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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'***

5:00 - Contemporary

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

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Prelude

"In The Secret"

In the secret, in the quiet place, in the stillness You are there.

In the secret, in the quiet hour I wait
only for You, 'cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.
I want to know You more. I want to touch You.
I want to see Your face. I want to know You more.

I am reaching for the highest goal that I might receive the prize.

Pressing onward, pushing every hindrance aside,
out of my way, 'cause I want to know You more.

I want to know You. I want to hear Your voice.
I want to know You more. I want to touch You.
I want to see Your face. I want to know You more.

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"Speak O Lord"

Speak, O Lord as we come to You,
To receive the food of Your holy word.

Take Your truth plant it deep in us,
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness.
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail.
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.
Speak, O Lord and renew our minds,
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises.
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Open Up the Heavens”

We've waited for this day We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth
You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise
Your presence in this place Your glory on our face

We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes
You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord
Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

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First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-11

¹ Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of

Israel!" ⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹ And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Who Am I"

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt

Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart

Not because of who I am But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am I am Yours ... I am Yours

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again

Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me

Not because of who I am But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am. I am Yours. I am Yours

Message

"Who's Calling?"

Offering

Would you like to give online? Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our donation site.



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

“Send Me”

If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet
Here I am Lord send me

If it's loving one another even when we don't agree
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy I'll serve You just the same
Here I am Lord send me

On the mountain or the valley I will choose to praise
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect
How much I love You I love You
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes
'Cause I love You I love You

If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway
'Cause here I am Lord send me
If it means that they'll reject me Lord I will still obey
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect
How much I love You I love You
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes
'Cause I love You I love You

When I'm standing in Your glory
I'll be glad I chose to say
Here I am Lord send me
Well done good and faithful I live to hear You say
Here I am Lord send me Here I am Lord send me
Here I am Lord send me

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

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh oh oh
All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure.
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight.
High above my life. I will trust in You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life
I will live for You alone. You're the One I seek,
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone. In You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul.
In You there's joy unending joy; And I will follow.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow.

Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.

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