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WE LOVE
BECAUSE HE
FIRST LOVED
US
1 JOHN 4:19

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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'***

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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Songs

"Stand in Your Love"

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.

When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken. I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide; I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

There's power that can break off every chain.

There's power that can empty out a grave.

There's resurrection power that can save.

There's power in Your name, power in Your name.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

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Call To Worship

"God So Loved"

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.

Come to the well that never runs dry.

Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.

Come to the table; He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated.

Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

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For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

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Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Death Was Arrested”

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,
Lost without hope with no place to begin;
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed, only beauty remains;
My orphan heart was given a name.
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me.
You have made me new, now life begins with You.
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Released from my chains, I'm a pris'ner no more.
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,
When death was arrested and my life began.

Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me.
You have made me new, now life begins with You.
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross.
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.
That's when death was arrested and my life began.

Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me.
You have made me new, now life begins with You.

It's Your endless love pouring down on us.
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free.
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
Yes, we're free, free, forever, amen!
When death was arrested and my life began.

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free.
Come join the song of all the redeemed.
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First Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know

fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Child of Love”

I was walking the wayside Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life Try'n to satisfy my soul
All the lies I believed in Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven And I've never been the same
I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love
I've felt the sting of the fire But I saw You in the flames

Just when I thought it was over You broke me out of the grave
 I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
 I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
 I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love
 Yeah yeah oh I am a child of love
 Yeah oh I am a child of love
 Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way
 I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate
 Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way
 I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate
 I'm gonna climb a mountain I am a child of love
 I found a world of freedom I am a child of love
 I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
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Message

“ Through Faith - Love”

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.

Distribution Song

"Remembrance"

Oh, how could it be that my God would welcome me
into this mystery;
say, "Take this bread take this wine"? Now the simple made divine
for any to receive.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.
By Your grace You are making us faithful.

Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You,
our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation.
We remember You.

See His body, His blood; know that He has overcome

ev'ry trial we will face.
None too lost to be saved, none too broken or ashamed;
all are welcome in this place.
By Your mercy we come to Your table.
By Your grace You are making us faithful.
Lord, we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You,
our worship leads to communion. We respond to Your invitation.
We remember you.

Dying, You destroyed our death. Rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory. Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord we remember You, and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You, our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation. We respond to Your invitation
We remember you.

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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.
A Amen.

Sending Song

“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
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