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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'*

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Praise"

(SHOUT) *Let everything ... that has breath ... Praise the Lord ... Praise the
Lord*

I'll praise in the valley Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water My enemies drown in

As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise when I feel it And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout That brings Jericho down

As long as I'm breathing I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord oh my soul Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet My God is alive How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful Praise 'cause You're true
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“God So Loved”

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

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Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

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For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

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Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Great Are You Lord"

You give life. You are love. You bring light to the darkness.

You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.

And great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

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It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.

Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, "Great are You, Lord!"
And all the earth will shout Your praise.
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First Reading

Galatians 5:13-25

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1-6 & 12-14

¹ One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it

lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴ But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶ And they could not reply to these things.

¹² He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"New Creation"

I thought I knew what I was talking about
When I testified of your great love
Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt
Bible believing saved and washed in the blood
But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
And now I know what you were talking about
Went from my head into my heart
When I was broken at the bottom I found
You're my healer and redeemer
Jesus that's who you are
You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony

And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
Oh oh. Oh oh.

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes
That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

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You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
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Message Offering

"It's not You, It's Me"

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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 ✠ give you peace.

[C] Amen.

Sending Song

"I Thank God"

Wandering into the night Wanting a place to hide

This weary soul This bag of bones

I try with all of my might But I just can't win the fight

I'm slowly drifting a vagabond

And just when I ran out of road

I met a man I didn't know
And He told me that I was not alone
You picked me up You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master I thank the Savior
Because You healed my heart You changed my name
Forever free I'm not the same
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God
I cannot deny what I've seen Got no choice but to believe
My doubts are burnin' Like ashes in the wind
So so long to my old friends Burden and bitterness
You can just keep them moving *Nah you ain't welcome here (Spoken)*
From now till I walk streets of gold
I'll sing of how You saved my soul
This wayward son has found his way back home
You picked me up You turned me around
And placed my feet on solid ground
I thank the Master I thank the Savior
Because You healed my heart You changed my name
Forever free I'm not the same
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God
Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free
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