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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'*

Fifth Sunday in Lent

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Love Of God"

It's so good I almost can't believe it
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners
What leads a King to pay so great a cost
All my life my heart will sing the answer Only the love of God

Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God

It's so kind it leads us to repentance
It's so bright the darkness has to flee
Hallelujah it cleared my guilty sentence
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed

For what could break the chains of any prison
What force could rob the power from the grave
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches Only the love of God

Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise How great is the love of God

Though I try my mind can't comprehend it
It's so high too marvelous for words
I could sing a million songs about it
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth

This all my life the banner I'll be waving
My anthem cry no matter what may come
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
I'll still be singing this song
For everything that You've done How great the love of God
Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise How great is the love of God
I'm singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God
How great is the love of God
Thank You Jesus

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
'till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.
To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.
And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Who You Say I Am”

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in.

Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.

While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.

In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.

I'm a child of God, yes I am.

(Instrumental Interlude)

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.

Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

First Reading

Philippians 3:7-14

⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 20:9-18

⁹ And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰ When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹ And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹² And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³ Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶ He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷ But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the

cornerstone'? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"What He's Done"

See on the hill of Calvary My Savior bled for me
My Jesus set me free
Look at the wounds that give me life Grace flowing from His side
No greater sacrifice

What He's done What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

Sing for the freedom He has won Even death is dead and done
His life has overcome
Speak say the Name above all names Over every broken place
He is risen from the grave

Now on a throne of majesty The Father's will complete
He reigns in victory
Sing hallelujah to the King He is worthy to receive
All the worship we can bring

What He's done What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

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Message

“Forgetfulness”

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

ℒ 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

“Graves into Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again
Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can
Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You
You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can
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