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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.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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*Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve'*

**9:00 - Traditional**

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all  
generations, wherever they may be'*

## **As We Gather**

**Fifth Sunday after Easter**

**Divine Service One** (pp 151ff)

**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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## Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

### Opening Song

### **“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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## 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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**G** **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.

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

**P** Most merciful God,

**G** **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.**

**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.

**G** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**P** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,

**G** **his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

**P** I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

**G** **and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

**P** O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**G** **and you have healed me.**

**P** O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

**G** **you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

**P** Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

**C** and give thanks to his holy name.

**P** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

**C** Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## Lord, Have Mercy - *Sung*

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let  
us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise *Sung*

LSB 155

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy  
is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people  
of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are  
His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing  
with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing,  
honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is  
the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb  
who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory  
for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray together...

**C** O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## 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.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia *Sung*

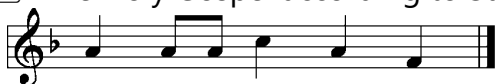
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**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 6:5-8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<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** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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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## Offering Song - Sung

LSB 159

- ☐ **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## Nicene Creed

- ☐ **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**



**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Service of the Sacrament**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and proper ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord –** *(Sung)*

*LSB 161*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 162*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### **The Words of Our Lord**

*LSB 162*

### **The Peace of the Lord**

*LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

### **Lamb of God -** *Sung*

*LSB 163*

**C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **Distribution of the Holy Sacrament**

*The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:*

- 1. Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
- 2. Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
- 3. Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
- 4. Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
- 5. Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
- 6. Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer **"yes"** to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

## **Distribution Song**

## **"O Come to the Altar"**

Are you hurting and broken within,  
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin? Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself,  
do you thirst for a drink from the well? Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.  
Come today; there's no reason to wait. Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;  
From the ashes a new life is born. Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Oh, what a Savior, isn't he wonderful;  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. Bow down before him,  
For he is Lord of all; Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

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 Sing alleluia, Christ is risen. Bow down before him,  
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 O come to the altar; The Father's arms are open wide.  
 Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ  
 Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;  
 Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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## Post-Communion Song *Sung*

LSB 164

**☞ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
 Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls  
 His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of  
 thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

**Ⓐ** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## Blessing

LSB 166

**Ⓐ** 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.



## Closing 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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