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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'*

Theme of the Day: On Palm Sunday Christ was greeted with palm branches – the ancient symbol for victory. Job 41 is also all about victory. God’s victory over that same evil foe who still means deadly woe!

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

“At The Cross (Love Ran Red)”

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies,
There's a place Where streams of grace flow deep and wide;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.

I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.

Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.

I owe all to You, I owe all to You Jesus.

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless.
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness;
Where all the love I've ever found comes like a flood comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.

I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.

Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.

I owe all to You, I owe all to You.

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground;

Here I bow down, here I bow down.

Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life;

Here I bow down, here I bow.

At the cross, at the cross, I surrender my life.

I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.

Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white.

I owe all to You, I owe all to You.

I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.

“Mighty Name Of Jesus”

I pray into the atmosphere Spirit of God You're here
You have all authority

I pray over my heart and mind I am healed by Your stripes
Your blood declares that I am free

In the mighty name of Jesus I pray
Calling on the power of heaven I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me must break
In the mighty name of Jesus

I draw a permanent boundary line The enemy has no rights
To come near my family
No scheme could ever undo God's plans No matter the circumstance
The cross has sealed my destiny

In the mighty name of Jesus I pray
Calling on the power of heaven I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me must break
In the mighty name of Jesus

In the mighty name of Jesus I know
All the power of fear and darkness must go
'Cause every key to every victory I hold
In the mighty name of Jesus

I will not fear I will not fear When the enemy comes near
On the doorframe of my life Is the blood of Jesus Christ
I will not fear I will not fear There's an army of angels here
I'm protected on all sides By the blood of Jesus Christ

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It's in the mighty name of Jesus It's in the mighty name of Jesus

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Holy Forever”

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy

You will always be Holy Holy forever
Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
You will always be Holy Holy forever

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Hosanna (Praise is Rising)”

Praise is rising Eyes are turning to You We turn to You
Hope is stirring Hearts are yearning for You We long for You
'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day
In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.
Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus
Hear the sound of Hearts returning to You We turn to You
In Your Kingdom Broken lives are made new You make us new
'Cause when we see You We find strength to face the day
In Your presence All our fears are washed away, washed away.
Hosanna hosanna You are the God who saves us Worthy of all our praises
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First Reading

Job 41:18-34

¹⁸ His sneezings flash forth light, and his eyes are like the eyelids of the dawn.

¹⁹ Out of his mouth go flaming torches; sparks of fire leap forth. ²⁰ Out of his nostrils comes forth smoke, as from a boiling pot and burning rushes. ²¹ His breath kindles coals, and a flame comes forth from his mouth. ²² In his neck abides strength, and terror dances before him. ²³ The folds of his flesh stick together, firmly cast on him and immovable. ²⁴ His heart is hard as a stone, hard as the lower millstone. ²⁵ When he raises himself up, the mighty are afraid; at the crashing they are beside themselves. ²⁶ Though the sword reaches him, it does not avail, nor the spear, the dart, or the javelin. ²⁷ He counts iron as straw, and bronze as rotten wood. ²⁸ The arrow cannot make him flee; for him, sling stones are turned to stubble. ²⁹ Clubs are counted as stubble; he laughs at the rattle of javelins.] ³⁰ His underparts are like sharp potsherds; he spreads himself like a threshing sledge on the mire. ³¹ He makes the deep boil like a pot; he makes the sea like a pot of ointment. ³² Behind him he leaves a shining wake; one would think the deep to be white-haired. ³³ On earth there is not his like, a creature without fear. ³⁴ He sees everything that is high; he is king over all the sons of pride."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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Gospel Reading

John 12:12-19

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, ¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" ¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"This is Our God"

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame

They were like prisons that we couldn't escape

But He came and He died and He rose

Those walls are rubble now

Remember those giants we called death and grave

They were like mountains that stood in our way

But He came and He died and He rose

Those giants are dead now

This is our God this is who He is He loves us

This is our God this is what He does He saves us

He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim

This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away

Faith so weak that we could barely pray

But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus

Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus

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Message

"On Earth is not His Equal!"

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

- 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.
- ☞ **Amen.**

Sending Song

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God” *LSB 656*

A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need That hath us now o'ertaken.

The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

With might of ours can naught be done, Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One, Whom God Himself elected.

Ask ye, Who is this? Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord, And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpower us.

This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

The Word they still shall let remain Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain With His good gifts and Spirit.

And take they our life, Goods, fame, child, and wife,

Though these all be gone, Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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