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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'*

**Fifth Sunday after Easter**

**A Time of Preparation**

**Prelude**

**"Gratitude"**

All my words fall short I got nothing new

How could I express All my gratitude

I could sing these songs As I often do

But every song must end And You never do

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again

'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah

And I know it's not much But I've nothing else fit for a king

Except for a heart singing Hallelujah hallelujah

I've got one response I've got just one move

With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again

'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah

And I know it's not much But I've nothing else fit for a king

Except for a heart singing Hallelujah hallelujah

Come on my soul oh don't you get shy on me

Lift up your song 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs

Get up and praise the Lord

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Lift up your song 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs

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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **“In The Secret”**

In the secret, in the quiet place,  
in the stillness You are there.  
In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait  
only for You, 'cause I want to know You more.  
I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.  
I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face.  
I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal  
that I might receive the prize.  
Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside,  
out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more.  
I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.  
I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face.  
I want to know You more.

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I want to know You more.  
I want to touch You. I want to see Your face.  
I want to know You more.

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

## Song of Praise

## “Good, Good Father”

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,  
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.  
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,  
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.  
But, I know we're all searching for answers only You provide,  
'cause You know just what we need before we say a word.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,  
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways.

You are perfect in all of Your ways.

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

You are perfect in all of Your ways.

You are perfect in all of Your ways.

You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

Oh, it's love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak.

Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think  
as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,  
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.  
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

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## First Reading

Jonah 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup> saying, “I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. <sup>3</sup> For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. <sup>4</sup> Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.’ <sup>5</sup> The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head <sup>6</sup> at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. <sup>7</sup> When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. <sup>8</sup> Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. <sup>9</sup> But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!” <sup>10</sup> And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:5-8

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup> “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

## Message Song

## "The Father's House"

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes.  
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength.  
My story isn't over; my story's just begun.  
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.  
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.  
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.  
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

Arrival's not the endgame; the journey's where You are.  
You never wanted perfect; You just wanted my heart.  
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good.  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.  
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.  
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, cause it ain't welcome anymore.  
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope;  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.  
Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life;  
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.  
Miracles take place, the cynical find faith;  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.  
Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking;  
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.  
Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.  
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.  
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

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## Message

## "Authentic Conversations"

## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- Ⓟ 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

## "My Lighthouse"

In my wrestling and in my doubts  
In my failures You won't walk out  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go  
In the questions Your truth will hold  
Your great love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings  
With each morning I'll rise and sing  
My God's love will lead me through  
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh  
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh  
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise  
You will carry me safe to shore  
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

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