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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'*

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"House Of The Lord"

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Only A Holy God”

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendour outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only

Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God Only my Holy God
Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
Come and worship the Holy 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
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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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First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and

your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days,

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Graves Into Gardens"

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You

Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again
Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You
You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can
Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You
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Message

"Lots of 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

“I Will Follow”

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow. Oh oh oh

All Your ways are good. All Your ways are sure.
I will trust in You alone. Higher than my sight.
High above my life. I will trust in You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, Light into my life
I will live for You alone. You're the One I seek,
Knowing I will find All I need in You alone. In You alone.

Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow You, Yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

In You there's life everlasting. In You there's freedom for my soul.
In You there's joy unending joy; And I will follow.
Where You go I'll go. Where You stay I'll stay.
When You move I'll move. I will follow You
Whom You love I'll love. How You serve I'll serve.
If this life I lose, I will follow.
Where You go, I'll go; Where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.
I will follow You, yeah.

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