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The
LORD
is my shepherd,
I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

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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.

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

7:00 - Contemporary

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

"Always"

I believe You gave sight to the blind
I believe that the dead came to life
I believe there were wonders and signs
And You're still the same

I believe every word that You said
I believe there are scars in Your hands
That Your goodness is good without end
And You'll never change

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

I believe You will come in the clouds
I believe You are here even now
In Your presence I know there is power
Power to save oh

I will tell of Your wonders sing of Your grace
The God of creation knows me by name
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always
Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always Always

You were You are You always will be God
You were You are You always will be God
Yes You always will be God

Your mercy is mighty age after age
All generations will bow down and praise
The Lord is faithful yesterday now and always

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

Opening Song

“The Father’s House”

Sometimes on this journey I get lost in my mistakes.
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength.
My story isn't over; my story's just begun.
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.
Failure won't define me, 'cause that's what my Father does.
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.
Oo, you're in the Father's house.
Arrival's not the endgame; the journey's where You are.
You never wanted perfect; You just wanted my heart.
And the story isn't over if the story isn't good.
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.
Failure's never final when the Father's in the room.
Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, cause it ain't welcome anymore.
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

Prodigals come home, the helpless find hope;
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.
Prison doors fling wide, the dead come to life;
Love is on the move when the Father's in the room.

Miracles take place, the cynical find faith;
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.
Jericho walls are quaking, strongholds now are shaking;
Love is breaking through when the Father's in the room.
Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

Oo, lay your burdens down, Oo, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't welcome anymore.
Oo, you're in the Father's house.

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OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 40:11, 16; 145:1–4*

- P** I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.
- G:** **Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.**
- P** Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.
- G** **One generation shall commend Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.**
- P** As for You, O LORD, You will not restrain Your mercy from me; Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness will ever preserve me!
- G** **But may all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You; may those who love Your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"**

Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.
- G** **We humbly confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by**

nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We strayed from His paths of righteousness and have sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

P The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Song of Praise

“Goodness Of God”

I love You Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.

In darkest night, You are close like no other.

I've known You as a father, I've known You as a friend.

I have lived in the goodness of God.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything.
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me.

All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience. When You saw that we were like sheep without a shepherd, You sent Your Son, Jesus, to shepherd us. Keep alive in us Your spirit of compassion for the world, until all people come to know Your Shepherd's care; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD. ⁵"Behold, the days are coming,

declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 6:30-44

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And I told themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they

were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Message Song

"Our God"

Water You turned into wine Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You None like You

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other

Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You None like You

Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other

Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us

And if our God is with us Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us Then who could ever stop us
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Our God is greater Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer Awesome in power our God our God
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Message

“Capacity for Compassion”

CATECHISM

The First Article

P We have begun our worship this day in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles’ Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity and reflect on our confession of faith using the words written by Martin Luther in the Small Catechism.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P What does this mean?

C **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I**

need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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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

P Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold to what is good, return no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you

☩ Amen.

Sending Song

“Echoes”

We will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

'Cause we belong to the light When the night is at its darkest
Just hold on for the dawn will soon arrive

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise
And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life

So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa
Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Can you feel the winds are changing There's a new day on the rise
And the atmosphere is breaking As the new world comes to life
So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long
I've got a feeling The darkness won't last very long

Whoa whoa Whoa whoa

Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise
And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life
Let a sleeping world awaken There's a new day on the rise
And the enemy is shaking As the graveyards spring to life

So we will sing we will dance Till the earth echoes the heavens
Sing His praise till we see the other side

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Sing His praise till we see the other side

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