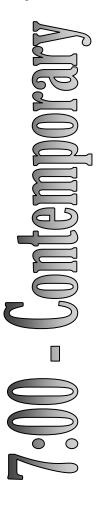


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# Welcome

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, Paul Kruse, Pastor

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# Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

# Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

# **Opening Songs**

You hear me when I call You are my morning song Though darkness fills the night It cannot hide the light Whom shall I fear You crush the enemy underneath my feet You are my sword and shield Though troubles linger still Whom shall I fear

I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind The God of angel armies is always by my side The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name For You alone can save You will deliver me Yours is the victory Whom shall I fear Whom shall I fear

I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind The God of angel armies is always by my side The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine The God of angel armies is always by my side

> And nothing formed against me shall stand You hold the whole world in Your hands I'm holding on to Your promises You are faithful You are faithful

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# A Time of Preparation

"Whom Shall I Fear"

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#### "My Jesus"

Are you past the point of weary Is your burden weighing heavy Is it all too much to carry Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus Do you feel that empty feeling 'Cause shame's done all its stealing And you're desperate for some healing Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

> He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus His love is strong and His grace is free And the good news is I know that He Can do for you what He's done for me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus And let my Jesus change your life Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Amen amen

Who can wipe away the tears From broken dreams and wasted years And tell the past to disappear Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

And all the wrong turns that you would Go and undo if you could Who can work it all for your good Let me tell you about my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus His love is strong and His grace is free And the good news is I know that He Can do for you what He's done for me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus And let my Jesus change your life

> Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Amen amen amen

Who would take my cross to Calvary Pay the price for all my guilty Who would care that much about me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh

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#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

#### Song of Praise

### "Blessed Be Your Name"

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful, Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place, Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me, When the world's all as it should be. Blessed be Your name. Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering, Though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say: Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name.

You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say: "Lord, blessed be Your name." You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say: "Lord, blessed be Your name."

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

# **First Reading**

Hebrews 11:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

### **Gospel Reading**

<sup>25</sup> "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup> And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>28</sup> And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup> yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. <sup>33</sup> But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# **Children's Message**

### Message Song

"Glorious Day"

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises One day when sin was as black as could be Jesus came forth to be born of a Virgin Dwelt among men, my example is He. The Word became flesh and the light shined among us His glory revealed

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away. Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming; oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.

> One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain. One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He. The hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree And took the nails for me.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away. Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming; oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.

> One day the grave could conceal Him no longer. One day the stone rolled away from the door. Then He arose; over death He had conquered. Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore. Death could not hold Him, The grave could not keep Him from rising again.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away. Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming; oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day. Glorious day.

> One day the trumpet will sound for His coming. One day the skies with His glories will shine. Wonderful day, my beloved one bringing. My Savior Jesus is mine.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away. Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming; oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day. Glorious day, oh, glorious day.

#### Message

### Offering

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# **Prayer of the Church**

Lord's Prayer

# "Through Faith"



- **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.

#### 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.

#### **G** Amen.

# Sending Song

#### "I Will Follow"

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay. When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure. I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight. High above my life. I will trust in You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay. When You move I'll move. I will follow You Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve. If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life I will live for You alone. You're the One I seek, Knowing I will find All I need in You alone. In You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay. When You move I'll move. I will follow You Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve. If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul. In You there's joy unending joy; And I will follow. Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve. If this life I lose, I will follow.
Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve; If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.

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#### Sermon Notes

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