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# 7:00 - Contemporary



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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'*

## **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

### **Preludes**

### **"Beautiful"**

I see Your face in ev'ry sunrise,  
The colors of the morning are inside Your eyes.  
The world awakens in the light of the day.  
I look up to the sky and say You're beautiful.

I see Your power in the moonlit night,  
Where planets are in motion and galaxies are bright.  
We are amazed in the light of the stars.  
It's all proclaiming who You are, You're beautiful.

*(Interlude)*

You're beautiful.

I see You there hanging on a tree, You bled and then You died  
And then You rose again for me.  
Now You are sitting on Your heavenly throne,  
Soon we will be coming home. You're beautiful.

When we arrive at eternity's shore,  
Where death is just a memory and tears are no more,  
We'll enter in as the wedding bells ring,  
Your bride will come together and we'll sing, You're beautiful

I see Your face, You're beautiful. You're beautiful. You're beautiful.

I see Your face. You're beautiful. You're beautiful. You're beautiful.

I see Your face, I see Your face, I see Your face, You're beautiful.

You're beautiful. You're beautiful

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## **“Praise You Anywhere”**

Sometimes you’ve gotta dance through the darkness  
Sing through the fire Praise when it don’t make sense

Sometimes you’ve gotta stare down the giant  
Worship from the lion’s den

Sometimes you’ve gotta shout it from the mountain  
Louder in the valley Trusting that He’s gonna get you there

Sometimes you’ve gotta welcome the wonder  
Wait for the answer

Worship with your hands in the air I’ll praise You anywhere

Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest  
Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest  
He is worthy Yes He is worthy of all of the praise

Sometimes you’ve gotta praise in the prison  
Cry out to heaven Shout it ‘til the doors swing wide  
Sometimes you’ve gotta stand on your shackles  
Brave in the battle Worship with your hands held high  
I’ll praise You anywhere

Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest  
Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest  
He is worthy Yes He is worthy of all of the praise

Faithful all my life Blessings day and night  
Countless reasons why I’ll praise You anywhere  
Every promise kept Goodness every step  
Each and every breath I’ll praise You anywhere  
Faithful all my life Blessings day and night  
Countless reasons why I’ll praise You anywhere  
Every promise kept Goodness every step  
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He is worthy Yes He is worthy of all of the praise  
... I'll praise You anywhere

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

### Opening Song

### “Build My Life”

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing  
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name  
Jesus the only one who could ever save  
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe  
We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You  
There is none beside You  
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are  
And fill me with Your heart  
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation  
I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Song of Praise**

### **“Stand in Your Love”**

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,  
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.  
When brokenness and pain is all I know,  
I won't be shaken. I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.  
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.  
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide; I am not a captive to the lies.  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.  
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.  
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

There's power that can break off every chain.  
There's power that can empty out a grave.  
There's resurrection power that can save.  
There's power in Your name, power in Your name.

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## First Reading

Ephesians 6:11-20

<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

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

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

## Gospel Reading

Mark 7:14-23

<sup>14</sup> And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." <sup>17</sup> And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness,

deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Message 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  
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## Message

## “Complete Protection Policy”

## Offering

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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.**

## 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

## “Thrive”

Oh, Oh ...

Here in this worn and weary land Where many a dream has died.  
Like a tree planted by the water, We never will run dry.  
So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You.  
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire:



Just to know You, and to make You known.  
We lift Your name on high.  
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.  
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.  
It's time for us to more than just survive:  
We were made to thrive!

Oh Oh ...

Into Your Word we're digging deep To know our Father's heart.  
Into the world we're reaching out, To show them who You are.  
So, living water flowing through, God, we thirst for more of You.  
Fill our hearts, and flood our souls with one desire:

Just to know You, and to make You known.  
We lift Your name on high.  
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.  
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.  
It's time for us to more than just survive:  
We were made to thrive!

Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable, love unstoppable,  
anything is possible.  
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anything is possible.

