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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.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to 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'*

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**A Time of Preparation**

**Preludes**

**"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 splendour 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

Come and behold Him The One and the Only  
Cry out sing holy Forever a Holy God  
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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Come and worship the Holy God  
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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **“Graves Into Gardens”**

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade  
Are never enough  
Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love  
Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You  
I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley  
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again  
Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You  
Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You  
You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can  
You're the only one who can

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can  
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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Song of Praise**

### **“Reckless Love”**

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

And O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down Coming after me

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me

There's no wall You won't kick down  
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## First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup> The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup> I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

Mark 3:22-29

<sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "by the prince of demons he casts out the demons." <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him and said to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but is coming to an end. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. Then indeed he may plunder his house. <sup>28</sup> "Truly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the children of man, and whatever blasphemies they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "If We're Honest"

Truth is harder than a lie. The dark seems safer than the light,  
and everyone has a heart that loves to hide.

I'm a mess and so are you. We've built walls nobody can get through.  
Yeah, it may be hard, but the best thing we could ever do, ever do:

Bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine,  
'cause love can heal what hurt divides,  
and mercy's waiting on the other side, if we're honest, if we're honest.

Don't pretend to be something that you're not,  
living life afraid of getting caught.

There is freedom found when we lay our secrets down at the cross, at the cross.

Bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine,  
'cause love can heal what hurt divides,  
and mercy's waiting on the other side, if we're honest, if we're honest.

It would change our lives, it would set us free.  
It's what we need to be.

So, bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine,  
'cause love can heal what hurt divides,  
and mercy's waiting on the other side,  
if we're honest, if we're honest.

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## Message

**“No More Excuses”**

## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- G** **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.**

## Sacrament

### The Words of Our Lord

### Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:*

1. *Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*

2. *Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
3. *Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
4. *Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
5. *Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

## **Distribution Song - Instrumental**

### **Blessing**

**P** 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 T give you peace.

**G** 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  
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Safe to shore safe to shore safe to shore

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