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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'*

5:00 - Contemporary

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost A Time of Preparation
Sharing of the Peace and Welcome

Opening Song

“We Praise You”

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety

Let it rise let praise arise

We sing Your name in the dark

And it changes ev'rything

We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory

Let it rise let praise arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall

We'll watch the giants fall

For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side

Forever lift Him high

With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh

Let faith be the song

That overcomes the raging sea

Let faith be the song

That calms the storm inside of me

Let it rise let faith arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall

We'll watch the giants fall

For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side

Forever lift Him high

With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You

This is what living looks like

This is what freedom feels like

This is what Heaven sounds like
We praise You We praise You
This is what living looks like
This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like
We praise You We praise You
We'll see you break down ev'ry wall
We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You
The God of breakthrough's on our side
Forever lift You high
With all creation cry God we praise You
Oh we praise You oh we praise You
Oh we praise You oh give Him all your praise

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Call To Worship

“Whom Shall I Fear”

You hear me when I call You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear
You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear
I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
My strength is in Your name For You alone can save
You will deliver me Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear Whom shall I fear
I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side

The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful You are faithful
Nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful You are faithful
You are faithful
I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?
I was lost but He brought me in.
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.
Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes I am.
Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

(Instrumental Interlude)

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.
Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.
In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be

just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody.
You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies
'til all my fears are gone.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God
From my mother's womb You have chosen me;
Love has called my name. I've been born again to Your family;
Your blood flows through my veins.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God
You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
I am a child of God. Yes, I am a child of God.

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Message

“As If”

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C** **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

- 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 ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Song

“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.

Yes, we're free, free, forever, amen!

When death was arrested and my life began.

When death was arrested and my life began.

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