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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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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

7:00 - Contemporary

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

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Holy Spirit Come"

I'm coming with a heart of worship
I'm bringing in a brand new song
I'm ready to see the unthinkable
I'm ready for a miracle
Hearts praying for a fresh encounter
Souls looking to the living God
I'm ready for a real revival O Holy Spirit

Come like a flood like a fire
Holy spirit fall in this place fill our hearts
Holy Spirit come like a flood like a fire
Holy Spirit come O Holy Spirit come

We're on the edge of a new beginning
God we know You have so much more
We're looking to a new horizon
We're praying for Your rain to pour
An overflowing of true redemption
An overflowing of Your kingdom
We're ready for a real revival O Holy Spirit

Come like a flood like a fire
Holy spirit fall in this place fill our hearts
Holy Spirit come like a flood like a fire
Holy Spirit come O Holy Spirit come

Oh can you feel it Heaven is reaching
Oh can you hear it Our God is speaking
Oh can you see it He's got your healing
Oh just receive it Receive the freedom

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Evidence”

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring. In every season, from where I'm standing
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.
Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.
See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.
All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus.
See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.
All my sin rolled away because of You, oh, Jesus, oh.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life, yeah.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.

Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Light of The World (Sing Hallelujah)”

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight
Light of the World from the beginning
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love
From great heights of glory You saw my story
God You entered in and became one of us
Sing hallelujah Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World
Light of the world crown in a manger
Born for the cross to suffer to save
High King of Heaven death is the poorer
We are the richer by the price that He paid
Sing hallelujah Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World
Light of the World soon will be coming
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory
And there He shall reign forevermore
Sing hallelujah Sing hallelujah
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

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First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. ³ And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Who am I?”

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart

Not because of who I am But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done But because of who You are
I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am I am Yours ... I am Yours
Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me
Not because of who I am But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done But because of who You are
I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am. I am Yours. I am Yours

Message

"Compelled by God's Community"

Installation of Board of Directors

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

P 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.**

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.

Distribution Song

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.

- ☞ Amen.**

Sending Song

“Soul On Fire”

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You.

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again!

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways; I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire. God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart 'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

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