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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'

Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"House Of The Lord"

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“The Father’s House”

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes.
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength.
My story isn't over; my story's just begun.
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.
Oo, you're in the Father's house.
Arrival's not the endgame; the journey's where You are.
You never wanted perfect; You just wanted my heart.
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good.
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, cause it ain't welcome anymore.
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope;
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.

Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life;
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.

Miracles take place, the cynical find faith;
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.
Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking;
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.
Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.

Oo, you're in the Father's house.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Goodness Of God”

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;

I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.

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First Reading

1 John 5:1-8

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I

chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷ These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“Evidence”

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring. In every season, from where I'm standing
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You, oh, Jesus, oh.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life, yeah.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.

Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

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Message Offering

“Chicken and Egg”

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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

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance

The King of Glory the King above all kings
This is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

Oh this is amazing grace This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me
All that You've done for me

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