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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'***



## Opening Song

## “Child of Love”

I was walking the wayside Lost on a lonely road  
I was chasing the high life Try'n to satisfy my soul

All the lies I believed in Left me crying like the rain  
Then I saw lightning from heaven And I've never been the same

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom  
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire But I saw You in the flames  
Just when I thought it was over You broke me out of the grave

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom  
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

Yeah yeah oh

I am a child of love Yeah oh

I am a child of love

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way  
I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way  
I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

I'm gonna climb a mountain I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom I am a child of love  
I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom  
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

Oh yeah oh I am a child of love

I am a child of love

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# Confession and Forgiveness

## Song of Praise

## “Your Grace is Enough”

Great is Your faithfulness, O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people, Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise, O God.

And Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
And Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God. You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

And Your grace is enough Your grace is enough  
And Your grace is enough for me.

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## First Reading

Jeremiah 17:7-10

<sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.  
<sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.” <sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> “I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup> "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

<sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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

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

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### “Goodness of God”

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;

I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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## Message

***“Why Bother?”***

## 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**

## **“Me On Your Mind”**

I've read the words in red How You leave the ninety-nine  
To find the one missing Feels like that was written  
With me on Your mind

And the prodigal son who ran Leaving his home behind  
The part where the father came Running to meet him  
Did You say that with me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world  
Would give one single thought about my broken heart  
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face  
And says come as you are

You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life  
And You did it all With me on Your mind  
Me on Your mind

Just knowing You're mindful of me  
Just knowing You call me Your child  
It's flooding my soul With unspeakable hope  
Thank you Lord that it's me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world  
Would give one single thought about my broken heart  
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face  
And says come as you are

You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life  
And You did it all With me on Your mind  
It was me on Your mind Oh thank You Jesus  
Lord it was me on Your mind

I've read the words in red Of a heavenly home on high  
You're preparing a place where the sorrow's erased  
And when I stand before You I'll find



All along it was me on Your mind  
Who am I that the king of the world  
Would give one single thought about my broken heart  
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face  
And says come as you are  
You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life  
And You did it all With me on Your mind  
With me on Your mind oh It was me on Your mind

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## 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 T give you peace.

🗣️ Amen.

## Sending Song

## “Sing Wherever I Go”

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

God is for me He's not against me  
I will hold to the plans He has for me  
When I'm broken He will fix me  
I will call on the name of the Lord

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

He's my heartsong In my sorrow  
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow  
When the storms rise All around me  
I will call on the name of the Lord

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go  
All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

I got joy joy joy Deep in my soul  
I will sing sing sing Wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

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