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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'

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

A Time of Preparation

"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
I got the joy joy joy

I can't contain nothing can quiet my praise
Can't steal my joy
Can't steal my joy 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
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Can't steal my joy

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“Stand in Your Love”

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken. I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide; I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

There's power that can break off every chain.
There's power that can empty out a grave.
There's resurrection power that can save.
There's power in Your name, power in Your name.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Rescuer”

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

There is good news for the captive, good news for the shamed.

There is good news for the one who walked away.

There is good news for the doubter, the one religion failed,
for the good Lord has come to seek and save.

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

He is beauty for the blind man, riches for the poor.

He is friendship for the one the world ignores.

He is pasture for the weary, rest for those who strive.

Oh, the good Lord is the way the truth the life.

Yes, the good Lord is the way the truth the life.

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

So come and be chainless. Come and be fearless.

Come to the foot of Calvary.

There is redemption for every affliction
here at the foot of Calvary.

He's our Rescuer, He's our Rescuer.

We are free from sin forevermore.

Oh, how sweet the sound! Oh, how grace abounds!

We will praise the Lord our Rescuer.

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First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-11

⁷ O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:21-33

²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. ²⁴ "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵ It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. ²⁶ "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. ²⁷ What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. ²⁸ And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

“Graves into Gardens”

I searched the World but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can
You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Message

“Don’t Have to Live Like a Refugee”

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

“Whom Shall I Fear”

You hear me when I call You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

My strength is in Your name For You alone can save
You will deliver me Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear Whom shall I fear

I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
And nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful You are faithful
Nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands
I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful You are faithful
You are faithful
I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side
The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side
I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind
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