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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'***

7:00 - Contemporary

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

Seventh 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

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Graves Into Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody.
You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies
'til all my fears are gone.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God

From my mother's womb You have chosen me;
Love has called my name. I've been born again to Your family;
Your blood flows through my veins.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
You split the sea so I could walk right through it.

My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
I am a child of God. Yes, I am a child of God.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

⁴“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:5-13

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. ¹¹And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. ¹²As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Who I Am"

I stand in front of the mirror But I don't like who's looking back at me
Wish I could see things clearer Like who I'm supposed to be
In every trial lift me higher Through the fire hold me tighter
Remind me again that I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

Everything has been changing You haven't left a stone unturned
Anything I've been facing I'll keep standing on Your word
In the water take me under Fill my lungs to speak Your wonder
You brought me out of the darkness I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

You gave up everything for me to have everything
For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing
You gave up everything for me to have everything
For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing

I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me
I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am in the eyes of the Father
Who I am His love set free Who I was I left at the altar
I am Yours Lord I believe

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Message

“Compelled for our Family 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:
- 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

“The Blessing”

The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you
be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
and your family and your children and their children and their children.

May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you,
all around you and within you. He is with you. He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

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