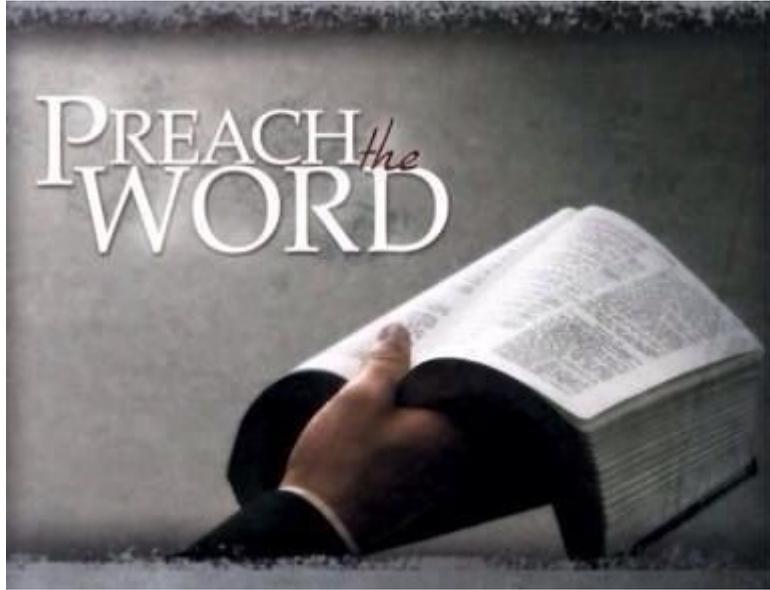




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Welcome

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'*

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Holy Spirit Come"

I'm coming with a heart of worship I'm bringing in a brand new song
I'm ready to see the unthinkable I'm ready for a miracle
Hearts praying for a fresh encounter Souls looking to the living God
I'm ready for a real revival O Holy Spirit

Come like a flood like a fire Holy spirit fall in this place fill our hearts
Holy Spirit come like a flood like a fire Holy Spirit come O Holy Spirit come

We're on the edge of a new beginning God we know You have so much more
We're looking to a new horizon We're praying for Your rain to pour
An overflowing of true redemption An overflowing of Your kingdom
We're ready for a real revival O Holy Spirit

Come like a flood like a fire Holy spirit fall in this place fill our hearts
Holy Spirit come like a flood like a fire Holy Spirit come O Holy Spirit come

Oh can you feel it Heaven is reaching Oh can you hear it Our God is speaking
Oh can you see it He's got your healing Oh just receive it Receive the freedom
Oh can you feel it Heaven is reaching Oh can you hear it Our God is speaking
Oh can you see it He's got your healing Oh just receive it Receive the freedom

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"Graves Into Gardens"

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade

Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love
Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again
Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"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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First Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. ¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“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
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Let my Jesus change your life

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Message

“Why Am I Even Here?”

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

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger

The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder

And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder

The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love

That You would take my place That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life That I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter

The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance

The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love

That You would take my place That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life That I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy worthy worthy

Oh this is amazing grace This is unfailing love

That You would take my place That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life That I would be set free

Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

All that You've done for me

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