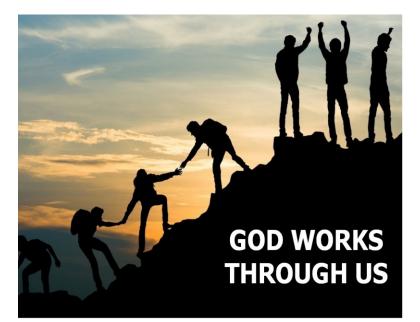


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to St. John Lutheran Church and our Contemporary Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

> May God bless your worship with us today, Paul Kruse, Pastor

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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'

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"The Plans"

When I am anxious When I am afraid I take it to God I call on His Name

If the mover of mountains Is listening to me Why should I worry Why should I fear anything

For I know the plans He has for me Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good To give me a hope and a future

When I am waiting For His promise to come Sometimes He's silent But I'm never alone He walks in the valley And He quiets the storm He stands in the fire So why should I fear anymore

For I know the plans He has for me Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good To give me a hope and a future For I know the plans He has for me Yes I know He's working everything For my good To give me a hope and a future

All my life All I've seen Your endless love Surrounding me With every breath I will be found by You

If I set sail Or spread my wings And find myself On the farthest sea You're waiting there I will be found by You I will be found by You

For I know the plans He has for me Yes I know the plans He has for me For my good To give me a hope and a future

For I know the plans He has for me Yes I know He's working everything For my good To give me a hope and a future

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening 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

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"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

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First Reading

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

¹ For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. ⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ Yes, we are

of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

²⁶ And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷ He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸ The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰ And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹ It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

₽ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Who You Say I Am"

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me? I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me. Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me. His grace runs deep. While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me. Yes, He died for me. In my Father's house there's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

> I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. I am who You say I am.

Mark 4:26-32

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am. *(Instrumental Interlude)* I am chosen, not forsaken. I am who You say I am. You are for me, not against me. I am who You say I am. Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am.

Who the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. I'm a child of God, yes I am. In my Father's house There's a place for me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

Message

"Confidence in Uncertain Times"

Offering

Would you like to give online? Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to our donation site.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

- Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

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 + give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Song

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"

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 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

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

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