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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'*

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"My Jesus"

Are you past the point of weary Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling 'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen

Who can wipe away the tears From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good Let me tell you about my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way
Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free
And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Amen amen amen

Who would take my cross to Calvary Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh

He makes a way where there ain't no way

Rises up from an empty grave

Ain't no sinner that He can't save

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

His love is strong and His grace is free

And the good news is I know that He

Can do for you what He's done for me

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Amen amen

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Let my Jesus change your life

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“This Is Our God”

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame

They were like prisons that we couldn't escape

But He came and He died and He rose

Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave

They were like mountains that stood in our way

But He came and He died and He rose

Those giants are dead now

This is our God this is who He is He loves us

This is our God this is what He does He saves us

He bore the cross beat the grave

Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Him

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Thy Word”

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Now I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my Guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
And a light unto my path.

First Reading

Psalm 90:1-12

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷ For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. ⁹ For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. ¹⁰ The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the

fear of you? ¹² So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹² But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Even So Come"

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame.
Jesus is coming soon.,
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true.
Jesus is coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon.
So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait, You're coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.
Like a bride waiting for her groom,
We'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

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"Timing is Everything"



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.**

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.

G **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Everlasting God"

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
We will wait upon the Lord, We will wait upon the Lord.
Our God, You reign forever. Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer.
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God,
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles
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