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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**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**Prelude**

**A Time of Preparation**  
**"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.  
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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.

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

### Opening Song

### “Always”

I believe You gave sight to the blind  
I believe that the dead came to life  
I believe there were wonders and signs  
And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said  
I believe there are scars in Your hands  
That Your goodness is good without end  
And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace  
The God of creation knows me by name  
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always  
Your mercy is mighty age after age  
All generations will bow down and praise  
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

I believe You will come in the clouds  
I believe You are here even now  
In Your presence I know there is power  
Power to save oh

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace  
The God of creation knows me by name  
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always  
Your mercy is mighty age after age  
All generations will bow down and praise  
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

You were You are You always will be God  
You were You are You always will be God  
Yes You always will be God

Your mercy is mighty age after age  
All generations will bow down and praise  
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always

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## Confession and Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

### “I Speak Jesus”

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence  
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break  
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom  
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over fear and all anxiety  
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression  
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets  
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy  
Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing  
Your Name is life  
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows  
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus  
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind  
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence  
I speak Jesus

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## First Reading

1 John 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; <sup>20</sup> for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; <sup>22</sup> and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

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

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

## Gospel Reading

John 10:11-18

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the

sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

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

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

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### “Send Me”

If it's bandaging the broken or washing filthy feet  
Here I am Lord send me

If it's loving one another even when we don't agree  
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm poor or if I'm wealthy I'll serve You just the same  
Here I am Lord send me

On the mountain or the valley I will choose to praise  
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect  
How much I love You I love You  
And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes  
'Cause I love You I love You

If the truth cuts like an arrow I will say it anyway  
'Cause here I am Lord send me  
If it means that they'll reject me Lord I will still obey  
Here I am Lord send me

If I'm known by how I love let my life reflect  
How much I love You I love You

And before You even ask oh my answer will be yes  
'Cause I love You I love You

When I'm standing in Your glory  
I'll be glad I chose to say  
Here I am Lord send me  
Well done good and faithful I live to hear You say  
Here I am Lord send me Here I am Lord send me  
Here I am Lord send me

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## Message

## “What is the Charge”

## 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.**

## Blessing

- Ⓟ 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.
- Ⓞ **Amen.**

## Sending Song

## “Sing Wherever I Go”

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

God is for me He's not against me  
I will hold to the plans He has for me  
When I'm broken He will fix me  
I will call on the name of the Lord

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

He's my heartsong In my sorrow  
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow  
When the storms rise All around me  
I will call on the name of the Lord

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

I got joy joy joy Deep in my soul  
I will sing sing sing Wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul  
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

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