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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'***

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preludes

"What He's Done"

See on the hill of Calvary My Savior bled for me
My Jesus set me free
Look at the wounds that give me life Grace flowing from His side
No greater sacrifice

What He's done What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

Sing for the freedom He has won Even death is dead and done
His life has overcome

Speak say the Name above all names Over every broken place
He is risen from the grave

What He's done What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

Now on a throne of majesty The Father's will complete
He reigns in victory

Sing hallelujah to the King He is worthy to receive
All the worship we can bring

What He's done What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven My future is Heaven

I praise God for what He's done
What He's done What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Lord I Need You”

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.
Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.
Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.
You're my one defense, my righteousness. Oh God how I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“He Is”

If you're troubled, heavy hearted, come to Jesus and find your peace.
If you're run down, empty handed, Come to Jesus and find your strength
He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.
All that you're needing He is.

If you're wandering in the darkness, come to Jesus and find your way.
If you want freedom, need forgiveness, just come to Jesus and find His grace.
He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.
All that you're needing He is.

Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Author and Maker of everything,
Defender, Deliverer, King of kings, He is, He is.
Helper and Healer forevermore, Savior and Shelter through every storm,
my Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of Lords, He is, He is.
Child of Heaven and Son of Man, Provider, Protector, the great I AM,
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, He Is, He Is.

Hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.
All that you're needing He is.
All that you're needing He is.

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First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, “We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us.” So Moses

prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹ So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 3:14-21

¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. ²⁰ For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. ²¹ But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"God So Loved"

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.
For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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Message

“I Need a Lift”

Offering

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

☞ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☞ **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

"I Surrender"

Here I am Down on my knees again
Surrendering all Surrendering all

Find me here Lord as You draw me near
Desperate for You Desperate for You
I surrender

Drench my soul As mercy and grace unfold
I hunger and thirst I hunger and thirst

With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry
Speak to me now Speak to me now

I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more

Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me

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Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me

I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
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I want to know You more I want to know You more

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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

“Who I Am”

I stand in front of the mirror But I don't like who's looking back at me
Wish I could see things clearer Like who I'm supposed to be
In every trial lift me higher Through the fire hold me tighter
Remind me again that I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me
It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

Everything has been changing You haven't left a stone unturned
Anything I've been facing I'll keep standing on Your word
In the water take me under Fill my lungs to speak Your wonder
You brought me out of the darkness I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me
It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

You gave up everything for me to have everything
For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing
You gave up everything for me to have everything
For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing

I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me
I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me
It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me
I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me

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