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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'*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Lead On Good Shepherd"

Well I've been turned 'round But I've never been lost
Seen the water get troubled But we walked across
When my knees were shaking You held my hand
Turning my problems To a promised land

Lead on Good Shepherd I'll follow all my days
There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way
You've walked me through the valley But You never steered me wrong
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on

Seen some mighty deep canyons That You brought me through
Seen some mighty big mountains That just up and moved
Glory glory hallelujah Yeah that's my song
Walking with my Father Into the great unknown

Lead on Good Shepherd I'll follow all my days
There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way
You've walked me through the valley But You never steered me wrong
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on

Step by step day by day Lead me on Lord I pray
Road gets dark walk by faith Lead on Good Shepherd
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"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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First Reading

Galatians 3:23-4:7

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

¹ I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:13-19

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"No Longer Slaves"

You unravel me with a melody.

You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies

'til all my fears are gone.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God

From my mother's womb You have chosen me;
Love has called my name. I've been born again to Your family;
Your blood flows through my veins.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.
I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
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My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
I am a child of God. Yes, I am a child of God.

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Message

"Deoxyribonucleic Acid"

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

- 📖 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

“My Lighthouse”

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise
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