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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'***

5:00 - Contemporary

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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

"Echo Holy"

Gathered at the highest throne Welcomed by a melody
An anthem I have always known A song that's always been in me
All glory and honor Dominion and power To You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can't help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Memorized by every heart Written in eternity
Every lifted voice a part Joining in the symphony

All glory and honor Dominion and power To You
All wisdom and wonder Belong to no other But You

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can't help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Oh oh Forever echo holy is the Lord

Standing at the end of time There before the throne of grace
Majesty before my eyes I'll let it take my breath away

A million angels fall Face down on the floor
All to echo holy is the Lord My heart can't help but sing
With all of heaven roar Forever echo holy is the Lord

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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Opening Song

“The Commission”

See my hands look at my feet It's okay if it's hard to believe
I have faith you will do greater things It's my time to go but before I leave

Go tell the world about me I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end
Don't forget the things that I taught you I conquered death and I hold the keys
Where I go you will go too someday But there's much to do here before you
leave, so

Go tell the world about me I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end
of the journey the end of the road My spirit is with you wherever you go
You have a purpose and I have a plan I'll make you this promise
I'll come back again but until then

Go tell the world about me For I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end
Go tell the world about me For I was dead but now I live
I've gotta go now for a little while But goodbye is not the end

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Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

“Run to The Father”

I've carried a burden for too long on my own.
I wasn't created to bear it alone.
I hear Your invitation to let it all go.
I see it now. I'm laying it down. And I know that I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh
You saw my condition, had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption: the price for my heart.
I don't have a context for that kind of love.
I don't understand, I can't comprehend. All I know is I need You.

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon, my soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh

My heart has been in Your sights long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms is running to life from death.
I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out.
Just as I am, You pull me in, and I know I need You now

I run to the Father, I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding, No reason to wait.
My heart found a surgeon, my soul found a friend.
So I'll run to the Father again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh Again and again.

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First Reading

James 4:1-10

¹ What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴ You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the

Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶ But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Less Like Me"

Oh I have days I lose the fight,
Try my best, but just don't get it right.
Where I talk a talk that I don't walk,
and miss the moments right before my eyes.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.

When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Yeah, there's no denying I have changed,
I've been saved from who I used to be.
But even at my best I must confess,
I still need help to see the way You see.
Somebody with a hurt that I could have helped.
Somebody with a hand that I could have held.
When I just can't see past myself, Lord help me be
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
Oh to feed the beggar on the street.
Love to be Your hands and feet.
Freely give what I receive, Lord help me be.
I want to put You first above all else.
Love my neighbor as myself
In the moments no one sees,
Lord help me be.
A little more like mercy. A little more like grace.
A little more like kindness, goodness, love and faith.
A little more like patience. A little more like peace.
A little more like Jesus. A little less like me.
A little more I'm living, everything I preach,
A little more like Jesus, a little less like me.

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Message

“Less is More”

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

"I Surrender"

Here I am Down on my knees again
Surrendering all Surrendering all
Find me here Lord as You draw me near
Desperate for You Desperate for You
I surrender
Drench my soul As mercy and grace unfold
I hunger and thirst I hunger and thirst
With arms stretched wide I know You hear my cry
Speak to me now Speak to me now
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a rushing wind Jesus breathe within
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Like a mighty storm Stir within my soul
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
Lord have Your way Lord have Your way in me
I surrender I surrender
I want to know You more I want to know You more
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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

“Who I Am”

I stand in front of the mirror But I don't like who's looking back at me

Wish I could see things clearer Like who I'm supposed to be

In every trial lift me higher Through the fire hold me tighter

Remind me again that I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free

Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God

And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God

And the most-high God's for me

Everything has been changing You haven't left a stone unturned

Anything I've been facing I'll keep standing on Your word

In the water take me under Fill my lungs to speak Your wonder

You brought me out of the darkness I was made for more

Who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free

Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God

And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God

And the most-high God's for me

You gave up everything for me to have everything

For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing

You gave up everything for me to have everything

For all of eternity a song in my lungs to sing

I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me
I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am in the eyes of the Father Who I am His love set free
Who I was I left at the altar I am Yours Lord I believe

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

It's who I am I'm a child of the most-high God
And the most-high God's for me

I'm a child of the most-high God And the most-high God's for me
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