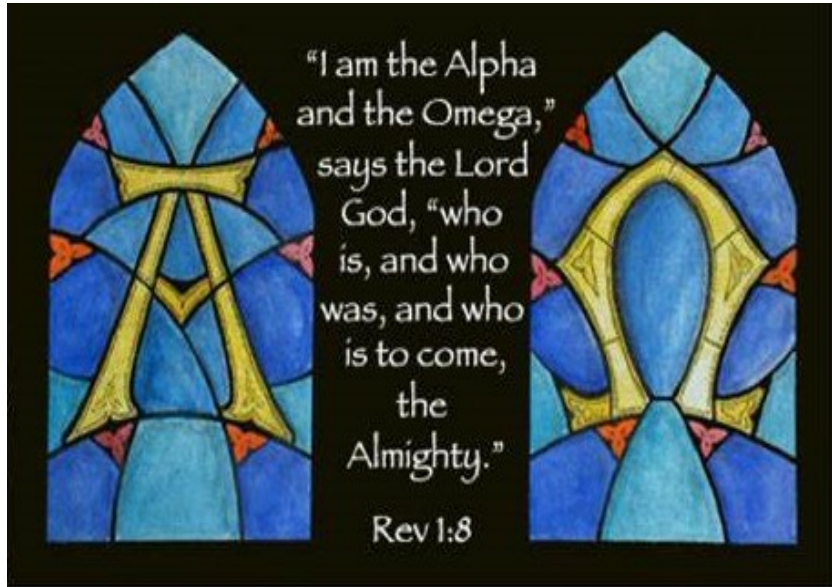




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Welcome

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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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 of Easter

Preludes

"The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"

Father let your kingdom come Father let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

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On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Give us this day our daily bread Forgive us forgive us

As we forgive the ones who sinned Against us forgive them

And lead us not into temptation But deliver us from the evil one

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Let your kingdom come

It's yours it's yours All yours all yours

The kingdom the power The glory are yours

It's yours it's yours All yours all yours

Forever and ever The kingdom is yours

Father let your kingdom come Father let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

Father let your kingdom come Father let your will be done

On Earth as in Heaven Right here in my heart

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"Open Up the Heavens"

Oo oo oo oo oo

We've waited for this day We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You

Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise
Oo oo oo oo oo

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes
You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

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Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord
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Oo oo oo oo oo

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

One Minute of Contemplation

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Song

“Here I Am to Worship”

Light of the World, You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth you created,
All for love’s sake became poor.

Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You’re my God.
You’re altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
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Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
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Opening Sentences

P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

C **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

P The LORD has made known His salvation;

C **He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;

C **break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

Confession and Absolution

P We have come together to praise and thank God for His overwhelming grace and mercy. Singing and rejoicing are natural for us, but we cannot come to God with our sins and failures. Let us therefore confess our sins and ask for mercy for the sake of Christ.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P God has called you to life, He has given His Son to pay for your sins, and He has given you and all believers in Christ the faith to trust all His promises. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Kyrie

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Lord, have mercy on us.**

P Christ, have mercy on us.

C **Christ, have mercy on us.**

P Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Lord, have mercy on us.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your love for us is boundless!

C: **As we have received such love, grant us grace to speak about it in all those circumstances You arrange for us, that many may come to love You as well;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Song of Praise

“Alive & Breathing”

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?
What matters come to mind? The cares you keep,
The thoughts you think; it's not all wasted time.
Seek and you will find.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!
Don't stop dancing and dreaming.
There's still good news worth repeating.
So lift your head and keep singing, “Praise the Lord!”
The years roll by. We wonder why we lost our way from home.

Our Father finds the child inside we left for growing old.
Awake, awake, awake my soul.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!
Don't stop dancing and dreaming.
There's still good news worth repeating.
So lift your head and keep singing, "Praise the Lord!"

Let ev'rything, let ev'rything let ev'rything praise the Lord.
In the working, in the waiting, let it praise the Lord.
In the blessing, in the breaking, come on, praise the Lord.
In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord.
Let ev'rything let ev'rything Let it praise the Lord
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First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

¹ Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³ "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them." ⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹ But the voice answered a second time

from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.' ¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.' ¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" ¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." ⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷ The

one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 16:12-22

¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Evidence"

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me.
The winter storms made way for spring. In every season, from where I'm standing

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave.
You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You, oh, Jesus, oh.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life, yeah.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.

Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

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Message

"A Match Made in Heaven"

Apostles' Creed

☐ I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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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 blessing of God—the Father, who sent His Son into this troubled world; the Son, who kept all the Father’s word in our stead; and the Holy Spirit, who has gifted us with words and music, sharing and responding to God’s love—bless you now and always.

☞ Amen.

Sending Song

“Glorious Day (Passion)”

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.
It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.
The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.
I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.
When I was broken, You were my healing;
now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.
I have a future. My eyes are open,
'Cause when You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!
You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

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