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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'*

5:00 - Contemporary

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

## A Time of Preparation

### Prelude

### "The Veil"

My life is in Your hands I know You love me  
My life is in your hands I'm yours  
I'll never understand how much You love me  
But one thing that I know for sure

When the veil was torn my sin was forgiven  
Who could ask for more than this  
With arms open wide You bled and died  
My heart was reborn When the veil was torn

Come and go with me into the future Come and go with me today  
God I'll follow where You lead this wild adventure  
My life forever changed Jesus my life forever changed

When the veil was torn my sin was forgiven  
Who could ask for more than this  
With arms open wide You bled and died  
My heart was reborn

I am free I am changing I'm redeemed not forsaken  
You saved me and it's so amazing  
I love You Lord I love You Lord I love You Lord  
I love You Lord I love You Lord I love You Lord

When the veil was torn my sin was forgiven  
Who could ask for more than this  
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My heart was reborn My heart was reborn when the veil was torn

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# Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

## Opening Song

## “Run to The Father”

I've carried a burden for too long on my own.  
I wasn't created to bear it alone.  
I hear Your invitation to let it all go.  
I see it now. I'm laying it down. And I know that I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.  
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.  
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.  
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.  
Your Son for redemption: the price for my heart.  
I don't have a context for that kind of love.  
I don't understand, I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.  
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.  
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.  
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh  
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.  
Running into Your arms is running to life from death.  
I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out.  
Just as I am, You pull me in, and I know I need You now

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.  
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.  
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend.  
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh  
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh Again and again.

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# Confession and Forgiveness

## Song of Praise

## "Scars"

Waking up to a new sunrise, looking back from the other side,  
I can see now with open eyes.  
Darkest water and deepest pain, I wouldn't trade it for anything,  
'cause my brokenness brought me to You.  
And these wounds are a story You'll use.

So, I'm thankful for the scars,  
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.  
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,  
so forever I am thankful for the scars.

Now I'm standing in confidence with the strength of Your faithfulness.  
And I'm not who I was before; no, I don't have to fear anymore.

So, I'm thankful for the scars,  
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.  
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,  
so forever I am thankful for the scars.

I can see, I can see how You delivered me.  
In Your hands, in Your feet I found my victory.  
I can see, I can see how You delivered me.  
In Your hands, in Your feet I found my victory.

I'm thankful for Your scars,  
'cause without them I wouldn't know Your heart.  
So forever I am thankful. I'm thankful for the scars,  
'cause with out them I wouldn't know your heart.  
And I know they'll always tell of who You are,  
so forever I am thankful for the scars.  
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## First Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup> For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup> He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. <sup>3</sup> Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. <sup>4</sup> And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. <sup>5</sup> So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; <sup>6</sup> as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek." <sup>7</sup> In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. <sup>8</sup> Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. <sup>9</sup> And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, <sup>10</sup> being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 10:32-45

<sup>32</sup> And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, <sup>33</sup> saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. <sup>34</sup> And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise. <sup>35</sup> And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup> And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup> And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup> Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" <sup>39</sup> And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and

with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, <sup>40</sup> but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” <sup>41</sup> And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. <sup>42</sup> And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### “Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”

It all comes down to this What you require of me  
Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God  
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet  
Good news to all the world The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God  
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing  
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven  
It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing  
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown  
faith just like a seed The only way it grows

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God  
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

## Message

## “This is Your Station”

## 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.**

### 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

## “Abide with Me”

I have a home, eternal home. But for now I walk this broken world.  
You walked it first, You know our pain.  
But You show hope can rise again up from the grave.

Abide with me. Abide with me. Don't let me fall and don't let go.  
Walk with me and never leave. Ever close, God abide with me.

There in the night, Gethsemane, before the cross, before the nails,  
overwhelmed, alone You prayed.  
You met us in our suffering and bore our shame

Abide with me. Abide with me. Don't let me fall and don't let go.

Walk with me and never leave. Ever close, God abide with me.

Love that will not ever let me go.

Love that will not ever let me go. You never let me go.

Love that will not ever let me go.

And up ahead, eternity. We'll weep no more,  
we'll sing for joy. Abide with me

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