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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'*

Tenth 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

“Build Your Kingdom Here”

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit come invade us now!
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives. For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back.
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"As For Me"

Your love oh Lord is strength to my soul
Hope for tomorrow it won't let go
Your presence is the joy of my life To You I lift my eyes
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord Serve the Lord
Your word alone a lamp to my feet
A light to my path as You're leading me
Your ways oh Lord are higher than mine To You I lift my eyes
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord
We will sing of Your love forevermore
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord Serve the Lord
Open up every door Write it on every wall
Sing it in every room
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Sing it in every room

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First Reading

1 Kings 19:19-21

¹⁹ So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰ And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Yet another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus

said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Less Like Me"

Oh I have days I lose the fight,
Try my best, but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Yeah, there's no denying I have changed,
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best I must confess,
I still need help to see the way You see.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be Your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be.

I want to put You first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees,
Lord help me be.

A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.

A little more I'm living, everything I preach,
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Message

"To a Mouse"

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

"Sing Wherever I Go"

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul

Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go
All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

God is for me He's not against me
I will hold to the plans He has for me
When I'm broken He will fix me
I will call on the name of the Lord

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

He's my heartsong In my sorrow
He's my hope and my strength for tomorrow
When the storms rise All around me
I will call on the name of the Lord

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

I got joy joy joy Deep in my soul
I will sing sing sing Wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

All my life All I know God's been good Good to my soul
Mountain high Valley low I'm gonna sing wherever I go

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