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The
LORD
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

April 18, 2026

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'***

5:00 - Contemporary

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

Third Sunday of Easter

Preludes

"Can't Steal My Joy"

In the valley of the shadow
I got a feeling it's a season that'll make me grow
I'm still breathing I got praise in my lungs
And a choir in my soul

Can't steal my joy Can't steal my joy
What the world couldn't give no it can't take away
Sorrow may come but it can't steal my joy
Can't steal my joy

In the high highs in the low lows
You fill my cup You fill it up until it overflows
I remember I'll keep holding on to hope
'Cause You're the king of rolling stones

Can't steal my joy Can't steal my joy
What the world couldn't give no it can't take away
Sorrow may come but it can't steal my joy

Can't steal my joy
(Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh)
Can't steal my joy
(Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh) (Wa oh oh oh)

Can't steal my joy joy joy
Down in my heart down in my soul deep in my bones
I got the joy joy joy
I can't contain nothing can quiet my praise

I got the joy joy joy
Down in my heart down in my soul deep in my bones

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“Made For More”

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are
The cross of salvation was only the start
Now I am chosen free and forgiven
I have a future and it's worth the living
'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way I know I am Yours
And I was made for more
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When a fountain of grace is running my way I know I am Yours
And I was made for more

Hallelujah You called out my name So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah You buried my past I'm not going back
Hallelujah You called out my name So I'll sing out Your praise
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Trust in God”

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire Time after time
Born of His Spirit Washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary Is more than enough

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

Perfect submission All is at rest I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps So this is my story And this is my song

I'm praising my risen King and Savior All the day long

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him That's why I trust Him
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him That's why I trust In God

My Savior The One who will never fail He will never fail
I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Goodness, Love and Mercy

Oh Lord, You're my Shepherd ,You make me lie in fields of green.
You lead me by the still waters; You restore righteousness to me.
Though I walk through the valley, I will fear no evil thing
For You are with me, and You comfort me

Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go.
Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go.
Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go.

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

I'm gonna dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go.

Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go.
Surely goodness, love and mercy Will follow wherever I go.

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First Reading

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 10:1-10

¹ "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ This figure of speech Jesus used with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. ⁷ So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. ⁹ I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Less Like Me"

Oh I have days I lose the fight,
Try my best, but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Yeah, there's no denying I have changed,
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best I must confess,
I still need help to see the way You see.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be Your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be.
I want to put You first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees,
Lord help me be.

A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
A little more I'm living, everything I preach,
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Message

“I’d Like to Change My Attributes”

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

“Lead On Good Shepherd”

Well I’ve been turned 'round But I’ve never been lost
Seen the water get troubled But we walked across
When my knees were shaking You held my hand
Turning my problems To a promised land
Lead on Good Shepherd I’ll follow all my days

There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way
You've walked me through the valley But You never steered me wrong
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on

Seen some mighty deep canyons That You brought me through
Seen some mighty big mountains That just up and moved
Glory glory hallelujah Yeah that's my song
Walking with my Father Into the great unknown
Lead on Good Shepherd I'll follow all my days

There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way
You've walked me through the valley But You never steered me wrong
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on

Step by step day by day Lead me on Lord I pray
Road gets dark walk by faith Lead on Good Shepherd
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