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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'

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"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

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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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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call to Worship

Opening Song

“Only A Holy God”

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God

Come and behold Him The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God

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Come and worship the Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God Only my Holy God

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“King of Kings”

In the darkness we were waiting, without hope, without light,
'till from Heaven You came running. There was mercy in Your eyes.

To fulfil the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
to redeem the whole creation You did not despise the cross.

For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You died.

And the morning that You rose all of heaven held its breath
'till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
for the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the Church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
for the love of Jesus Christ Who has resurrected me.

Praise the Father, praise the Son. Praise the Spirit, three in one.
God of Glory, majesty, praise forever to the King of Kings.
Praise forever to the King of Kings.

First Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

¹For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ²But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as

apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message

Message Song

"Same God"

I'm calling on the God of Jacob
Whose love endures through generations
I know that You will keep Your covenant

I'm calling on the God of Moses
The one who opened up the ocean

I need you now to do the same thing for me
I'm calling on the God of Mary
Whose favor rests upon the lowly
I know with You all things are possible
I'm calling on the God of David
Who made a shepherd boy courageous
I may not face Goliath But I've got my own giants
Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness
You heard Your children then You hear Your children now
You are the same God You are the same God
You answered prayers back then And You will answer now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were providing then You are providing now
You are the same God You are the same God
You moved in power then God move in power now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were a healer then You are a healer now
You are the same God You are the same God
You were a Savior then You are a Savior now
You are the same God You are the same God
Oh God my God I need You Oh God my God I need You now
How I need You now
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages I'm standing on Your faithfulness
You freed the captives then You're freeing hearts right now
You are the same God You are the same God
You touched the lepers then I feel Your touch right now
You are the same God You are the same God

I'm calling on the Holy Spirit
Almighty river come and fill me again
Come and fill me again Come and fill me again

Message

"The Holy Gospel"

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

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope, like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit come invade us now!
We are Your church. We need Your pow'r in us.
We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives. For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released, the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are Your church. We pray revive this earth.
Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back.
Change the atmosphere. Build Your kingdom here, we pray!
Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this. Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church. We are the hope on earth.
Build Your kingdom here let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand. Heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire! Win this nation back.
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