

# St. John Lutheran Church

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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, Paul Kruse, Pastor

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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'

# **Second Sunday after Easter Prelude**

# A Time of Preparation "Hymn Of Heaven"

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day When all will bow before Him There will be a day When death will be no more Standing face to face With He who died and rose again Holy holy is the Lord

> And on that day we join the resurrection And stand beside the heroes of the faith With one voice a thousand generations Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain Forever He shall reign

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven With angels and the Saints We raise a mighty roar Glory to our God Who gave us life beyond the grave Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

#### **Opening Song**

#### "The Commission"

See my hands look at my feet It's okay if it's hard to believe I have faith you will do greater things It's my time to go but before I leave

Go tell the world about me I was dead but now I live

I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end

Don't forget the things that I taught you I conquered death and I hold the keys

Where I go you will go too someday But there's much to do here before you

leave, so

Go tell the world about me I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end
of the journey the end of the road My spirit is with you wherever you go
You have a purpose and I have a plan I'll make you this promise
I'll come back again but until then

Go tell the world about me For I was dead but now I live I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end Go tell the world about me For I was dead but now I live I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end

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# Confession and Forgiveness Song of Praise

#### "Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in.

Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am.
Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
(Instrumental Interlude)

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am. In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

#### **First Reading**

Psalm 119:65-72

<sup>65</sup> You have dealt well with your servant, O LORD, according to your word. <sup>66</sup> Teach me good judgment and knowledge, for I believe in your commandments. <sup>67</sup> Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. <sup>68</sup> You are good and do good; teach me your statutes. <sup>69</sup> The insolent smear me with lies, but with my whole heart I keep your precepts; <sup>70</sup> their heart is unfeeling like fat, but I delight in your law. <sup>71</sup> It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes. <sup>72</sup> The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 6:9-13

<sup>9</sup>Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread, <sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

# Children's Message

**Message Song** 

"Same God"

I'm calling on the God of Jacob

Whose love endures through generations I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

I'm calling on the God of Mary Whose favor rests upon the lowly I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath
But I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness (instrumental)

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now You are the same God You are the same God

You answered prayers back then And You will answer now You are the same God You are the same God

You were providing then You are providing now You are the same God You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now You are the same God You are the same God You were a healer then You are a healer now You are the same God You were a Savior then You are a Savior now

You are the same God You are the same God
Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now

How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You freed the captives then You're freeing hearts right now

You are the same God You are the same God

You touched the lepers then I feel Your touch right now You are the same God You are the same God

(instrumental)

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again
Come and fill me again
Come and fill me again

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#### Message

#### "The Conversation"

### Luke 2:29-32 English Standard Version - Simeon

- <sup>29</sup> "Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word;
- <sup>30</sup> for my eyes have seen your salvation
- that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
- <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

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# Prayer of the Church Lord's Prayer

- P 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 "Forever"

Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand And outstretched arm
His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us

Forever, and ever forever

From the rising to the setting sun

His love endures forever

And by the grace of God We will carry on

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful

Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us

Forever and ever forever

#### Exodus 15:1-2 English Standard Version – Moses

- <sup>1</sup> ... "I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.
- <sup>2</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

# Psalm 43:1-2 English Standard Version – The Sons of Korah?

<sup>1</sup> Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man

deliver me!

<sup>2</sup> For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me?

Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

#### Psalm 51:10-12 English Standard Version – David

- <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>11</sup> Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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