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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'*

Fourth Sunday after Easter

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again. Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made. Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls. Holy Spirit come invade us now! We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst; Refuse to waste our lives. For You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause. We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far. No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts. You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us. Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear. Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray! *Instrumental Interlude*

Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back. Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"Mighty To Save"

Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing Let mercy fall on me Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures Fill my life again I give my life to follow Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender

Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave

Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see We're singing For the glory of the risen King

Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"He Knows My Name"

I have a Maker He Formed My Heart Before even time began My life was in his hands

He knows my name He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls And hears me when I call

I have a Father He calls me his own He'll never leave me No matter where I go (Chorus)

He knows my name He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls And hears me when I call He knows my name He knows my every thought He sees each tear that falls And hears me when I call

He hears me when I call.

First Reading

Exodus 33:7-11

⁷Now Moses used to take the tent and pitch it outside the camp, far off from the camp, and he called it the tent of meeting. And everyone who sought the LORD would go out to the tent of meeting, which was outside the camp. ⁸Whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people would rise up, and each would stand at his tent door, and watch Moses until he had gone into the tent. ⁹When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the LORD would speak with Moses. ¹⁰ And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door. ¹¹ Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 10:14-16 & 27-28

"Trust In You"

¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

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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Message

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Offering

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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.

C Amen.

Sending Song

"Goodness Love and Mercy"

Oh Lord, You're my Shepherd ,You make me lie in fields of green. You lead me by the still waters; You restore righteousness to me. Though I walk through the valley, I will fear no evil thing For You are with me, and You comfort me

Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go. Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go. Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go.

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever. I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go. Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go. Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go.

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Sermon Notes

