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HOPE  
the Light that  
SHINES  
in the darkness  
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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'*

**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**A Time of Preparation**

**Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

**Opening Song**

**"I Speak Jesus"**

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence  
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire  
Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy  
Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name  
Jesus

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## Call To Worship

### “He Is”

If you're troubled, heavy hearted, come to Jesus and find your peace.  
If you're run down, empty handed, Come to Jesus and find your strength

He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.  
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.  
All that you're needing He is.

If you're wandering in the darkness, come to Jesus and find your way.  
If you want freedom, need forgiveness, just come to Jesus and find His grace.

He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.  
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.  
All that you're needing He is.

Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Author and Maker of everything,  
Defender, Deliverer, King of kings, He is, He is.

Helper and Healer forevermore, Savior and Shelter through every storm,  
my Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of Lords, He is, He is.

Child of Heaven and Son of Man, Provider, Protector, the great I AM,  
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, He Is, He Is.

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## Confession and Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

### “In Christ Alone”

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.  
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### First Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,<sup>4</sup> to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,<sup>5</sup> who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.<sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,<sup>7</sup> so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.<sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,<sup>9</sup> obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 8:5-13

<sup>5</sup>When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him,<sup>6</sup> “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.”<sup>7</sup> And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.”<sup>8</sup> But the centurion replied, “Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.”<sup>9</sup> For I too am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. And I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.”<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard this, he marveled and said to those who followed him, “Truly, I tell you, with no one in Israel have I found such faith.<sup>11</sup> I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven,<sup>12</sup> while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”<sup>13</sup> And to the centurion Jesus said, “Go; let it be done for you as you have believed.” And the servant was healed at that very moment.

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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## Message

***"Through Faith - Hope"***

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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

## “Alive & Breathing”

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?  
What matters come to mind? The cares you keep,  
The thoughts you think; it's not all wasted time.  
Seek and you will find.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.  
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!  
Don't stop dancing and dreaming.  
There's still good news worth repeating.  
So lift your head and keep singing, “Praise the Lord!”

The years roll by. We wonder why we lost our way from home.  
Our Father finds the child inside we left for growing old.  
Awake, awake, awake my soul.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.  
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