

St. John Lutheran Church

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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, Paul Kruse, Pastor

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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'

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude "Me On Your Mind"

I've read the words in red How You leave the ninety-nine
To find the one missing Feels like that was written
With me on Your mind
And the prodigal son who ran Leaving his home behind
The part where the father came Running to meet him
Did You say that with me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are
You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
Me on Your mind

Just knowing You're mindful of me
Just knowing You call me Your child
It's flooding my soul With unspeakable hope
Thank you Lord that it's me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are
You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
It was me on Your mind Oh thank You Jesus
Lord it was me on Your mind

I've read the words in red Of a heavenly home on high You're preparing a place where the sorrow's erased And when I stand before You I'll find All along it was me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world
Would give one single thought about my broken heart
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face
And says come as you are
You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life
And You did it all With me on Your mind
With me on Your mind oh It was me on Your mind
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song "Way Maker"

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You. You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You. You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You. You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You. You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You. You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

> Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working. You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working. Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.

You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper, Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Child Of Love"

I was walking the wayside Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life Try'n to satisfy my soul
All the lies I believed in Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven And I've never been the same

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it I am a child of love I found a world of freedom I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire But I saw You in the flames

Just when I thought it was over You broke me out of the grave

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it I am a child of love I found a world of freedom I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

> Yeah yeah oh I am a child of love Yeah oh I am a child of love

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

I'm gonna climb a mountain I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom I am a child of love
I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

Oh yeah oh I am a child of love I am a child of love

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First Reading Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." 10 Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." 12 And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Mark 6:17-28

¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his quests he did not want to break his word to her. 27 And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison 28 and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **☐** Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"The Plans"

When I am anxious When I am afraid
I take it to God I call on His Name
If the mover of mountains Is listening to me
Why should I worry Why should I fear anything

For I know the plans He has for me Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good To give me a hope and a future When I am waiting For His promise to come Sometimes He's silent But I'm never alone He walks in the valley And He quiets the storm He stands in the fire So why should I fear anymore

For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good
To give me a hope and a future
For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know He's working everything For my good
To give me a hope and a future

All my life All I've seen Your endless love Surrounding me With every breath I will be found by You

If I set sail Or spread my wings
And find myself On the farthest sea
You're waiting there I will be found by You
I will be found by You

For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good
To give me a hope and a future
For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know He's working everything For my good
To give me a hope and a future

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Message

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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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 Blessing

Praise Team Instrumental

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.

Amen.

"I Will Follow"

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure. I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight. High above my life. I will trust in You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life
I will live for You alone. You're the One I seek,
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone. In You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul.
In You there's joy unending joy; And I will follow.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow.
Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;

When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.

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Sermon Notes

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