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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'*

## Fourth Sunday in Lent Prelude

## A Time of Preparation "Hymn of Heaven"

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets  
To look upon the one who bled to save me  
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation  
The songs of faith We sang through doubt and fear  
In the end we'll see that it was worth it  
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice a thousand generations  
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Forever He shall reign

There will be a day When all will bow before Him  
There will be a day When death will be no more  
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again  
Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven  
With angels and the Saints We raise a mighty roar  
Glory to our God Who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

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

## Opening Song

## “Battle Belongs”

When all I see is the battle You see my victory  
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved  
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me  
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me Who can be against me  
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You  
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty  
When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb

So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high  
O God the battle belongs to You  
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night  
O God the battle belongs to You

Almighty Fortress You go before us  
Nothing can stand against The power of our God  
You shine in the shadows You win every battle  
Nothing can stand against The power of our God

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## Confession and Forgiveness

## Song of Praise

## “Mighty To Save”

Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing For the glory of the risen King

Saviour He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save  
Forever Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

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## First Reading

Isaiah 42:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Hear, you deaf, and look, you blind, that you may see!<sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, or deaf as my messenger whom I send? Who is blind as my dedicated one, or blind as the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup> He sees many things, but does not observe them; his ears are open, but he does not hear.

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

John 9:1-39

<sup>1</sup> As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup> And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup> We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. <sup>5</sup> As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." <sup>6</sup> Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud <sup>7</sup> and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing. <sup>8</sup> The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" <sup>9</sup> Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." <sup>10</sup> So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" <sup>11</sup> He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." <sup>12</sup> They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." <sup>13</sup> They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. <sup>14</sup> Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. <sup>15</sup> So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." <sup>16</sup> Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. <sup>17</sup> So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." <sup>18</sup> The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight <sup>19</sup> and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" <sup>20</sup> His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. <sup>21</sup> But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." <sup>22</sup> (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue. <sup>23</sup> Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him.") <sup>24</sup> So for the second time they

called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." <sup>25</sup> He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." <sup>26</sup> They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" <sup>27</sup> He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" <sup>28</sup> And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. <sup>29</sup> We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." <sup>30</sup> The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. <sup>31</sup> We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. <sup>32</sup> Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. <sup>33</sup> If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." <sup>34</sup> They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" <sup>37</sup> Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." <sup>38</sup> He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind."

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "This is Amazing Grace"

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

This is amazing grace This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

Oh this is amazing grace This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life That I would be set free  
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All that You've done for me

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## Message

**"I Can't Watch"**

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## Prayer of the Church

## 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.

## 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 ☩ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Sending Song

## “Abide with Me”

I have a home, eternal home. But for now I walk this broken world.  
You walked it first, You know our pain.  
But You show hope can rise again up from the grave.  
Abide with me. Abide with me. Don't let me fall and don't let go.  
Walk with me and never leave. Ever close, God abide with me.  
There in the night, Gethsemane, before the cross, before the nails,  
overwhelmed, alone You prayed.  
You met us in our suffering and bore our shame  
Abide with me. Abide with me. Don't let me fall and don't let go.  
Walk with me and never leave. Ever close, God abide with me.  
Love that will not ever let me go.  
Love that will not ever let me go. You never let me go.  
Love that will not ever let me go.  
And up ahead, eternity. We'll weep no more,  
we'll sing for joy. Abide with me

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