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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'

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"House of the Lord"

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship

Opening Song

"Way Maker"

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.
Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.

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That is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are.

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly”

It all comes down to this What you require of me
Love my neighbor as myself And You above all things

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It all comes down to this To be Your hands and feet
Good news to all the world The truth will set us free

Act justly love mercy walk humbly With You God
In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven
It's beauty for ashes It's mourning to dancing
It's closer and closer The Kingdom of heaven

Years from now we'll see The fruit our hands have sown
faith just like a seed The only way it grows

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In all things in all ways walk humbly With You God

First Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ...

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴ in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸ As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

²² And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Amazing Grace" (My Chains are Gone_

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.
The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
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And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.
My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy rains unending love, amazing grace.
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Message

"Table Scraps"

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

“Lead On Good Shepherd”

Well I've been turned 'round But I've never been lost
Seen the water get troubled But we walked across
When my knees were shaking You held my hand
Turning my problems To a promised land

Lead on Good Shepherd I'll follow all my days
There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way
You've walked me through the valley But You never steered me wrong
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on

Seen some mighty deep canyons That You brought me through
Seen some mighty big mountains That just up and moved
Glory glory hallelujah Yeah that's my song
Walking with my Father Into the great unknown

Lead on Good Shepherd I'll follow all my days
There ain't nothing sweeter Than to watch You make a way
You've walked me through the valley But You never steered me wrong
So lead on Good Shepherd lead on

Step by step day by day Lead me on Lord I pray
Road gets dark walk by faith Lead on Good Shepherd
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