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Walk  
BY  
Faith

My future  
IS IN  
GOD'S HANDS

Faith  
IS THE  
LAST THING  
to be lost

FAITH  
IS THE  
Way

7:00 - Contemporary

**June 6, 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'***

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

## Second Sunday after Pentecost

## A Time of Preparation

### Prelude

### "Called Me Higher"

I could just sit I could just sit  
And wait for all Your goodness Hope to feel Your presence  
And I could just stay I could just stay  
Right where I am and hope to feel You Hope to feel something again

I could hold on I could hold on To who I am  
And never let You Change me from the inside  
I could be safe oh I could be safe  
Here in Your arms and never leave home Never let these walls down

But You have called me higher You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
You have called me higher You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
Where You lead me Where You lead me Lord

I could hold on I could hold on To who I am  
and never let You Change me from the inside  
I could be safe oh I could be safe  
Here in Your arms and never leave home Never let these walls down

But You have called me higher You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
You have called me higher You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord where You lead me

I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life  
I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life  
I will be Yours oh I will be Yours for all my life  
So let Your mercy I will be Yours Lord  
And I will be Yours for all my life So let Your mercy  
Light the path before me. 'Cause You have called me higher,  
You have called me deeper, and I'll go where You will lead me, Lord.  
'Cause You have called me higher, You have called me deeper,  
And I'll go where you will lead me, Lord.  
'Cause You have called me higher, You have called me deeper

And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
'Cause You have called me higher, You have called me deeper  
And I'll go where You will lead me Lord  
Where You lead me. Where You lead me Lord  
Where you lead me Where You lead me Lord

## **"Back To Life"**

No longer I who live but Christ in me  
For I've been born again my heart is free  
The hope of heaven before me the grave behind  
Hallelujah You brought me back to life

I won't forget the moment I heard You call my name  
Out of the grip of darkness into the light of grace  
Just like Lazarus oh You brought me back to life

Where there was dead religion Now there is living faith  
All of my hope and freedom I found in Jesus' name  
Just like Lazarus oh You brought me back to life

No longer I who live but Christ in me  
For I've been born again my heart is free  
The hope of heaven before me the grave behind  
Hallelujah You brought me back to life

When something says I am guilty I'll point to the price You paid  
When something says I'm not worthy I'll point to that empty grave  
Just like Lazarus oh You brought me back to life

No longer I who live but Christ in me  
For I've been born again my heart is free  
The hope of heaven before me the grave behind  
Hallelujah You brought me back to life

How can I begin to thank You For all that You've done for me  
Jesus to fully praise You it will take all eternity  
Just like Lazarus oh You brought me back to life  
Oh You brought me back to life You brought me back to life

I'm no longer I who live but Christ in me  
For I've been born again my heart is free

The hope of heaven before me the grave behind  
Hallelujah You brought me back to life

The enemy thought he had me But Jesus said you are mine  
The enemy thought he had me But Jesus said you are mine  
The enemy thought he had me But Jesus said you are mine  
The enemy thought he had me But Jesus said you are mine  
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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **“Who You Say I Am”**

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in.  
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.  
Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me.  
In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.  
I am who You say I am.  
Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God, yes I am.

*(Instrumental Interlude)*

I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am.  
You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am.  
Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.  
In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

## Confession and Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

### "Child Of Love"

I was walking the wayside Lost on a lonely road  
I was chasing the high life Try'n to satisfy my soul

All the lies I believed in Left me crying like the rain  
Then I saw lightning from heaven And I've never been the same

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom  
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire But I saw You in the flames  
Just when I thought it was over You broke me out of the grave

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it  
I am a child of love I found a world of freedom  
I found a friend in Jesus I am a child of love

Yeah yeah oh

I am a child of love Yeah oh

I am a child of love

Nothing can change the way You love me Nothing can change the way  
I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

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I belong to You Yes I do. Nothing can separate

I'm gonna climb a mountain I am a child of love  
I found a world of freedom I am a child of love

I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it  
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Oh yeah oh I am a child of love

I am a child of love

### First Reading

Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, <sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 9:9-13

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him. <sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Children's Message**

### **Message Song**

**“He Is”**

If you're troubled, heavy hearted, come to Jesus and find your peace.  
If you're run down, empty handed, Come to Jesus and find your strength  
He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.  
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.  
All that you're needing He is.

If you're wandering in the darkness, come to Jesus and find your way.  
If you want freedom, need forgiveness, just come to Jesus and find His grace.  
He is hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.  
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.  
All that you're needing He is.

Comforter, Counselor, Prince of Peace, Author and Maker of everything,  
Defender, Deliverer, King of kings, He is, He is.  
Helper and Healer forevermore, Savior and Shelter through every storm,  
my Refuge, Redeemer and Lord of Lords, He is, He is.  
Child of Heaven and Son of Man, Provider, Protector, the great I AM,  
Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End, He Is, He Is.

Hope for the hopeless, rest for the weary, help for the hurting.  
He is, He is mending the broken, bearing the burdens.  
All that you're needing He is.  
All that you're needing He is.

## Message

## “What a Bunch of Losers”

## 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

## “Glorious Day (Passion)”

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.

The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.

I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing;

now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.

I have a future. My eyes are open,

'Cause when You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

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