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Contemporary
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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'

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

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Preludes

"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
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Risen and reigning in power Something comes out of the grave
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 Every time I call Your Name

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

- P** In the name of God, the Father ...
- C** **Who created us and gave us light to reflect.**
- P** In the name of God, the Son ...
- C** **Who is revealed as the Light in human flesh.**
- P** In the name of God, the Holy Spirit ...
- C:** **Who has given to us the Light in our Baptism and sustains the Light in our lives through His gifts of grace. Amen!**

Opening Song

"Build My Life"

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing

Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name

Jesus the only one who could ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe

We live for You We live for You

Holy there is no one like You

There is none beside You

Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart

And lead me in Your love to those around me

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name

Jesus the only one who could ever save

Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe

We live for You We live for You

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Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are

And fill me with Your heart

And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love It is a firm foundation

I will put my trust in You alone And I will not be shaken

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Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You

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OPENING SENTENCES

P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**

P Say to God, "How awesome are Your deeds!"

C **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name."**

P Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard.

C **You have multiplied, O LORD my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!**

P Full of splendor and majesty is His work,

C **and His righteousness endures forever.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Jesus says, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" In truth, Lord, we do not shine as the light of the world most of the time. We are wrapped up in ourselves and what **WE** would like to do with the time we've been given, hiding the precious light of Your grace You so freely offer. As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

Humble yourselves, then, before God; confess your sins to Him and implore His forgiveness.

C **O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your Law. Too often I have sought the easy road of ignoring the needs of others, concealing the light of Your love and grace,**

considering only myself and my wants. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P As you believe, so let it be. 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.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together ...

C Almighty God, You called us out of darkness into light so that we will show forth Your praise in all the world. Direct the discipline of our devotion to Jesus, our King, as we live out our lives day by day to reflect Your glory and light through the working of the Holy Spirit in us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

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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

Isaiah 58:3-9a

³Why have we fasted, and you see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it? Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers.⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high.⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? ⁶"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, 'Here I am.'

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"— ¹⁰these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹²Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of

these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"New Creation"

I thought I knew what I was talking about

When I testified of your great love

Well I was a soul on fire there was no doubt

Bible believing saved and washed in the blood

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes

That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy

You turned my old song into a symphony

And with your spirit living inside of me

I'm a new creation I'm a new creation

And now I know what you were talking about

Went from my head into my heart

When I was broken at the bottom I found

You're my healer and redeemer

Jesus that's who you are

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy

You turned my old song into a symphony

And with your spirit living inside of me

I'm a new creation I'm a new creation

Oh oh. Oh oh.

But it wasn't 'til I stumbled and made my mistakes

That I could know in my soul how amazing was grace

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation

You brought me blessings out of a tragedy
You turned my old song into a symphony
And with your spirit living inside of me
I'm a new creation I'm a new creation
Oh oh. Oh oh

And with your spirit living inside of me

I'm a new creation I'm a new creation

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Message

“Light Reflects”

Confession of Faith *The Second Article of The Apostles' Creed*

P In this season of Epiphany, Jesus is made known to the nations as the light of the world. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding our Savior, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, and respond to that confession of faith with the words relating to it from Luther's Small Catechism.

C **I believe 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.**

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins,

from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came in the flesh and for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Rejoicing in our Baptism, which creates faith in our hearts and daily renews us, we fulfill the noble work of praising You and magnifying Your holy name. With joy, we join in the unending adoration of the angels and archangels and all the company of heaven.

Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.

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 Speak Jesus"

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom

I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing

Your Name is life

Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows

Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus

Over fear and all anxiety

To ev'ry soul held captive by depression

I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing

Your Name is life

Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows

Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets

Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy

Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name

Jesus

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets

Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy

Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name

Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing

Your Name is life

Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows

Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus

Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind

'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence

I speak Jesus

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank You for having fed us with Your life-giving food. Strengthen us through the same; help us to rejoice in Your mercies that we may grow daily and reach out with Your love in every situation. Finally, in Your mercy, grant us a portion with the saints in light eternal. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

C Amen.

Blessing

P 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.

C Amen.

Sending Song

“Praise You Anywhere”

Sometimes you've gotta dance through the darkness
Sing through the fire Praise when it don't make sense
Sometimes you've gotta stare down the giant
Worship from the lion's den
Sometimes you've gotta shout it from the mountain
Louder in the valley Trusting that He's gonna get you there
Sometimes you've gotta welcome the wonder
Wait for the answer
Worship with your hands in the air I'll praise You anywhere
Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest
Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest
He is worthy Yes He is worthy of all of the praise
Sometimes you've gotta praise in the prison
Cry out to heaven Shout it 'til the doors swing wide
Sometimes you've gotta stand on your shackles
Brave in the battle Worship with your hands held high

I'll praise You anywhere

Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest
Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest
He is worthy Yes He is worthy of all of the praise

Faithful all my life Blessings day and night
Countless reasons why I'll praise You anywhere
Every promise kept Goodness every step
Each and every breath I'll praise You anywhere
Faithful all my life Blessings day and night
Countless reasons why I'll praise You anywhere
Every promise kept Goodness every step
Each and every breath I'll praise You anywhere

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