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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'*

Seventh Sunday after Easter

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Me On Your Mind"

I've read the words in red How You leave the ninety-nine
To find the one missing Feels like that was written
With me on Your mind

And the prodigal son who ran Leaving his home behind
The part where the father came Running to meet him
Did You say that with me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are

You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
Me on Your mind

Just knowing You're mindful of me
Just knowing You call me Your child
It's flooding my soul With unspeakable hope
Thank you Lord that it's me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are

You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
It was me on Your mind Oh thank You Jesus
Lord it was me on Your mind

I've read the words in red Of a heavenly home on high
You're preparing a place where the sorrow's erased
And when I stand before You I'll find
All along it was me on Your mind
Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are
You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
With me on Your mind oh It was me on Your mind

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“God Is In This Story”

There's torn up pages in this book Words that tell me I'm no good
Chapters that defined me for so long But the hands of grace and endless love
Dusted off and picked me up Told my heart that hope is never gone

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me God is in this story

So if the storm you're walking through Feels like it's too much and you
Wonder if He even cares at all

Hold on tight to what you know He promised He won't let you go
The song of healing's written in His scars

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me God is in this story

If it reads like addiction If it reads like disease
He's the One who frees the prisoner He's the healer of all things
If it reads like depression If it reads broken home
He's the One who holds your sorrow He won't leave you here alone

God is in this story God is in the details
Even in the broken parts He holds my heart
He never fails When I'm at my weakest
I will trust in Jesus Always in the highs and lows
The One who goes before me

Always in the highs and lows The One who goes before me
God is in this story

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"He Is"

If you're troubled, heavy hearted, Come to Jesus and find your peace.
If you're run down, empty handed, Come to Jesus and find your strength.

He is Hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary,
Help for the hurting, He is, He is mending the broken,
Bearing the burdens. All that you're needing He is.

If you're wandering in the darkness, Come to Jesus and find your way.
If you want freedom, need forgiveness, Just come to Jesus and find His grace.

He is Hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary,
Help for the hurting, He is, He is mending the broken,
Bearing the burdens. All that you're needing He is.

Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace,
Author and Maker of everything, Defender, Deliverer,
King of kings He is, He is Helper and Healer forevermore,
Savior and Shelter through every storm,
My Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of Lords, He is, He is.

Child of Heaven and Son of Man, Provider Protector, the great I AM.
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, He Is, He Is hope for the hopeless,
Rest for the weary, help for the hurting. He is, He is mending the broken,
Bearing the burdens. All that you're needing He is.
All that you're needing He is.

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First Reading

1 Peter 5:6-11

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:43-48

⁴³“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Run to The Father"

I've carried a burden for too long on my own.
I wasn't created to bear it alone.
I hear Your invitation to let it all go.
I see it now. I'm laying it down. And I know that I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption: the price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love.
I don't understand, I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms is running to life from death.
I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out.
Just as I am, You pull me in, and I know I need You now

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh Again and again.

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Message

“Release Through the Conversation”

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

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.**

Sending Song

“God So Loved”

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.
For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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