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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'*

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Love of God"

It's so good I almost can't believe it
Far beyond what hearts could ever dream
The God who set the galaxies in motion
Would descend to give His life for me

For what could make perfection bleed for sinners
What leads a King to pay so great a cost
All my life my heart will sing the answer Only the love of God

Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God

It's so kind it leads us to repentance
It's so bright the darkness has to flee
Hallelujah it cleared my guilty sentence
For I was bound but now I stand redeemed

For what could break the chains of any prison
What force could rob the power from the grave
What would trade my rags for heaven's riches Only the love of God

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He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise How great is the love of God

Though I try my mind can't comprehend it
It's so high too marvelous for words
I could sing a million songs about it
And barely scratch the surface of Your worth

This all my life the banner I'll be waving
My anthem cry no matter what may come
And when I rise to walk the streets of heaven
I'll still be singing this song
For everything that You've done How great the love of God
Singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise How great is the love of God
I'm singing oh how great is the love of God
He paid our debt on that rugged cross
For all our days we will sing our Savior's praise
How great is the love of God How great is the love of God
Thank You Jesus

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship

Opening Song

"Battle Belongs"

When all I see is the battle You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You
So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You
And if You are for me Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb
So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You

Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against The power of our God
You shine in the shadows You win every battle
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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Goodness Of God"

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;

I give You everything.

Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.
All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.

First Reading

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-50

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Made For More"

I know who I am 'cause I know who You are
The cross of salvation was only the start
Now I am chosen free and forgiven
I have a future and it's worth the living

'Cause I wasn't made to be tending a grave
I was called by name Born and raised back to life again
I was made for more
So why would I make a bed in my shame
When a fountain of grace is running my way I know I am Yours
And I was made for more

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Hallelujah You called out my name So I'll sing out Your praise
Hallelujah You buried my past I'm not going back
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Message Offering

"What's It Worth to You?"

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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

"It Really Is (Amazing Grace)"

Amazing grace How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost But now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Singing Hallelujah There's no chains on me
Thank You Jesus You have set me free
You welcomed me in Called me by name
Was dead in my sin
Now I'm dancing on that grave
Hallelujah it really is amazing grace

'Twas grace that taught My heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did That grace appear
The hour I first believed

Singing Hallelujah There's no chains on me
Thank You Jesus You have set me free
You welcomed me in Called me by name
Was dead in my sin
Now I'm dancing on that grave
Hallelujah it really is amazing grace

I'll testify Of what He did He gave me life I'm born again
My heart is free My soul is saved It really is amazing grace
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My heart is free My soul is saved It really is amazing grace

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