



St. John Lutheran Church

Missouri Synod
2888 W Houghton
Lake Dr
Houghton Lake, MI
48629
989-366-5164
www.stjohnhl.com
office@stjohnhl.com



February 4, 2023

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,
Paul Kruse, Pastor

E-mail: paul@stjohnhl.com

Mobile: 989-992-6030

***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 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

"God Is In This Story"

There's torn up pages in this book Words that tell me I'm no good
Chapters that defined me for so long But the hands of grace and endless love
Dusted off and picked me up Told my heart that hope is never gone

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me God is in this story

So if the storm you're walking through Feels like it's too much and you
Wonder if He even cares at all

Hold on tight to what you know He promised He won't let you go
The song of healing's written in His scars

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me God is in this story

If it reads like addiction If it reads like disease
He's the One who frees the prisoner He's the healer of all things
If it reads like depression If it reads broken home
He's the One who holds your sorrow He won't leave you here alone

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows

The One who goes before me
Always in the highs and lows The One who goes before me
God is in this story

CCLI Song # 7180561 Ethan Hulse | Jeff Pardo | Katy Nichole © 2022
BrentHood Music Centricity Songs For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com
CCLI License # 2801469

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart

And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

CCLI Song # 7070345 Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Kaple | Matt Redman | Pat Barrett
© 2016 Kaple Music For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Graves Into Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can You're the only one who can

CCLI Song # 7138219 Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Steven Furtick | Tiffany Hudson
© 2019 Brandon Lake Music For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use.
All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 2801469

First Reading

Psalm 112:1-9

¹ Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! ² His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. ⁴ Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. ⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. ⁶ For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. ⁷ He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. ⁸ His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. ⁹ He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:17-20

¹⁷ “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Evidence”

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring. In every season, from where I'm standing
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You, oh, Jesus, oh.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life, yeah.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.
Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

CCLI Song # 7147432 Ed Cash | Ethan Hulse | Josh Baldwin We The Kingdom Music
For use solely with the SongSelect® Terms of Use. All rights reserved. www.ccli.com CCLI License # 2801469

Message

“Risky Business – What If?”

Offering

Would you like to give online? Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our donation site.



Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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

- Ⓟ 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

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say:
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be. Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.

When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say:

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away. You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say: "Lord, blessed be Your name."

You give and take away. You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say: "Lord, blessed be Your name."

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Acknowledgments

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 3. Copyright © 2019 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*, copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House. Songs performed by the St. John Praise Team are printed under the authority of **CCLI License #2801469**