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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional 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

Preludes

(Instrumental) **"Blessed Redeemer"**

"Thank You Jesus For The Blood"

I was a wretch I remember who I was
I was lost I was blind I was running out of time
Sin separated the breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm
You had me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great divide
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light
You took my place laid inside my tomb of sin
You were buried for three days
But then You walked right out again
And now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

There is nothing stronger
Than the wonder working power

Of the blood the blood
That calls us sons and daughters
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood the blood

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Glory to His name Glory to His Name
There to my heart was the blood applied
Glory to His name

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Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

“Scars”

Waking up to a new sunrise, looking back from the other side,
I can see now with open eyes.
Darkest water and deepest pain, I wouldn't trade it for anything,
'cause my brokenness brought me to You.
And these wounds are a story You'll use.

So, I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,

so forever I am thankful for the scars.

Now I'm standing in confidence with the strength of Your faithfulness.
And I'm not who I was before; no, I don't have to fear anymore.

So, I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
so forever I am thankful for the scars.

I can see, I can see how You delivered me.
In Your hands, in Your feet I found my victory.
I can see, I can see how You delivered me.
In Your hands, in Your feet I found my victory.

I'm thankful for Your scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.
So forever I am thankful. I'm thankful for the scars,
'cause without them I wouldn't know your heart.
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,
so forever I am thankful for the scars.
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Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G **who made heaven and earth.**

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

Service of the Word

- P** He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
- C** **upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.**
- P** O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
- C** **nor discipline me in your wrath!**
- P** For your arrows have sunk into me,
- C** **and your hand has come down on me.**
- P** There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation;
- C** **there is no health in my bones because of my sin.**
- P** For my iniquities have gone over my head;
- C** **like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**
- P** I confess my iniquity;
- C** **I am sorry for my sin.**

P Make haste to help me,

G **O Lord, my salvation!**

P He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

G **upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together...

G **Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Psalm 31:1-5

¹ In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me! ² Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me! ³ For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

⁴ you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

⁵ Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:7-9

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸ Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 19:16b-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the nineteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁶ ...So they took Jesus, ¹⁷ and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. ¹⁸ There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. ¹⁹ Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." ²⁰ Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. ²¹ So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but rather, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." ²³ When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, ²⁴ so they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be." This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, "They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots."

So the soldiers did these things, ²⁵ but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son!" ²⁷ Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother!" And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home. ²⁸ After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." ²⁹ A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. ³⁰ When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

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☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Message Song

“Man Of Sorrows”

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.

The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned.

Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.

Now my soul cries out, hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee.

Sent of heaven, God's own Son to purchase and redeem.

And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree.

Oh that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love poured out over me.

Now my soul cries out, hallelujah, praise and honor unto Thee.

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now, the curse of sin has no hold on me.
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

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Praise and honor unto Thee.

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Message

“Releasing Control”

Offering

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Bidding Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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- A** Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask, as he taught us:
- 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.**

Sanctuary darkened

Closing Song (Praise Team Only)

“Love Like This”

The congregation is asked to please leave in silence.

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