And all the people said, "Amen!" whoa,  
and all the people said, "Amen!"  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends!  
And all the people said, "Amen!"  
Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,  
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.  
And all the people said, "Amen!" whoa,  
and all the people said, "Amen!"  
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends!  
And all the people said, "Amen!"  
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