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Walk BY Faith

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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.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service.

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'***

5:00 - Contemporary

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all generations,
wherever they may be'*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Always"

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save oh

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
You were You are You always will be God

You were You are You always will be God
Yes You always will be God

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Way Maker”

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.
Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.

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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.

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.
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.
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing, "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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First Reading

Ruth 1:1-19

¹ In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw

that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.

¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance

¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he

saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they

went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed,

turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus'

feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were

not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give

praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your

way; your faith has made you well."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Evidence"

All throughout my history, Your faithfulness has walked beside me.

The winter storms made way for spring. In every season, from where I'm standing

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life

I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Help me remember when I'm weak, fear may come but fear will leave.

You lead my heart to victory. You are my strength and You always will be.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life

I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.

All my sin rolled away because of You oh Jesus.

See the cross the empty grave; the evidence is endless.
All my sin rolled away because of You, oh, Jesus, oh.

I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life, yeah.
I see the evidence of Your goodness all over my life, all over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment all over my life, all over my life.

Why should I fear? The evidence is here.
Why should I fear? Oh, the evidence is here.

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Message

"It's in the Going"

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.

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 week 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 present and received in, with, and under 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. Children and those who do not subscribe to these statements are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing and should indicate this by keeping their hand folded.*

Distribution Song

"I Surrender"

Here I am Down on my knees again
 Surrendering all Surrendering all
 Find me here Lord as You draw me near
 Desperate for You Desperate for You
 I surrender

Drench my soul As mercy and grace unfold
 I hunger and thirst I hunger and thirst

With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry
 Speak to me now Speak to me now

I surrender I surrender I want to know You more I want to know You more
 I surrender I surrender I want to know You more I want to know You more

Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within Lord have Your way Lord have Your
 way in me

Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way
 in me

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way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul Lord have Your way Lord have Your way
in me

Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more

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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 T give you peace.
C Amen.

Sending Song

“Alive & Breathing”

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?
What matters come to mind? The cares you keep,
The thoughts you think; it's not all wasted time.
Seek and you will find.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!
Don't stop dancing and dreaming.
There's still good news worth repeating.
So lift your head and keep singing, “Praise the Lord!”

The years roll by. We wonder why we lost our way from home.
Our Father finds the child inside we left for growing old.
Awake, awake, awake my soul.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!

Don't stop dancing and dreaming.
There's still good news worth repeating.
So lift your head and keep singing, "Praise the Lord!"
Let ev'rything, let ev'rything let ev'rything praise the Lord.
In the working, in the waiting, let it praise the Lord.
In the blessing, in the breaking, come on, praise the Lord.
In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord.
Let ev'rything let ev'rything Let it praise the Lord
Let ev'rything let ev'rything let ev'rything praise the Lord
Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.
If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!
Don't stop dancing and dreaming.
There's still good news worth repeating.
So lift your head and keep singing, "Praise the Lord!"

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God is faithful

