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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'*

5:00 - Contemporary

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"Back to Life"

No longer I who live but Christ in me
For I've been born again my heart is free
The hope of heaven before me the grave behind
Hallelujah You brought me back to life

I won't forget the moment I heard You call my name
Out of the grip of darkness into the light of grace
Just like Lazarus oh You brought me back to life

Where there was dead religion Now there is living faith
All of my hope and freedom I found in Jesus' name
Just like Lazarus oh You brought me back to life

No longer I who live but Christ in me
For I've been born again my heart is free
The hope of heaven before me the grave behind
Hallelujah You brought me back to life

When something says I am guilty I'll point to the price You paid
When something says I'm not worthy I'll point to that empty grave
Just like Lazarus oh You brought me back to life

No longer I who live but Christ in me
For I've been born again my heart is free
The hope of heaven before me the grave behind
Hallelujah You brought me back to life

How can I begin to thank You For all that You've done for me
Jesus to fully praise You it will take all eternity
Just like Lazarus oh You brought me back to life
Oh You brought me back to life You brought me back to life

I'm no longer I who live but Christ in me
For I've been born again my heart is free
The hope of heaven before me the grave behind
Hallelujah You brought me back to life

The enemy thought he had me But Jesus said you are mine

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Stand in Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken. I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide; I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

There's power that can break off every chain.
There's power that can empty out a grave.
There's resurrection power that can save.

There's power in Your name, power in Your name.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”

It all comes down to this What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven
It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown
faith just like a seed The only way it grows

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

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First Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and

folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶ For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹ so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

¹ Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Your Name is Power"

You're the only answer to the darkness You're the only right among the wrong
You're the only hope among the chaos You are the voice that calls me on

Louder than ev'ry lie My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power Your name is power

I know it is written hope is certain I know that the Word will never fail
I know that in ev'ry situation You speak the power to prevail

Louder than ev'ry lie My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power Your name is power

When You speak You scatter darkness Light arrives and heaven opens
Holy Spirit let us hear it
When You speak the church awakens We believe the change is coming
Holy Spirit let us see it

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Message

“Light Brings Comfort and Hope”

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
You will carry me safe to shore
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