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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'*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"My Jesus"

Are you past the point of weary Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling 'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Amen amen

Who can wipe away the tears From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good Let me tell you about my Jesus

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And let my Jesus change your life

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah

Amen amen amen

Who would take my cross to Calvary Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“God So Loved”

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated.
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

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Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"I Believe"

I believe there is one salvation One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

No I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life
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First Reading

Acts 7:51-60

⁵¹ "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. ⁵² Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, ⁵³ you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it." ⁵⁴ Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. ⁵⁵ But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ And he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." ⁵⁷ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. ⁵⁸ Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

John 14:1-11

¹ "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Great I Am"

I wanna be close close to Your side So Heaven is real and death is a lie

I wanna hear voices of angels above Singing as one

Hallelujah holy holy God Almighty great I Am

Who is worthy none beside Thee God Almighty great I Am

I wanna be near near to Your heart Loving the world hating the dark

I wanna see dry bones living again Singing as one

Hallelujah holy holy God Almighty great I Am

Who is worthy none beside Thee God Almighty great I Am

The mountains shake before You The demons run and flee

At the mention of Your name King of majesty
There is no pow'r in hell or any who can stand
Before the power and the Presence of the great I Am
The great I Am The great I Am The great I Am
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Hallelujah holy holy God Almighty great I Am
Who is worthy none beside Thee God Almighty great I Am

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Message

"I'd Like to Change My Attitude"

Offering

Would you like to give online? Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our donation site.



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

"We Praise You"

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety
Let it rise let praise arise

We sing Your name in the dark And it changes ev'rything
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory

Let it rise let praise arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You Oh we praise You oh

Let faith be the song That overcomes the raging sea
Let faith be the song That calms the storm inside of me
Let it rise let faith arise

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You

The God of breakthrough's on our side Forever lift Him high
With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh we praise You

This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like We praise You We praise You
This is what living looks like This is what freedom feels like
This is what Heaven sounds like We praise You We praise You

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall We'll watch the giants fall
For fear cannot survive when we praise You The God of breakthrough's on our
side

Forever lift You high
With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh we praise You Oh we praise You oh give Him all your praise

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