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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 – First Sunday in Lent

Prelude

"Rattle!"

Saturday was silent Surely it was through
But since when has impossible Ever stopped You
Friday's disappointment Is Sunday's empty tomb
Since when has impossible Ever stopped You

This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out
I'm gonna live gonna live again
This is the sound of dry bones rattling

Pentecostal fire Stirring something new
You're not gonna run out of miracles Anytime soon

Resurrection power Runs in my veins too
I believe there's another miracle Here in this room

This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out I'm gonna live gonna live again
This is the sound of dry bones rattling

My God is able to save and deliver and heal
And restore anything that He wants to
Just ask the man who was thrown On the bones of Elisha
If there's anything that He can't do
Just ask the stone that was rolled At the tomb in the garden
What happens when God says to move
I feel him moving it now I feel him doing it now
I feel him doing it now Do it now do it now

This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out I'm gonna live gonna live again
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Trust in You”

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.
Every moment of my wandering, never changes what You see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess, my hands are weary, I need Your rest.
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings.
There's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.
So in all things be my life and breath,
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing else.

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand,
You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.
Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood.

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,

when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.
I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“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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First Reading

Genesis 3:1-13

¹ Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?’” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:1-11

¹ Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” ⁴ But he answered, “It is written, “‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” ⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, “‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and “‘On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.’” ⁷ Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written, “‘You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.’” ¹¹ Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Run to The Father”

I've carried a burden for too long on my own.

I wasn't created to bear it alone.

I hear Your invitation to let it all go.

I see it now. I'm laying it down. And I know that I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.

I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.

My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.

So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.

Your Son for redemption: the price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love.
I don't understand, I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.
I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh
My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms is running to life from death.
I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out.
Just as I am, You pull me in, and I know I need You now
I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh Again and again.

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Message

"Confronting Temptation"

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

"Lord I Need You"

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

You're my one defense, my righteousness. Oh God how I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

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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

"Soul On Fire"

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You.

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again!

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways; I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire. God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart 'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

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