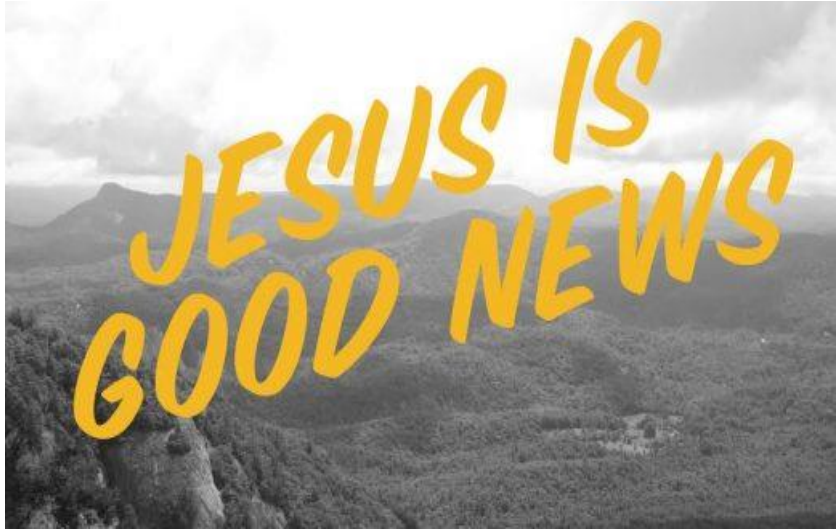




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Welcome

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'***

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Always"

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save oh

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

You were You are You always will be God
You were You are You always will be God
Yes You always will be God

Your mercy is mighty age after age

All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship

Opening Song

“My Jesus”

Are you past the point of weary Is your burden weighing heavy
Is it all too much to carry Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
Do you feel that empty feeling 'Cause shame's done all its stealing
And you're desperate for some healing Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen

Who can wipe away the tears From broken dreams and wasted years
And tell the past to disappear Oh and let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And all the wrong turns that you would Go and undo if you could
Who can work it all for your good Let me tell you about my Jesus

He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave
Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen amen

Who would take my cross to Calvary Pay the price for all my guilty
Who would care that much about me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus oh
He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave

Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
His love is strong and His grace is free And the good news is I know that He
Can do for you what He's done for me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus
And let my Jesus change your life
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Amen amen
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah
Let my Jesus change your life

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"This Is Our God"

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came and He died and He rose
Those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus

Who pulled me out of that pit He did He did

Who paid for all of our sin Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Jesus
Who rescued me from that grave Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise Nobody but Him

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First Reading

Romans 9:1-9

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶ But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷ and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸ This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹ For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the

villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Mighty Name Of Jesus"

I pray into the atmosphere Spirit of God You're here
You have all authority
I pray over my heart and mind I am healed by Your stripes
Your blood declares that I am free
In the mighty name of Jesus I pray
Calling on the power of heaven I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me must break
In the mighty name of Jesus
I draw a permanent boundary line The enemy has no rights
To come near my family
No scheme could ever undo God's plans No matter the circumstance
The cross has sealed my destiny
In the mighty name of Jesus I pray
Calling on the power of heaven I proclaim
Every weapon formed against me must break
In the mighty name of Jesus
In the mighty name of Jesus I know
All the power of fear and darkness must go
'Cause every key to every victory I hold
In the mighty name of Jesus
I will not fear I will not fear When the enemy comes near

On the doorframe of my life Is the blood of Jesus Christ
I will not fear I will not fear There's an army of angels here
I'm protected on all sides By the blood of Jesus Christ

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'Cause every key to every victory I hold
In the mighty name of Jesus
It's in the mighty name of Jesus It's in the mighty name of Jesus

Message

"Lack of Confidence"

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

"My Lighthouse"

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

My Lighthouse my Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness I will follow You oh
My Lighthouse my Lighthouse I will trust the promise
You will carry me safe to shore
Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

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