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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'*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Gratitude"

All my words fall short I got nothing new
How could I express All my gratitude
I could sing these songs As I often do
But every song must end And You never do

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah hallelujah

I've got one response I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing Hallelujah hallelujah

Come on my soul oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song 'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Jesus Loves Me”

I was lost I was in chains, the world had a hold of me.
My heart was a stone, I was covered in shame when He came for me.
I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence.
I couldn't run, couldn't run from His arms.

Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me!
Jesus, how can it be? He loves me, He is for me.

It was a fire deep in my soul. I'll never be the same.
I stepped out of the dark and into the light when He called my name.
I couldn't run, couldn't run from His presence.
I couldn't run, couldn't run from His arms.

Jesus, He loves me, He loves me, He is for me!
Jesus, how can it be? He loves me, He is for me.

He holds the stars, and He holds my heart with healing hands that bear the scars.
The rugged cross where He died for me, my only hope my ev'rything!

Jesus, He loves me. He loves me, oh! Jesus, how can it be?
He loves me, He is for me! He loves me, He loves me.
He loves me, He is for me. My God it's amazing, oh.
Jesus loves me.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Mighty To Save”

Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save

Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King
Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King

Saviour He can move the mountains
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First Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal

through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 15:11-32

¹¹ And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"New Creation"

I thought I knew what I was talking about
When I testified of your great love
Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt
Bible believing saved and washed in the blood
But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
And now I know what you were talking about
Went from my head into my heart
When I was broken at the bottom I found
You're my healer and redeemer
Jesus that's who you are
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
Oh oh. Oh oh.
But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation

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Message

“Disestablishmentarian”

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

“I Thank God”

Wandering into the night Wanting a place to hide
This weary soul This bag of bones
I try with all of my might But I just can't win the fight
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond
And just when I ran out of road

I met a man I didn't know
And He told me that I was not alone
You picked me up You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master I thank the Savior
Because You healed my heart You changed my name
Forever free I'm not the same
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God
I cannot deny what I've seen Got no choice but to believe
My doubts are burnin' Like ashes in the wind
So so long to my old friends Burden and bitterness
You can just keep them moving *Nah you ain't welcome here (Spoken)*

From now till I walk streets of gold
I'll sing of how You saved my soul
This wayward son has found his way back home

You picked me up You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master I thank the Savior
Because You healed my heart You changed my name
Forever free I'm not the same
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God

Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free
Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free
Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free
Hell lost another one I am free I am free

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And placed my feet on solid ground
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