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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'***

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Honey in The Rock"

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got There's honey in the rock

Praying for a miracle Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy Sweetness at the mercy seat
Now I've tasted it's not hard to see Only You can satisfy
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Freedom where the Spirit is Bounty in the wilderness
You will always satisfy

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did's enough

I keep looking I keep finding You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep praying You keep moving I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I have all that I need You are all that I need Yeah

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone

Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got
There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Jesus who You are is enough There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Stand in Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.

When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken. I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide; I am not a captive to the lies.

I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

There's power that can break off every chain.

There's power that can empty out a grave.

There's resurrection power that can save.

There's power in Your name, power in Your name.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Same God"

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath But I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness

You heard Your children then You hear Your children now
You are the same God You are the same God

You answered prayers back then And You will answer now
You are the same God You are the same God

You were providing then You are providing now
You are the same God You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were a healer then You are a healer now
You are the same God You are the same God

You were a Savior then You are a Savior now
You are the same God You are the same God

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness
You freed the captives then You're freeing hearts right now
You are the same God You are the same God
You touched the lepers then I feel Your touch right now
You are the same God You are the same God
I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again
Come and fill me again Come and fill me again

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First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:22-34

²² And he said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the

lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"The Plans"

When I am anxious When I am afraid
I take it to God I call on His Name
If the mover of mountains Is listening to me
Why should I worry Why should I fear anything

For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good
To give me a hope and a future

When I am waiting For His promise to come
Sometimes He's silent But I'm never alone
He walks in the valley And He quiets the storm
He stands in the fire So why should I fear anymore

For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good
To give me a hope and a future
For I know the plans He has for me

Yes I know He's working everything For my good
To give me a hope and a future

All my life All I've seen
Your endless love Surrounding me
With every breath I will be found by You

If I set sail Or spread my wings
And find myself On the farthest sea
You're waiting there I will be found by You
I will be found by You

For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good
To give me a hope and a future
For I know the plans He has for me
Yes I know He's working everything For my good
To give me a hope and a future

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Message

“Underly 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.**

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

- L** 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.

G Amen.

Sending Song

"Trust In You"

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.
Every moment of my wandering, never changes what You see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess, my hands are weary, I need Your rest.
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings.
There's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.
So in all things be my life and breath,
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing else.

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand,
You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.
Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.
There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood.

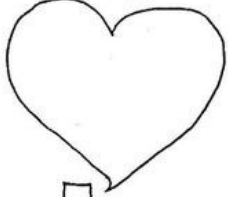
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Trust in the
LORD with
all your 
heart and
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understanding

Proverbs 3:5