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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
Joyfully 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'*

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"Great Things"

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet

He has done great things

See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes

He has done great things He has done great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave

You free every captive and break every chain

O God You have done great things

We dance in Your freedom awake and alive

O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high

O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore

You have done great things

And I know You will do it again For Your promise is yes and amen

You will do great things God You do great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave

You free every captive and break every chain

O God You have done great things

We dance in Your freedom awake and alive

O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high

O God You have done great things

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable

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Hallelujah You have done great things

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Run to The Father”

I've carried a burden for too long on my own.
I wasn't created to bear it alone.
I hear Your invitation to let it all go.
I see it now. I'm laying it down. And I know that I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption: the price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love.
I don't understand, I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms is running to life from death.

I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out.
Just as I am, You pull me in, and I know I need You now

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh Again and again.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Trust in You”

Letting go of every single dream, I lay each one down at Your feet.
Every moment of my wandering, never changes what You see.

I've tried to win this war, I confess, my hands are weary, I need Your rest.
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight, no matter what I face, You're by my side.

When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.

Truth is You know what tomorrow brings.
There's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.
So in all things be my life and breath,
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing else.

When You don't move the mountains I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

You are my strength and comfort, You are my steady hand,
You are my firm foundation, the Rock on which I stand.
Your ways are always higher, Your plans are always good.

There's not a place where I'll go You've not already stood.
When You don't move the mountains, I'm needing You to move,
when You don't part the waters I wish I could walk through,
when You don't give the answers as I cry out to You
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.
I will trust in You. I will trust in You.

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First Reading

Habakkuk 1:2-4 & 2:2-4

² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³ Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

² And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴ "Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:1-10\

¹ And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ² It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸ Will he

not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"The Answer"

So many questions, the world is reaching.
So many hurting, so many lost.
With all this striving, who can we lean on?
Creation's crying out from the dark.

I know the answer to every question, the one solution to every fear.
I know my help and where it comes from. Jesus, He is the answer.

He sees our sadness, He feels our sorrow.
And in our weakness, He is strong.
He holds the weight of all of our failings.
Great is our sin, but greater the cross.

I know the answer to every question, the one solution to every fear.
I know my help and where it comes from. Jesus, He is the answer.

For every heart that's breaking, for every soul that's shaking,
For every sickness there's healing in Your hands.
Let every heart awaken, to see it's You who saves us.
You are my hope, and the rock on which I stand.

You are the answer to every question, the one solution to every fear.

You are my help and where it comes from.

Jesus, You are the answer. Jesus You are the answer.

You are the answer. You are the answer. You are the answer.

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Message

“Wait for It”

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

“My Lighthouse”

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise
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