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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.

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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7:00 - Contemporary

***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 Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"This Is Our God"

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Him
This is our God this is who He is He loves us
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song "Rest On Us"

As the Spirit was moving over the water Spirit come move over us
Come rest on us come rest on us As the Spirit was moving over the water
Spirit come move over us Come rest on us come rest on us

Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me Come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving I'm here and I know You will fill me

Fire and wind come and do it again Open up the gates let Heaven on in
Come rest on us come rest on us Fire and wind come and do it again
Open up the gates let Heaven on in Come rest on us come rest on us

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When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me Come down Spirit when You move
You make my heart pound When You fill the room
You're here and I know You are moving I'm here and I know You will fill me

Holy Spirit Come rest on us
You're all we want You're all we want
Holy Spirit Come rest on us
You're all we want You're all we want

Come down Spirit when You move You make my heart pound
When You fill the room You're here and I know You are moving
I'm here and I know You will fill me

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“They’ll Know We Are Christians”

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity will one day be restored,
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land,
And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.
We will work with each other we will work side by side.
We will work with each other we will work side by side,
and well guard each man’s dignity and save each man’s pride

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit who makes us one,

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

First Reading

Acts 1:12-16

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with **one accord** were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶ "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 17:20-26

²⁰ "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my

glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“Our God”

Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You None like You

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
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Our God is greater Our God is stronger
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Message

"The Community"

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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

G **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.**

Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord and 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.

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 T give you peace.

G Amen.

Sending Song

"Thrive"

Oh, Oh ...

Here in this worn and weary land
 Where many a dream has died.
 Like a tree planted by the water,
 We never will run dry.
 So, living water flowing through,
 God, we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire:

Just to know You, and to make You known.
 We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.
 We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.
 It's time for us to more than just survive:
 We were made to thrive!

Oh Oh ...

Into Your Word we're digging deep

To know our Father's heart.

Into the world we're reaching out,

To show them who You are.

So, living water flowing through,

God, we thirst for more of You.

Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire:

Just to know You, and to make You known.

We lift Your name on high.

Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.

We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.

It's time for us to more than just survive:

We were made to thrive!

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable,

anything is possible.

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Just to know You, and to make You known.

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