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Led by the Spirit

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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.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

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'*

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

Preludes

"Honey In the Rock"

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got There's honey in the rock

Praying for a miracle Thirsty for the Living Well
Only You can satisfy Sweetness at the mercy seat
Now I've tasted it's not hard to see Only You can satisfy
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Freedom where the Spirit is Bounty in the wilderness
You will always satisfy

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Everything You did's enough

I keep looking I keep finding You keep giving Keep providing
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I keep praying You keep moving I keep praising You keep proving
I have all that I need You are all that I need
I have all that I need You are all that I need Yeah

There's honey in the rock Water in the stone
Manna on the ground No matter where I go
I don't have to worry Now that I know
Everything I need You've got

There's honey in the rock Purpose in Your plan
Power in the blood Healing in Your hands
Started flowing when You said it is done
Jesus who You are is enough There's honey in the rock
There's honey in the rock There's honey in the rock

Oh how sweet How sweet it is to trust in You Jesus
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Invocation

P In the name of God, the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen!

Opening Song

"Holy Forever"

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy

You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever

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All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
You will always be Holy Holy forever

OPENING SENTENCES

- P** See what kind of love the Father has given to us,
- C** **that we should be called children of God; and so we are.**
- P** And if children, then heirs—
- C** **heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.**
- P** The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.
- C** **So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.**

Confession and Forgiveness

- P** The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
- C** **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**
- P** Almighty God and Father,
- C** **we confess, as Your people, our need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own fears, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts, desires, and actions are often borne out of love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the

Word 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.

C Amen.

P Our hearts cry, "Abba! Father!"

C Lord, have mercy.

P To Jesus, our Brother, we plead.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Through the Spirit who seals our adoption:

C Lord, have mercy.

Song of Praise

"Same God"

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean
I need you now to do the same thing for me

I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible

I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath But I've got my own giants

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now

Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness
You heard Your children then You hear Your children now
You are the same God You are the same God

You answered prayers back then And You will answer now
You are the same God You are the same God

You were providing then You are providing now
You are the same God You are the same God

You moved in power then God move in power now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were a healer then You are a healer now
You are the same God You are the same God

You were a Savior then You are a Savior now
You are the same God You are the same God

Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness
You freed the captives then You're freeing hearts right now
You are the same God You are the same God
You touched the lepers then I feel Your touch right now
You are the same God You are the same God

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again
Come and fill me again Come and fill me again

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray together ...

C **Spirit of God, through the transforming gift of faith, You bring us sonship and life. Replace our fear with fruitfulness, and teach our hearts to cry, "Abba! Father!" through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² "For you shall go out in joy and be

led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

P Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades,

C **but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns

grew up and choked them.⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced gain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message Song

“No Longer Slaves”

You unravel me with a melody.

You surround me with a song of deliverance from my enemies
‘til all my fears are gone.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God

From my mother's womb You have chosen me;
Love has called my name. I've been born again to Your family;
Your blood flows through my veins.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God.

I'm no longer a slave to fear; I am a child of God

You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.
You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
You split the sea so I could walk right through it.
My fears were drowned in perfect love.

You rescued me so I could stand and sing: I am a child of God.
I am a child of God. Yes, I am a child of God.

Message

“Fitting Into the Family”

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by

whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Almighty God and Father, You offer the gifts of salvation to those who would trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise You for extending Your salvation to the souls who gather around this Table, that You would make us called to saving faith worthy to receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus. Feed us with true food, that we might always crave Your truth. Heal us by Your true Word, that we might always yearn for Your life. Send us by Your true

Spirit, that we might always declare our gratitude and Your glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

Proclamation of Christ

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every week at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:

1. *Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*

2. *Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
3. *Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
4. *Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
5. *Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine (Matt.26:26-28)?*

If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises. Children and those who do not subscribe to these statements are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing and should indicate this by keeping their hand folded.

Distribution Song

"Instrumental"

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray. Abba, Father, You have once again filled Your sons and daughters to overflowing, forgiven and fed by Your merciful hand. By those gifts that speak salvation to our souls, fuel our faith for the works You have prepared for us, that we might see and share in the abundant harvest You intend through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Blessing

- P** 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 T give you peace.

G Amen.

Sending Song

"I Believe"

I believe there is one salvation One doorway that leads to life
One redemption one confession I believe in the name of Jesus Christ

I believe in the crucifixion By His blood I have been set free
I believe in the resurrection Hallelujah His life is death's defeat

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

I believe in the hope of heaven He's preparing a place for me
Far beyond what hearts imagine Ears have heard or eyes have seen

I believe that day is coming He's returning to claim His bride
Light the altar keep it burning See the Lamb who rose a roaring Lion

All praise to God the Father All praise to Christ the Son
All praise to the Holy Spirit Our God has overcome
The King who was and is and evermore will be
In Jesus' mighty name I believe

No I'll never be ashamed Of the gospel of Jesus Christ
How could I ever walk away From the One who saved my life
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