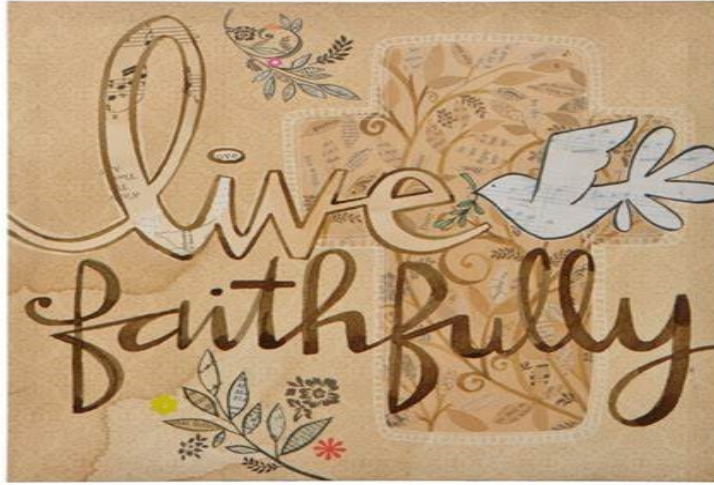




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Welcome

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'*

5:00 - Contemporary

A Time of Preparation – Second Sunday in Lent

Prelude

“Rest On Us”

As the Spirit was moving over the water Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us come rest on us As the Spirit was moving over the water
Spirit come move over us Come rest on us come rest on us

Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me Come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving I'm here and I know You will fill me

Fire and wind come and do it again Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us come rest on us Fire and wind come and do it again
Open up the gates let Heaven on in Come rest on us come rest on us

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When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
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Holy Spirit Come rest on us
You're all we want You're all we want
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“God So Loved”

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.

Come to the well that never runs dry.

Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.

Come to the table; He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated.

Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

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Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Holy Water”

God, I'm on my knees again.
God I'm begging please again. I need You.
Oh, I need You.

Walking down these desert roads,
Water for my thirsty soul, I need You.
Oh, I need You.

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, like holy water on my skin.

Dead man walking, slave to sin,
I wanna know about being born again. I need You.
Oh God, I need You.
So, take me to the riverside. Take me under baptize. I need You.
Oh God, I need You.

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, like holy water on my skin.

I don't wanna abuse Your grace. God I need it ev'ry day.
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.
I don't wanna abuse Your grace. God I need it ev'ry day.
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.

Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, like holy water.
Your forgiveness is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears, like holy water on my skin.
Yeah, it's like holy water on my skin.
Oh, it's like holy water ...

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First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, “Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live.” ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these

things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Way Maker”

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.

You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.
Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

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That is who You are. That is who You are.
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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.**

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

“Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”

It all comes down to this What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven
It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown
faith just like a seed The only way it grows

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

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