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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'*

A Time of Preparation

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sharing of the Peace and Welcome

Opening Song

“Open Up The Heavens”

We've waited for this day We're gathered in Your Name

Calling out to You

Your glory like a fire awakening desire

Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You

Open up the floodgates a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart

Filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face

We're looking to the sky

Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now

Lord unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You

Open up the floodgates a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart

Filling every part of our praise

Open up the heavens we want to see You

Open up the floodgates a mighty river

Flowing from Your heart

Filling every part of our praise

Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power

Show us show us Your glory Lord

Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
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Call To Worship

“Jesus Messiah”

He became sin, who knew no sin,
That we might become His righteousness.
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, love so amazing.
Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine,
Broken and poured out, all for love.
The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.
Love so amazing love so amazing.
Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.
All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.
Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all, Lord of all, the Lord of all.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“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
And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
You will always be Holy Holy forever

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First Reading

Isaiah 61:10

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-14

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Run to The Father”

I've carried a burden for too long on my own.

I wasn't created to bear it alone.

I hear Your invitation to let it all go.

I see it now. I'm laying it down. And I know that I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.

I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.

My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption: the price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love.
I don't understand, I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms is running to life from death.
I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out.
Just as I am, You pull me in, and I know I need You now

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh Again and again.

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Message

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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

“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

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
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