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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'*

Third Sunday of Easter

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in.

Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

(Instrumental Interlude)

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"Honey In The Rock"

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone

Manna on the ground No matter where I go

I don't have to worry Now that I know

Everything I need You've got There's honey in the rock

Praying for a miracle Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy Sweetness at the mercy seat
Now I've tasted it's not hard to see Only You can satisfy

There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Freedom where the Spirit is Bounty in the wilderness
You will always satisfy

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did's enough

I keep looking I keep finding You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep praying You keep moving I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep looking I keep finding You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep praying You keep moving I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I have all that I need You are all that I need Yeah!

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands

Started flowing when You said it is done
Jesus who You are is enough
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock

Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"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

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
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First Reading

Acts 3:11-21

¹¹ While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. ¹² And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴ But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶ And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. ¹⁷ "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸ But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹ Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰ that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1

¹ See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-49

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Reckless Love"

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me

You have been so so good to me

Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me

You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God

O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found

Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it

Still You give Yourself away

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

And O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down Coming after me

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Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down Coming after me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
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Message

“The Great Unknown”

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.**

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

“Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)”

All these pieces, broken and scattered,
in mercy gathered, mended and whole,
empty handed but not forsaken,
I've been set free! I've been set free!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

Oh, I once was lost but now I am found; was blind but now I see.

Oh I can see You now. Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;
laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

You take our failure, You take our weakness.

You set Your treasure in jars of clay.

So take this heart, Lord; I'll be Your vessel,
the world to see Your life in me.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

Oh, I once was lost but now I am found; was blind but now I see.

Oh I can see You now. Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;
laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

(Instrumental Interlude)

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Oh, I once was lost but now I am found; was blind but now I see.

Oh I can see You now. Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;
laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

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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.

C Amen.

Sending Song

“Alive & Breathing”

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?
What matters come to mind? The cares you keep,
The thoughts you think; it's not all wasted time.
Seek and you will find.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!
Don't stop dancing and dreaming.
There's still good news worth repeating.
So lift your head and keep singing, “Praise the Lord!”

The years roll by. We wonder why we lost our way from home.
Our Father finds the child inside we left for growing old.
Awake, awake, awake my soul.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.
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