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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'*

**First Sunday after Pentecost
Preludes**

**A Time of Preparation
"Jesus Does"**

Who tells the sun to rise every morning
Colors the sky with the shades of His glory
Wakes us with mercy and love Jesus does
Who holds the orphan comforts the widow
Cries for injustice feels every sorrow
Carries the pain of His children Jesus does
So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
'Cause that's what Jesus does
Who understands the heart of the sinner
Showers His grace over all our mistakes
Washes us clean with His blood Jesus does
Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave
Who has the power to save Jesus does
So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
'Cause that's what Jesus does
Oh what a Friend Oh what a Savior
He's always been good He's always been faithful
He came to my rescue When I needed Him most
And saved my soul

So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
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So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
That's what Jesus does

“Great Things”

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes
He has done great things He has done great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things

And I know You will do it again For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things God You do great things

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You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Invocation

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L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Opening Song

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along
O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit three in One
O praise Him O praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia O alleluia alleluia
O alleluia alleluia O alleluia alleluia alleluia

Opening Sentences

- L** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
- C** **You have set Your glory above the heavens.**
- L** And God said, "Let there be light,"
- C** **and there was light.**
- L** And God saw everything that He had made,
- C** **and behold, it was very good.**

Confession and Forgiveness

- L** Let us come before God with our sins to acknowledge them before Him and in the presence of one another.
- C** **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to be the people You have created us to be. We daily miss the mark of being very good, and we fail to be Your representatives in the care of Your good creation. With the early disciples, although we do believe, sometimes we doubt. Only by Your grace are we able to come before You and find peace and joy. Remind us of Your great love and mercy for us.**
- L** Jesus has joyful work for us to do. He has commanded us to go, teach, and baptize. And, despite our sins, He also promised, "Behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). God's majesty is not only in creating the world in which we live but in loving us despite our daily failures. He sent His Son to forgive our every sin. As David wrote, "I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken" (Acts 2:25).

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☐ **Amen.**

Song of Praise

“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
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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy worthy worthy

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Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me
All that You've done for me

Kyrie

- L** Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Father, have mercy on us.**
- L** Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Christ, have mercy on us.**
- L** Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** **Holy Spirit, grant us Your peace. Amen**

Salutation

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- L** Let us pray. Almighty God, because of the sin within us and around us and realizing that You are aware of all things,
- C** **by Your love in sending Your Son and giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us, we rejoice that You go with us to defend us against all adversity;**
- L** to You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, and praise, now and forever.
- C** **Amen**

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

¹ In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the

Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.⁴ And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness.⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.⁶ And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters."⁷ And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so.⁸ And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so.¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.¹¹ And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so.¹² The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.¹⁴ And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years,¹⁵ and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so.¹⁶ And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars.¹⁷ And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth,¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens."²¹ So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.²² And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth

living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. ²⁵ And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ² And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created...

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the

definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; ²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. ²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' ²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, ³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.' ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

ℒ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.

'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.

For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;

'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;

'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Message

“Never Alone”

Athanasian Creed

ℒ Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

☞ **Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.**

- Ⓘ And the catholic faith is this,
- Ⓒ **that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.**
- Ⓘ For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- Ⓒ **But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**
- Ⓘ Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- Ⓒ **the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;**
- Ⓘ the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- Ⓒ **the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.**
- Ⓘ And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- Ⓒ **just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.**
- Ⓘ in the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- Ⓒ **and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.**
- Ⓘ So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- Ⓒ **and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.**
- Ⓘ So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- Ⓒ **and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.**
- Ⓘ Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- Ⓒ **The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.**
- Ⓘ The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- Ⓒ **The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.**
- Ⓘ Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- Ⓒ **And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;**
- Ⓘ but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in

Trinity is to be worshiped.

C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

L But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.

L He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:

C perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;

L equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.

C Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:

L one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;

C one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.

L For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,

C who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,

L ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

C At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.

L And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.

C This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Prayer of the Church

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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.

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ Amen.

Blessing

☞ Our Father in heaven, who made you and all that exists, bless you; Jesus Christ, His Son and our Savior, bless you; and the Holy Spirit, who has worked faith in your hearts, bless you, now and forever.

☞ Amen.

Sending Song

“Your Name is Power”

You're the only answer to the darkness You're the only right among the wrong
You're the only hope among the chaos You are the voice that calls me on

Louder than ev'ry lie My sword in ev'ry fight
The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness Freedom for the captives
Mercy for the broken and the hopeless

Your name is faithful in the battle Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power Your name is power

I know it is written hope is certain I know that the Word will never fail
I know that in ev'ry situation You speak the power to prevail

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The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness Freedom for the captives

Mercy for the broken and the hopeless
Your name is faithful in the battle Glory in the struggle
Mighty it won't let us down or fail us
Your name is power Your name is power

When You speak You scatter darkness Light arrives and heaven opens
Holy Spirit let us hear it

When You speak the church awakens We believe the change is coming
Holy Spirit let us see it

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