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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'

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"I Speak Jesus"

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“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

Chorus 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
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 Come Jesus come
Come Jesus come

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Mighty To Save”

Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Chorus Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King
Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King

Saviour He can move the mountains My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

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First Reading

Hebrews 12:4-24

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." ⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. ¹⁸ For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰ For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 13:22-30

²² He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying

toward Jerusalem. ²³ And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴ "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵ When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶ Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷ But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸ In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹ And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰ And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Confident"

You're always moving in the unseen
The breath You exhale sustaining me
Before I call You know my need
You're always going before me

Chorus I'm confident Your faithfulness will see me through My soul can rest
My righteousness is found in You With every moment left
In every borrowed breath Let this be true
That all my heart For all my life belongs to You

Your laughter scatters my enemies
You give me joy for my mourning
You lift my head so I can see
All of Heaven surrounding me

I won't win this battle With the strength of my own hands

You're the Mountain Mover and only You can
I won't build my life on sinking sand
You're my hope forever The Rock where I stand

The Rock where I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Message

"Choices"

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

"There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do"

Just one word You calm the storm that surrounds me
Just one word The darkness has to retreat
Just one touch I feel the presence of heaven
Just one touch My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

Chorus There's nothing that our God can't do

There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

Just one word You heal what's broken inside me
Just one word And you revive ev'ry dream
Just one touch I feel the power of heaven
Just one touch My eyes were opened to see
My heart can't help but believe

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a mountain that He can't move
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall He can't break through
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do

I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like the power of Jesus

I will believe for greater things
There's no power like the power of Jesus
Let faith arise let all agree
There's no power like His power

Oh sing oh oh oh
There's nothing there's nothing
There's nothing there's nothing
Oh oh oh (There's nothing that our God can't do)

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