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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'*

**Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sharing of the Peace and Welcome**

**Opening Song**

**"The Lion and the Lamb"**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

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Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
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Who can stop the Lord Almighty Who can stop the Lord?

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## Call To Worship

### **“This Is Amazing Grace”**

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings  
This is amazing grace This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

Oh this is amazing grace This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me  
All that You've done for me

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Song of Praise**

Ev'ryone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

### **"Mighty To Save"**

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave  
Jesus conquered the grave  
So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save  
He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
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Jesus conquered the grave

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Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing For the glory of the risen King

## First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: <sup>2</sup> I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup> I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup> For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup> I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup> that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup> I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the LORD, who does all these things.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

<sup>15</sup> Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. <sup>16</sup> And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. <sup>17</sup> Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" <sup>18</sup> But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup> Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" <sup>21</sup> They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." <sup>22</sup> When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

## Message Song

## "Same God"

I'm calling on the God of Jacob  
Whose love endures through generations  
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses  
The one who opened up the ocean  
I need you now to do the same thing for me

I'm calling on the God of Mary  
Whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David  
Who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath But I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You answered prayers back then And You will answer now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You were providing then You are providing now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now  
You are the same God You are the same God  
You were a healer then You are a healer now  
You are the same God You are the same God

You were a Savior then You are a Savior now  
You are the same God You are the same God

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now

How I need You now  
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness  
You freed the captives then You're freeing hearts right now  
You are the same God You are the same God  
You touched the lepers then I feel Your touch right now  
You are the same God You are the same God

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit  
Almighty river come and fill me again

Come and fill me again  
Come and fill me again

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## Message

***"Kings and Kingdoms"***

## 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



## **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**

## **"Breathe"**

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe,  
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, This is my daily bread,  
Your very Word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for You.

And I, I'm lost without You.

This is the air I breathe, This is the air I breathe,  
Your holy presence living in me.

This is my daily bread, This is my daily bread,  
Your very Word spoken to me

And I, I'm desperate for You.

And I, I'm lost without You.

I'm lost without You, I'm lost without You.

## 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

## ***"Build Your Kingdom Here"***

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.  
Holy Spirit come invade us now!  
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;  
Refuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captives' hearts released; the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

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