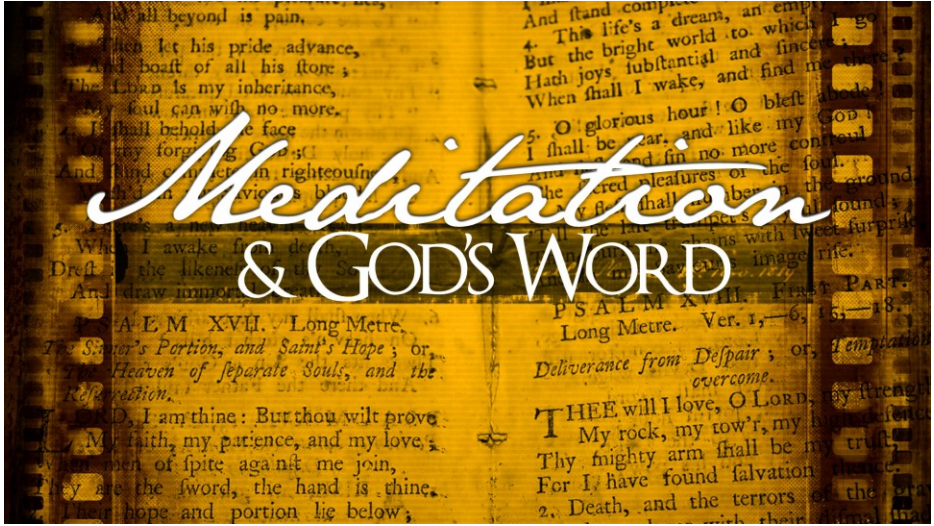




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Welcome

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,

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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 of Easter

Prelude

"Good, Good Father"

Oh, I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,
but I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
And You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Oh, and I've seen many searching for answers far and wide.
But, I know we're all searching for answers only You provide,
'cause You know just what we need before we say a word.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

Because You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

Oh, it's love so undeniable I, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable I, I can hardly think
as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still into love, love, love.

You're a good, good Father. It's who You are,
it's who You are, it's who You are, and I'm loved by You.
It's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"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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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Your Name is Power"

You're the only answer to the darkness You're the only right among the wrong
You're the only hope among the chaos You are the voice that calls me on

Louder than ev'ry lie My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power Your name is power

I know it is written hope is certain I know that the Word will never fail
I know that in ev'ry situation You speak the power to prevail

Louder than ev'ry lie My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power Your name is power

When You speak You scatter darkness Light arrives and heaven opens
Holy Spirit let us hear it
When You speak the church awakens We believe the change is coming
Holy Spirit let us see it

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First Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

¹ And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 7:24-29

²⁴ "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶ And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." ²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, ²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Christ is my firm foundation The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now ...
He won't He won't
I've still got joy in chaos I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season So why would He fail now ...
He won't He won't He won't fail He won't fail
He won't He won't He won't fail He won't fail
Christ is my firm foundation The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now ...

He won't He won't He won't fail He won't fail
Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through
Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through
Yeah I'm going to make it through 'Cause I'm standing strong on You
Yeah I'm going to make it through 'Cause my house is built on You
Christ is my firm foundation The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now ... He won't

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Message

“Searching the Depths”

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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

"I Speak Jesus"

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression
I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name
Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

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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 T give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

Sending Song

"Soul On Fire"

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, restore the joy I had. I have wandered, bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through until all I see is You.

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways. I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, let me burn for You again. Let me return to You again.
And Lord, let me burn for You again! And let me return to You again!

God, I'm running for Your heart, I'm running for Your heart
'Til I am a soul on fire.

Lord, I'm longing for Your ways; I'm waiting for the day
When I am a soul on fire. God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart 'Til I am a soul on fire,
'Til I am a soul on fire, 'Til I am a soul on fire.

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