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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'*

## **The Baptism of Our Lord**

## **A Time of Preparation**

### **Preludes**

### **"Build Your Kingdom Here"**

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.

Holy Spirit come invade us now!

We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;

Refuse to waste our lives. For You're our joy and prize.

To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.

Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back.

Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.

Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear.

Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.

Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back.

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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **"Open Up The Heavens"**

Oo oo oo oo oo

We've waited for this day We're gathered in Your Name  
Calling out to You

Your glory like a fire awakening desire  
Will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise  
Oo oo oo oo oo

Your presence in this place Your glory on our face  
We're looking to the sky  
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now  
Lord unveil our eyes

You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise

Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise

Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power  
Show us show us Your glory Lord  
Oo oo oo oo oo

Open up the heavens we want to see You  
Open up the floodgates a mighty river  
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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

Romans 6:1-11

<sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

**G Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

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

**G Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "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

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

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## Message

**"Light is Glorious"**

## 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 Know A Name"**

I know a Name That can silence roaring waves

I know a Name That can empty out a grave

I know a Name It's the only Name that saves

And it's worthy of all praise

I call You Jesus I call You I call You Healer

Risen and reigning in power Something comes out of the grave

Every time I call You Jesus I call You I call You Savior

Worthy of glory forever Something comes out of the grave

Every time I call Your Name

I have a King With dominion over death

He holds the keys In his holy nail-scarred hands

He is the heel That has crushed the serpent's head

Our resurrected Great I Am

I call You Jesus I call You I call You Healer

Risen and reigning in power Something comes out of the grave

Every time I call You Jesus I call You I call You Savior

Worthy of glory forever Something comes out of the grave

Every time I call Your Name Chains break dry bones wake

Every time I call Your Name The gates of hell shake

Every time I call Your Name Every time I call Your Name

Where oh death is now your sting

And where oh grave your victory

Where oh death is now your sting

And where oh grave your victory

Dead things come alive Dead things come alive

Dead things come alive In the name of Jesus



Dead things come alive Dead things come alive  
 Dead things come alive In the name of Jesus

I call You Jesus I call You I call You Healer  
 Risen and reigning in power Something comes out of the grave  
 Every time I call You Jesus I call You I call You Savior  
 Worthy of glory forever

Something comes out of the grave Every time I call Your Name  
 Chains break dry bones wake Every time I call Your Name  
 The gates of hell shake Every time I call Your Name  
 Dead things come alive Dead things come alive  
 Dead things come alive In the name of Jesus

I call You Jesus I call You I call You Healer  
 Risen and reigning in power Something comes out of the grave  
 Every time I call You Jesus I call You I call You Savior  
 Worthy of glory forever Something comes out of the grave  
 Every time I call Your Name

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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.
- G Amen.**

## Sending Song

## “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  
Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above  
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  
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  
Our God is an awesome God Our God what an awesome God

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