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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.

We encourage you to stay after worship. Please introduce yourself to new people, catch up with old friends and make new friends.

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'***

5:00 - Contemporary

Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Trust in God"

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire Time after time
Born of His Spirit Washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary Is more than enough

I trust in God My Savior The One who will never fail
He will never fail

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Perfect submission All is at rest I know the author of tomorrow
Has ordered my steps So this is my story And this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior All the day long

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I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him That's why I trust Him
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I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him That's why I trust In God

My Savior The One who will never fail He will never fail
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He will never fail

Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship

Opening Song

“Gratitude”

All my words fall short I got nothing new

How could I express All my gratitude

I could sing these songs As I often do

But every song must end And You never do

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again

‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah

And I know it’s not much But I’ve nothing else fit for a king

Except for a heart singing Hallelujah hallelujah

I’ve got one response I’ve got just one move

With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

So I throw up my hands And praise You again and again

‘Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah

And I know it’s not much But I’ve nothing else fit for a king

Except for a heart singing Hallelujah hallelujah

Come on my soul oh don’t you get shy on me

Lift up your song ‘Cause you’ve got a lion inside of those lungs

Get up and praise the Lord

Come on my soul oh don’t you get shy on me

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Revelation Song”

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King
Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything And I will adore You

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

Holy holy holy Is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything And I will adore You
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First Reading

Philippians 1:19-30

¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire

is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith,²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:1-16

¹ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker

as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing Your praise unending ...
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name, worship Your holy name.

Message

“Worth Every Minute”

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 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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