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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'

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Come Jesus Come"

Sometimes I fall to my knees and pray
Come Jesus come let today be the day
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break
But I'm holding on to a hope that won't fade
Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong We need You right now
Come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home
Come Jesus come Come Jesus come
There'll be no war and there'll be no chains
When Jesus comes let today be the day
He'll come for the weak And the strong just the same
And all will believe in the power of His name
Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt
And right every wrong We need You right now
Come and turn this around
Deep down I know this world isn't home
Come Jesus come Come Jesus come
One day He'll come and we'll stand face to face
Come and lay it all down 'cause it might be today
The time is right now there's no need to wait
Your past will be washed by rivers of grace
Come Jesus come We've been waiting so long
For the day You return to heal every hurt

And right every wrong We need You right now
Come and turn this around
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Goodness Of God”

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now; I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I will sing of the goodness of God.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“What An Awesome God”

God is great give Him all the praise Hallelujah Name above all Names

Fire in His eyes healing in His veins Everywhere His glory on display

Take a look at those stars He can name them all

Before His throne every knee falls

The demons have to run the angels have to praise

Even the wind and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

And even when I ran He didn't run away He came and put death back in its place

Friday on a cross broken for my shame Sunday morning rose up from that grave

Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet

He saved our souls for eternity

Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King

Oh let all the saints and the angels sing

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above

With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

Eyes on the sky there will be a day He will come and wipe our tears away

No more fear no more pain No more sorrow sin or shame

The King is coming back again

A reign of love that will never end

For everything You've done and everything You do

And everything You are I'll sing to You

My God You're an awesome God You're great in all You do

I'm made to worship You My God You're an awesome God

God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above

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Our God is an awesome God Our God what an awesome God

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First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:12-14 & 2:18-26

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind.

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do

this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hallelujah You buried my past I'm not going back
I wasn't made to be tending a grave
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Message

“Overly Confident”

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

"Jesus Saves"

Hope is here Shout the news to ev'ryone
It's a new day peace has come Jesus saves
Mercy triumphs at the cross
Love has come to rescue us Jesus saves

Hope is here What a joyful noise we'll make
As we join in heaven's song
To let all the world known That Jesus saves
Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves

Free at last Every debt has been repaid
Broken hearts can be remade Jesus saves
Sing above the storms of life
Sing it through the darkest night Jesus saves

Free at last What a joyful noise we'll make
As we join in heaven's song
To let all the world know That Jesus saves
Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves

You save You heal restore reveal Your Father's heart to us
You rose to raise us from the grave Your Spirit lives in us
Sing it out To let all the world know That Jesus saves
Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves
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