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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'***

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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"The King Is in the Room"

Come open the doors and make way

The King is in the room The King is in the room

Expectant for strongholds to break 'Cause we know what You can do

We know what You can do

We're gonna see lives changed Souls saved

Broken hearts made new

The King is in the room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise

The King is in the room

There's freedom and life anywhere You reign

Jesus we bow only to You We're laying down all of our crowns

The King is in the room The King is in the room

Come see all the captives run free He's tearing down the walls

He's tearing down the walls

There's grave shaking power when we sing The Name above them all

Your Name above them all The King is in the room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise

The King is in the room There's freedom and life anywhere You reign

Jesus we bow only to You We're laying down all of our crowns

The King is in the room

Fear has to flee Shame has to leave Before the King Before the King

Chains have to break Dry bones awake Prepare the way Oh

Fear has to flee Shame has to leave Before the King Before the King

Chains have to break Dry bones awake Prepare the way The King is in the room

Lord we enthrone You upon our praise The King is in the room

There's freedom and life anywhere You reign
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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship

Opening Song

"Great Things"

Come let us worship our King Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done See how His love overcomes
He has done great things He has done great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

You've been faithful through every storm You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things

And I know You will do it again For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things God You do great things

O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Hallelujah God above it all Hallelujah God unshakable
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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
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
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First Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. ³⁴ When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵ And the tenants took his servants and beat one,

killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' ³⁹ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. ⁴⁰ When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? ⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. ⁴⁴ And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Jesus Does"

Who tells the sun to rise every morning
Colors the sky with the shades of His glory
Wakes us with mercy and love Jesus does

Who holds the orphan comforts the widow
Cries for injustice feels every sorrow
Carries the pain of His children Jesus does
So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
'Cause that's what Jesus does

Who understands the heart of the sinner
Showers His grace over all our mistakes
Washes us clean with His blood Jesus does

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave

Who has the power to save Jesus does
 So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
 Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
 When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
 'Cause that's what Jesus does

Oh what a Friend Oh what a Savior
 He's always been good He's always been faithful
 He came to my rescue When I needed Him most
 And saved my soul

So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
 Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
 When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
 So we sing Praise to the Father who gave us the Son
 Praise to the Spirit who's living in us
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 That's what Jesus does

Message 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

“Glorious Day (Passion)”

I was buried beneath my shame. Who could carry that kind of weight?

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

I was breathing but not alive. All my failures I tried to hide.

It was my tomb 'til I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

Now Your mercy has saved my soul. Now Your freedom is all that I know.

The old made new, Jesus, when I met You.

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

I needed rescue. My sin was heavy, but chains break at the weight of Your glory.

I needed shelter. I was an orphan. Now You call me a citizen of Heaven.

When I was broken, You were my healing;

now Your love is the air that I'm breathing.

I have a future. My eyes are open,

'Cause when You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

You called my name, and I ran out of that grave!

Out of the darkness into Your glorious day!

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