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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'*

## **Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

## **A Time of Preparation**

### **Prelude**

### **"Alleluia"**

Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise We say  
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always  
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise We say  
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always

I've got a God who is for me And He's known for making a way  
He fought the battle So I wouldn't have to All glory belongs to His Name

I've got a God who's been faithful Far more than I could explain  
And through every season In spite of my weakness  
He gave me a song I could sing

I came to praise I came to praise That's why I woke up today  
I came to praise We say

Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise We say  
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always

I've got a King who is risen He put my shame in the grave  
Went to hell and back And now I never have to  
And He did it all in three days

I came to praise I came to praise That's why I woke up today  
I came to praise We say

Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise We say  
Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always

I'm singing in the morning I'm singing at night  
I'm singing in the battle That's how I fight  
I'm singing He's holy I'm singing it twice  
I'm singing He's holy The rest of my life

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Alle alle alleluia You get all the praise Always  
I came to praise I came to praise  
Devil get out of my way I came to praise

## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **“Lord I Need You”**

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.  
Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.

Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.  
You're my one defense, my righteousness. Oh God how I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

# Confession and Forgiveness

## Song of Praise

## “Who I Am”

I stand in front of the mirror But I don't like who's looking back at me  
Wish I could see things clearer Like who I'm supposed to be  
In every trial lift me higher Through the fire hold me tighter  
Remind me again that I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free  
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God  
And the most-high God's for me  
It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God  
And the most-high God's for me

Everything has been changing You haven't left a stone unturned  
Anything I've been facing I'll keep standing on Your word  
In the water take me under Fill my lungs to speak Your wonder  
You brought me out of the darkness I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free  
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God  
And the most-high God's for me  
It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God  
And the most-high God's for me

You gave up everything for me to have everything  
For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing  
You gave up everything for me to have everything  
For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing

I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me  
I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me  
It's who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free  
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

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## First Reading

Romans 7:14-25

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. <sup>17</sup> So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 11: 25-30

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am

gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Message 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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Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.  
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.  
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.

## Message

## “The Struggle for Peace”

## Installation of Board Officers

## 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

## “I Thank God”

Wandering into the night Wanting a place to hide  
This weary soul This bag of bones  
I try with all of my might But I just can't win the fight  
I'm slowly drifting a vagabond  
And just when I ran out of road  
I met a man I didn't know  
And He told me that I was not alone

You picked me up You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
Because You healed my heart You changed my name  
Forever free I'm not the same  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God  
I cannot deny what I've seen Got no choice but to believe  
My doubts are burnin' Like ashes in the wind  
So so long to my old friends Burden and bitterness  
You can just keep them moving *Nah you ain't welcome here (Spoken)*  
From now till I walk streets of gold  
I'll sing of how You saved my soul  
This wayward son has found his way back home  
You picked me up You turned me around  
And placed my feet on solid ground  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior  
Because You healed my heart You changed my name  
Forever free I'm not the same  
I thank the Master I thank the Savior I thank God  
Hell lost another one I am free I am free I am free  
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Hell lost another one I am free I am free  
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