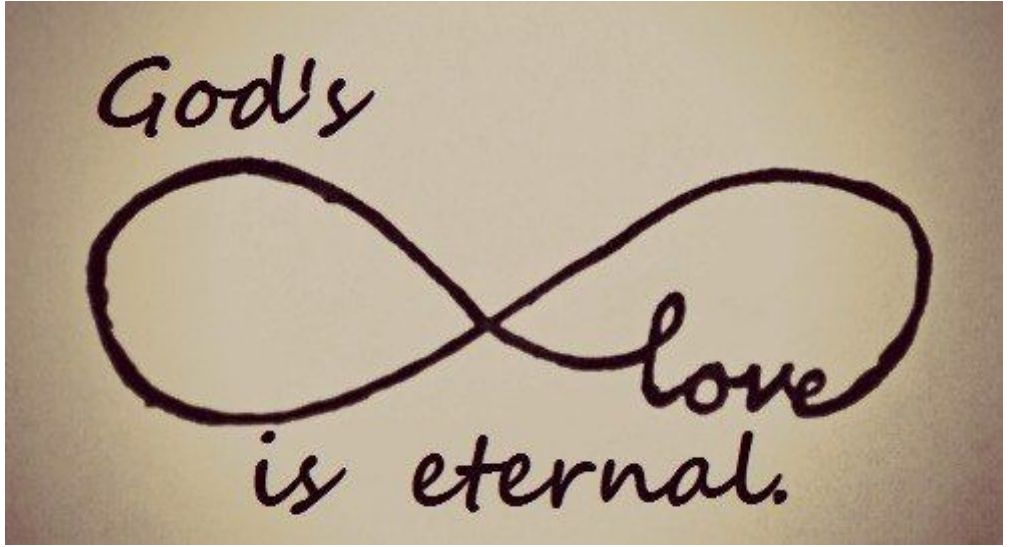




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Welcome

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'*

Third Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"My Jesus"

Are you past the point of weary Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling 'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen

Who can wipe away the tears From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good Let me tell you about my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
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And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen amen

Who would take my cross to Calvary Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh

He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
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And let my Jesus change your life

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Amen amen

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Let my Jesus change your life

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“Always”

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save oh

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
You were You are You always will be God
You were You are You always will be God
Yes You always will be God
Your mercy is mighty age after age
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“This is Our God”

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now
This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus
Remember that fear that took our breath away

Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Him

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

I wanna be close close to Your side
So Heaven is real and death is a lie
I wanna hear voices of angels above
Singing as one

“Great I Am”

Hallelujah holy holy God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee God Almighty great I Am

I wanna be near near to Your heart
Loving the world hating the dark
I wanna see dry bones living again
Singing as one

Hallelujah holy holy God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee God Almighty great I Am

The mountains shake before You The demons run and flee
At the mention of Your name King of majesty
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am
The great I Am The great I Am The great I Am
The great I Am The great I Am

Hallelujah holy holy God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee God Almighty great I Am

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First Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4 & 22-31

¹ Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: ⁴ "To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man.

²² "The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman, and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the children of man.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

John 8:48-59

⁴⁸ The Jews answered him, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹ Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. ⁵⁰ Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. ⁵¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death." ⁵² The Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.' ⁵³ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?" ⁵⁴ Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' ⁵⁵ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. ⁵⁶ Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad." ⁵⁷ So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" ⁵⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." ⁵⁹ So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Only A Holy God"

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God Only my Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

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Message

"Can You Tell Me the Time?"

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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
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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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Because You healed my heart You changed my name
Forever free I'm not the same
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