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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'*

5:00 - Contemporary

Seventh Sunday of Easter

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

“House Of The Lord”

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Open Up The Heavens”

Oo oo oo oo oo
We've waited for this day We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth
You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise
Oo oo oo oo oo
Your presence in this place Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes
You're the reason we're here You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise
Open up the heavens we want to see You
Open up the floodgates a mighty river
Flowing from Your heart Filling every part of our praise
Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord
Show us show us Your glory Show us show us Your power
Show us show us Your glory Lord

Oo oo oo oo oo

Open up the heavens we want to see You
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Oo oo oo oo

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Echo Holy”

Gathered at the highest throne Welcomed by a melody
An anthem I have always known A song that’s always been in me

All glory and honor Dominion and power To You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can’t help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Memorized by every heart Written in eternity
Every lifted voice a part Joining in the symphony

All glory and honor Dominion and power To You
All wisdom and wonder Belong to no other But You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can’t help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Standing at the end of time There before the throne of grace
Majesty before my eyes I'll let it take my breath away

A million angels fall Face down on the floor

All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can't help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into

heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“Glorious Day”

One day when Heaven was filled with His praises

One day when sin was as black as could be

Jesus came forth to be born of a Virgin

Dwelt among men, my example is He.

The Word became flesh and the light shined among us

His glory revealed

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.

Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;

oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain.

One day they nailed Him to die on a tree.

Suffering anguish, despised and rejected,

Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He.

The hands that healed nations, stretched out on a tree

And took the nails for me.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.

Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;

oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day.

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer.

One day the stone rolled away from the door.

Then He arose; over death He had conquered.

Now He's ascended, my Lord evermore.

Death could not hold Him,

The grave could not keep Him from rising again.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.

Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;

oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day. Glorious day.
One day the trumpet will sound for His coming.
One day the skies with His glories will shine.
Wonderful day, my beloved one bringing.
My Savior Jesus is mine.

Living He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried He carried my sins far away.
Rising He justified freely forever. One day He's coming;
oh, glorious day, oh, glorious day. Glorious day, oh, glorious day.

Message

"I'd Like to Change My Aspect"

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

℟ 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

"What An Awesome God"

God is great give Him all the praise Hallelujah Name above all Names
Fire in His eyes healing in His veins Everywhere His glory on display
Take a look at those stars He can name them all
Before His throne every knee falls
The demons have to run the angels have to praise
Even the wind and waves obey

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

And even when I ran He didn't run away He came and put death back in its place
Friday on a cross broken for my shame Sunday morning rose up from that grave

Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet

He saved our souls for eternity

Worthy is the Lamb glory to the King

Oh let all the saints and the angels sing

Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God

Eyes on the sky there will be a day He will come and wipe our tears away

No more fear no more pain No more sorrow sin or shame

The King is coming back again

A reign of love that will never end

For everything You've done and everything You do

And everything You are I'll sing to You

My God You're an awesome God You're great in all You do
I'm made to worship You My God You're an awesome God

God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom power and love Our God is an awesome God
Our God is an awesome God Our God what an awesome God

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