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## REPENTANCE



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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'*

## **Preludes**

## **"Prepare The Way"**

Prepare the way of the Lord Prepare the way of the Lord  
Prepare the way of the Lord Come and worship Him  
Let His Kingdom in

Make straight in the desert A highway for God  
Each mountain made low Each valley raised up  
The Lord God Almighty Will never be stopped  
His glory will be revealed

Jesus Christ is the Lord Jesus Christ is the Lord  
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Let His Kingdom in

Make straight in the desert A highway for God  
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His glory will be revealed

Come see the Lamb of God lifted high  
Make room in your heart the King is alive  
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Jonny Bird, Nick Herbert

## **“Mary, Did You Know”**

Mary did you know That your baby boy Would one day walk on water

Mary did you know That your baby boy

Would save our sons and daughters

Did you know That your baby boy

Has come to make you new

This Child that you delivered

Will soon deliver you

Mary did you know That your baby boy Would give sight to the blind man

Mary did you know That your baby boy

Would calm a storm with His hand

Did you know That your baby boy

Has walked where angels trod

And when you kiss your little baby

You've kissed the face of God

Oh Mary did you know

The blind will see The deaf will hear

The dead will live again The lame will leap

The dumb will speak The praises of the Lamb

Mary did you know That your baby boy Is Lord of all creation Mary did you know

That your baby boy Will one day rule the nations

Did you know That your baby boy

Is heaven's perfect Lamb

And the sleeping Child you're holding

Is the great I Am

**Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**  
**One Minute of Silence to Prepare Our Hearts**

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Opening Song

## "Even So Come"

All of creation, all of the earth  
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord;  
Jesus is coming soon.

Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,  
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame.  
Jesus is coming soon.,

Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
We'll be a Church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

There will be justice, all will be new.  
Your name forever, faithful and true.  
Jesus is coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
We'll be a Church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

So we wait, we wait for You.  
God, we wait; You're coming soon.  
So we wait, we wait for You.  
God, we wait, You're coming soon.

Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
We'll be a Church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.  
Like a bride waiting for her groom,  
We'll be a Church ready for You.  
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing.

Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.  
Even so come, Lord Jesus come. Even so come, Lord Jesus come.

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## Confession and Absolution

- P** May God judge His people with righteousness and justice
- C** **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen**

## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray together...
- C** **O merciful Lord, grant to us the wisdom of Your Spirit and the blessing of faithful voices, that they may call us to prepare for the coming One and so that all who have heard Your Word and have been baptized into Christ may be preserved from evil, be counted worthy in Christ to be delivered into Your eternal kingdom, and be kept to the day of His coming at the end of all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and to the end of the ages. Amen.**

## Song of Praise

## "Light of The World (Sing Hallelujah)"

Light of the World Treasure of Heaven  
Brilliant like the stars in the wintery sky  
Joy of the Father reach through the darkness  
Shine across the earth send the shadows to flight

Light of the World from the beginning  
The tragedies of time were no match for Your love  
From great heights of glory You saw my story  
God You entered in and became one of us

Sing hallelujah Sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done  
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Light of the world crown in a manger  
Born for the cross to suffer to save  
High King of Heaven death is the poorer  
We are the richer by the price that He paid

Sing hallelujah Sing hallelujah  
Sing hallelujah for the things He has done  
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

Light of the World soon will be coming  
With fire in His eyes He will ransom His own  
Through clouds He will lead us straight into glory  
And there He shall reign forevermore

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Sing hallelujah for the things He has done  
Come and adore Him Bow down before Him  
Sing hallelujah to the Light of the World

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## First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

<sup>1</sup> There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. <sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, <sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. <sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.<sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

<sup>4</sup> For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. <sup>5</sup> May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." <sup>10</sup> And again it says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." <sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**[A]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C] Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

**[L]** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter

**[C] Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup> Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, <sup>6</sup> and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. <sup>9</sup> And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>10</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**[L]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C] Praise to You, O Christ**



## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "What Child is This?"

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet

While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies he in such mean estate

Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here

The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce him through,

The cross be borne for me, for you.

Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;

come peasant king, to own him.

The King of kings salvation brings;

Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Raise, raise the song of high, The virgin sings her lullaby;

**Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary! Message "No Excuses"**

### Apostles' Creed

**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.**

### Prayer of the Church

**L** ...Lord in Your mercy

**G** hear our prayer

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## 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

**L** Let us bless the Lord

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

**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.

**G** Amen

## Sending Song

## “Glory (Let There Be Peace)”

One star burns in the darkness, shines with the promise, Emmanuel.

One child born in the stillness, living within us, Emmanuel.

We're singing: Glory, Glory.

Let there be peace. Let there be peace.

Singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let it start in me.

One voice speaks for the voiceless, hope for the hopeless, Emmanuel.

One love brings us together, now and forever, Emmanuel.

We're singing: Glory, Glory.

Let there be peace. Let there be peace.

Singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let it start in me.

Do not be afraid. His love is strong enough to save us.  
Nothing stands in the way. His love is strong enough to lead us.

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Nothing stands in the way. His love is strong enough to lead us.

Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let there be peace.  
Singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let it start with me.  
Singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let there be peace.  
Singing: Glory, Glory. Let there be peace. Let it start in me.  
Let there be peace. Let it start in me.

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