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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'*

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"House of the Lord"

We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise

Oh oh oh We shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
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We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners Now we're running free
We are forgiven accepted Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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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

“Mighty To Save”

Ev'ryone needs compassion Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me

Ev'ryone needs forgiveness The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in Now I surrender
Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave Jesus conquered the grave
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King
Jesus Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing For the glory of the risen King
Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
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First Reading

James 2:1-10, 14-18

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the

poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. ³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵ And

his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

📖 This is the Gospel of the Lord.

🙏 **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

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When I was a sinner He saved me from who I was
That's what Jesus does

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Message

“Untapped Potential”

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.

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

Lord I Need You

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here, I find my rest.

Without You, I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are.

Where You are, Lord I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

So teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.

When I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus, You're my hope and stay.

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

You're my one defense, my righteousness. Oh God how I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You.

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 T give you peace.

☞ Amen.

Sending 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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