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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional 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'***

9:00 - Traditional

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

As We Gather

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost *Divine Service One* (pp 151ff)

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"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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“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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Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;

still my soul will sing Your praise unending ...
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name. Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

Invocation

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P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

G **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

P Most merciful God,

G **we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

G **Amen.**

Service of the Word

- P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
- C** **at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**
- P** How lovely is your dwelling place,
- C** **O Lord of hosts!**
- P** Behold our shield, O God;
- C** **look on the face of your anointed!**
- P** For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**
- P** For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor.
- C** **No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**
- P** O Lord of hosts,
- C** **blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise *(Sung)*

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray together...

C Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:7-10

⁷ "Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.
⁸ 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." ⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? ¹⁰ "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.

Alleluia *(Sung)*

LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

☐ Glory to you O Lord.

¹⁴ "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵ To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷ So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸ But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ 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.' ²¹ 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.' ²² 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.' ²³ 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.' ²⁴ 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, ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶ 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? ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹ 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.³⁰ 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.

C Praise to You O Christ.

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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Offering Song *(Sung)*

LSB 159

- G** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Apostles' Creed

- G** 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

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- 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.

Blessing

LSB 166

- 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.
G Amen.

Closing 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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