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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'***

5:00 - Contemporary

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Holy Forever"

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
Jesus Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest

Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever
You will always be Holy Holy forever

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening 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

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Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Pastor: Then we shall not turn back from You;

People: give us life, and we will call upon Your name!

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

People: I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Here’s My Heart”

Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord
Speak what is true
'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure
I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free
Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord
Speak what is true
'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure
I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free

'Cause You are strong You are sure You are life You endure
You are good always true You are light breaking through
Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord Here's my heart Lord
Speak what is true
Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord
Speak what is true Speak what is true Speak what is true
'Cause I am found I am Yours I am loved I'm made pure
I have life I can breathe I am healed I am free

'Cause You are strong You are sure You are life You endure
You are good always true You are light breaking through

You are more than enough You are here You are love
You are hope You are grace You're all I have You're everything
Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord Here's my life Lord
You're everything

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation. Merciful Father, in Your abundant love You redeemed us from our sin and restored us as Your own children in Christ. As You have crowned us with love and mercy, keep us in this grace and favor that we may strive to live our lives according to your direction and by grace, receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for the one I love a song about his vineyard: My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. ² He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit. ³ "Now you dwellers in Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴ What more could have been done for my vineyard than I have done for it? When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bad? ⁵ Now I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it will be destroyed; I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland, I neither pruned nor cultivated, and briars and thorns will grow there. I will command the clouds not to rain on it." ⁷ The vineyard of the LORD Almighty is the nation of Israel, and the people of Judah are the vines he delighted in. And he looked for justice, but saw bloodshed; for righteousness, but heard cries of distress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

^{4b} If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³³“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servantsh to the tenants to collect his fruit. ³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the

son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.' ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ "He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "' The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? ⁴³ "Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Children's Message

Message Song

"Our God"

Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You None like You

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other

Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other

Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God
And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
What could stand against

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God
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Message

“Redeemed, Restored, Crowned”

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

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.**

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

"I Surrender"

Here I am Down on my knees again
Surrendering all Surrendering all
Find me here Lord as You draw me near
Desperate for You Desperate for You
I surrender
Drench my soul As mercy and grace unfold
I hunger and thirst I hunger and thirst
With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry
Speak to me now Speak to me now
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me

Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever!

Pastor: Let us pray. We give You thanks, O Lord our God, for having us made us Your own in Christ, and we pray You to send us Your Holy Spirit that we may be fixed upon what lies ahead in the future prepared for us by Christ, and, striving toward that future may receive at last the crown of everlasting life from His hand; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 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 T give you peace.

G Amen.

Sending Song

“All the People Said ‘Amen’”

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

And all the people said, "Amen!" whoa,
and all the people said, "Amen!"
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends!
And all the people said, "Amen!"

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, you know, love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and we fall,
and He so loved the world, He sent His son to save us all.

And all the people said, "Amen!" whoa,
and all the people said, "Amen!"
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends!
And all the people said, "Amen!"

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

And all the people said, "Amen!" whoa,
and all the people said, "Amen!"
Give thanks to the Lord for His love never ends!
And all the people said, "Amen!"
And all the people said, "Amen!"

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Love the



Lord your God

with all your

heart, and

SOUL, and

MIND Matt. 22:37