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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'*

## **Second Sunday of Easter**

## **A Time of Preparation**

### **Prelude**

### **"What A Beautiful Name"**

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High.

Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is!

What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King!

What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this!

What a beautiful Name it is The Name of Jesus!

You didn't want heaven without us. Jesus, You brought heaven down.

My sin was great, Your love was greater, What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is!

What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ, my King!

What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this!

What a wonderful Name it is The Name of Jesus!

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Death could not hold You, The veil tore before You.

You silence the boast of sin and grave.

The heavens are roaring The praise of Your glory,

For You are raised to life again!

You have no rival, You have no equal.

Now and forever God, You reign!

Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the glory,

Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is!

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus Christ my King!

What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against.

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus!

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## Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

### Opening Song

### “Battle Belongs”

When all I see is the battle You see my victory  
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me Who can be against me  
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You

Almighty Fortress You go before us  
Nothing can stand against The power of our God  
You shine in the shadows You win every battle  
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O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You  
O God the battle belongs to You

## Confession and Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

### “Hymn Of Heaven”

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the one who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith We sang through doubt and fear  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Forever He shall reign

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God Who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

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## First Reading

1 John 1:1-7

<sup>1</sup> That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup> that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

John 20:19-29

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup> Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup> Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "Death Was Arrested"

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin,  
Lost without hope with no place to begin;  
Your love made a way to let mercy come in,  
When death was arrested and my life began.

Ash was redeemed, only beauty remains;  
My orphan heart was given a name.  
My mourning grew quiet, my feet rose to dance,  
When death was arrested and my life began.

Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me.  
You have made me new, now life begins with You.  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.  
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Released from my chains, I'm a pris'ner no more.  
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore.  
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend,  
When death was arrested and my life began.

Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me.  
You have made me new, now life begins with You.  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.  
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross.  
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost.  
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand.  
That's when death was arrested and my life began.

Oh Your grace, so free, washes over me.  
You have made me new, now life begins with You.  
It's Your endless love pouring down on us.  
You have made us new, now life begins with You.

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free.  
Come join the song of all the redeemed.  
Yes, we're free, free, forever, amen!  
When death was arrested and my life began.

Oh, we're free, free, forever we're free.  
Come join the song of all the redeemed.  
Yes, we're free, free, forever, amen!  
When death was arrested and my life began.  
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## Message

## “Proof of Citizenship”

## Offering

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## 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

## “I Believe”

I believe there is one salvation One doorway that leads to life

One redemption one confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion By His blood I have been set free  
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven He's preparing a place for me  
Far beyond what hearts imagine Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming He's returning to claim His bride  
Light the altar keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son  
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome  
The King who was and is and evermore will be  
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

No I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ  
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life  
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All praise to God our Father All praise to Christ the Son  
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