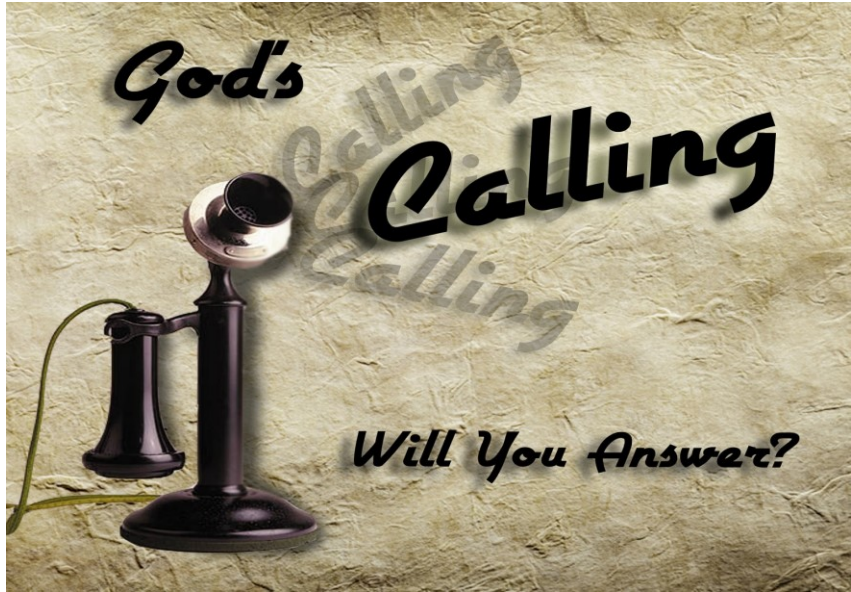




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Welcome

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 Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending ...
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“The Heart of Worship”

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come,
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath.
I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.
You search much deeper within through the way things appear;
You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship,
And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus.
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,
And it's all about You, It's all about You, Jesus

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in.
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.
Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

(Instrumental Interlude)

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-3

¹ But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.² When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.³ For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35-38

³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Less Like Me"

Oh I have days I lose the fight,
Try my best, but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Yeah, there's no denying I have changed,
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best I must confess,
I still need help to see the way You see.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be Your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be.
I want to put You first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees,
Lord help me be.

A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.

A little more I'm living, everything I preach,
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Message

"The Calling"

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

"God Is On The Move"

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served

I know I know I know I know

God is on the move on the move hallelujah

God is on the move in many mighty ways

God is on the move on the move hallelujah

God is on the move on the move today

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees

Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free

Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word

I know I know I know I know

God is on the move on the move hallelujah

God is on the move in many mighty ways

God is on the move on the move hallelujah

God is on the move on the move today

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul

And someone says send me here I go

I know I know I know I know

God is on the move on the move hallelujah

God is on the move in many mighty ways

God is on the move on the move hallelujah

God is on the move on the move today

God is on the move on the move hallelujah

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God is on the move on the move today

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