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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional 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'***

9:00 - Traditional

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Three (pp 184ff)

Preludes

“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

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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

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Our God is an awesome God Our God what an awesome God

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“Called Me Higher”

I could just sit I could just sit
And wait for all Your goodness Hope to feel Your presence
And I could just stay I could just stay
Right where I am and hope to feel You Hope to feel something again
I could hold on I could hold on To who I am
And never let You Change me from the inside
I could be safe oh I could be safe
Here in Your arms and never leave home Never let these walls down
But You have called me higher You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
You have called me higher You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Where You lead me Where You lead me Lord
I could hold on I could hold on To who I am
and never let You Change me from the inside
I could be safe oh I could be safe
Here in Your arms and never leave home Never let these walls down
But You have called me higher You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
You have called me higher You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord where You lead me
I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life
I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life

I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life
So let Your mercy I will be Yours Lord
And I will be Yours for all my life So let Your mercy
Light the path before me. 'Cause You have called me higher,
You have called me deeper, and I'll go where You will lead me, Lord.
'Cause You have called me higher, You have called me deeper,
And I'll go where you will lead me, Lord.

'Cause You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
'Cause You have called me higher, You have called me deeper
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord
Where You lead me. Where You lead me Lord
Where you lead me Where You lead me Lord

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Sharing of the Peace and Welcome

Opening Song

"Holy Forever"

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name

Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
You will always be Holy Holy forever

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Invocation

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L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

L Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

L I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

L Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

L Let your steadfast love comfort me

C according to your promise to your servant.

L Your hands have made and fashioned me;

C give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

L Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,

C because I have hoped in your word.

L I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous,

C and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

L Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;

C for your law is my delight.

Glory be to the Father *(Sung)*

LSB 186

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy *(Sung)*

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Song of Praise *(Sung)*

LSB 187

L Glory be to God on High,

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O

Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

G **And with thy spirit.**

L Let us pray together...

G **O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Amos 6:1-7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! ² Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory, ³ O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? ⁴ "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, ⁶ who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the

world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹ But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. ¹¹ But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴ to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (*Sung*)

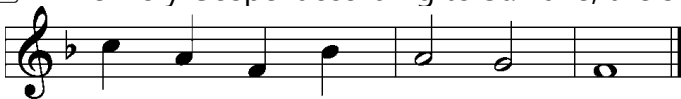
LSB 190

G Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:19-31

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named

Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.' ²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Message Song

"10,000 Reasons" (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;

still my soul will sing Your praise unending ...

Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

Message

"The Object of Our Love"

Offering

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Offering Song - Sung

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

- C** 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

LSB 202

- 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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Song

"Jesus Saves"

Hope is here Shout the news to ev'ryone
It's a new day peace has come Jesus saves
Mercy triumphs at the cross
Love has come to rescue us Jesus saves
Hope is here What a joyful noise we'll make
As we join in heaven's song
To let all the world known That Jesus saves

Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves
Free at last Every debt has been repaid
Broken hearts can be remade Jesus saves
Sing above the storms of life
Sing it through the darkest night Jesus saves
Free at last What a joyful noise we'll make
As we join in heaven's song
To let all the world know That Jesus saves
Raise a shout to let all the world know That Jesus saves
You save You heal restore reveal Your Father's heart to us
You rose to raise us from the grave Your Spirit lives in us
Sing it out To let all the world know That Jesus saves
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