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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'***

7:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all generations,
wherever they may be'*

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"Praise"

(SHOUT) *Let everything ... that has breath ... Praise the Lord ... Praise the
Lord*

I'll praise in the valley Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water My enemies drown in

As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise when I feel it And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout That brings Jericho down

As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet My God is alive How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

"House Of The Lord"

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away
There's joy in the house of the Lord

There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"God So Loved"

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.
For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.
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The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
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First Reading

Acts 9:10-19

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how

much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 21:15-19

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Made For More"

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are
The cross of salvation was only the start
Now I am chosen free and forgiven
I have a future and it's worth the living

'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame

When a fountain of grace is running my way I know I am Yours
And I was made for more

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So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way I know I am Yours
And I was made for more

Hallelujah You called out my name So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah You buried my past I'm not going back
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Message

“Door Number 2”

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.**

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

Instrumental

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 T give you peace.
📖 Amen.

Sending Song

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh oh oh
All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure.
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight.
High above my life. I will trust in You alone.
Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
Light into the world, Light into my life
I will live for You alone. You're the One I seek,
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone. In You alone.
Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul.
In You there's joy unending joy; And I will follow.
Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow.
Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;

When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.

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