Just to know You, and to make You known.  
We lift Your name on high.  
Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide.  
We know we were made for so much more than ordinary lives.  
It's time for us to more than just survive: We were made to thrive!

Oh Oh ...

We were made to thrive



# JESUS IS THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD

## USE

### THE HELMET OF SALVATION

The Hope and The Victory of the resurrected body for Eternal Life through The Blood of Jesus.

## USE

### THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Blood of Jesus gives us right-standing with God. A gift of being righteous before Him. His character within is a powerful defense.

## USE

### THE BELT OF TRUTH

Jesus said, "I am The Way, The Truth and The Life. No one comes to The Father except through Me". Jesus' integrity overcame all deception against Truth, and not by force.

## USE THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Jesus is The Provider, Author and Perfector of a Believer's faith. We are saved by faith in Him. Trust and belief in Him shields and protects.

The Believer's Faith is believing and knowing who Christ Jesus is! This quenches fiery darts of doubt that can be used during trials and persecution or a pretense of arguments against the reality of Who Jesus is.

## USE

### FEET SHOD WITH READINESS AND PEACE

Being sure-footed for going forward and supported with the message and Scriptures of the Good News of Christ. Peace with God and the Knowledge of God's Word. Inner peace while having to stand firm.

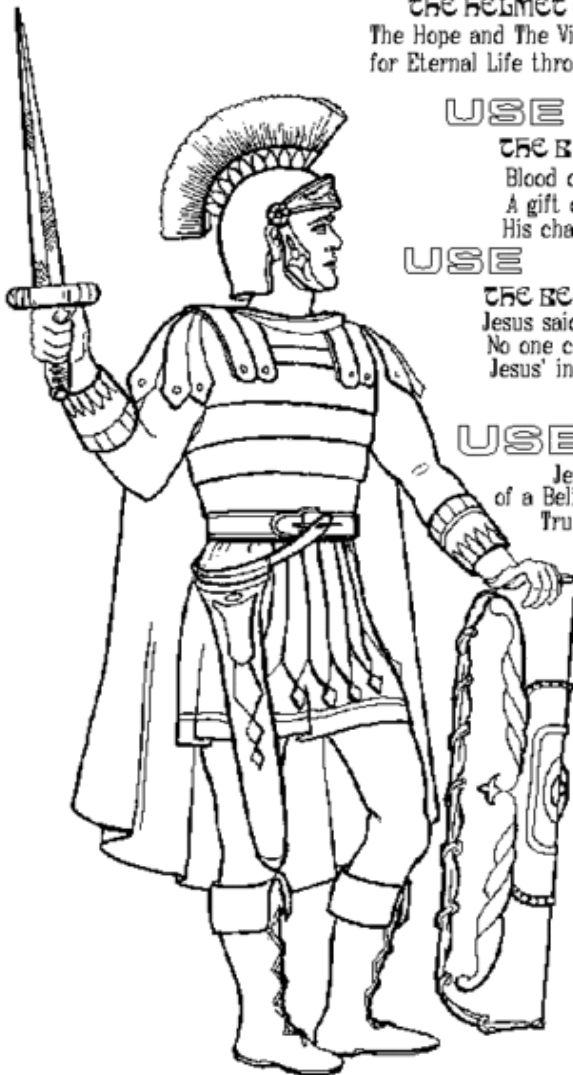
## USE

### THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Is The Word of God revealed to Believers by The Holy Spirit. It is depending upon God's Word and upon God in daily living and in prayer.

## PRAYER

IN JESUS' NAME, WITH UNDERSTANDING AND WITH GOD'S WILL, PRAYING SINCERELY AND EARNESTLY FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST.



## PUT ON

### CLOAK OF PROTECTIVE RIGHTEOUSNESS

#### - ATONEMENT

Protected and covered by The Blood of Christ, made acceptable to God because of The New Covenant relationship. Adopted heirs in His Kingdom.

