



# St. John Lutheran Church

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# 5:00 - Contemporary



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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'*

**Last Sunday of the Church Year**

**Preludes**

**"Firm Foundation"**

Christ is my firm foundation The rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations So why would He fail now ...  
He won't He won't

I've still got joy in chaos I've got peace that makes no sense  
So I won't be going under I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus He's never let me down  
He's faithful in every season So why would He fail now ...

He won't He won't He won't fail He won't fail  
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He won't He won't He won't fail He won't fail

Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through  
Rain came and wind blew But my house was built on You  
I'm safe with You I'm going to make it through

Yeah I'm going to make it through 'Cause I'm standing strong on You  
Yeah I'm going to make it through 'Cause my house is built on You

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That I put my faith in Jesus 'Cause He's never let me down  
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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **“Alive & Breathing”**

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?  
What matters come to mind? The cares you keep,  
The thoughts you think; it's not all wasted time.  
Seek and you will find.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.

If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!

Don't stop dancing and dreaming.

There's still good news worth repeating.

So lift your head and keep singing, “Praise the Lord!”

The years roll by. We wonder why we lost our way from home.

Our Father finds the child inside we left for growing old.

Awake, awake, awake my soul.

Joy still comes in the morning. Hope still walks with the hurting.

If you're still alive and breathing, Praise the Lord!

Don't stop dancing and dreaming.

There's still good news worth repeating.

So lift your head and keep singing, “Praise the Lord!”

Let ev'rything, let ev'rything let ev'rything praise the Lord.

In the working, in the waiting, let it praise the Lord.

In the blessing, in the breaking, come on, praise the Lord.

In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord.

Let ev'rything let ev'rything Let it praise the Lord

Let ev'rything let ev'rything let ev'rything praise the Lord  
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## Confession and Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

### "Me on Your Mind"

I've read the words in red How You leave the ninety-nine  
To find the one missing Feels like that was written  
With me on Your mind

And the prodigal son who ran Leaving his home behind  
The part where the father came Running to meet him  
Did You say that with me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world  
Would give one single thought about my broken heart  
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face  
And says come as you are

You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life  
And You did it all With me on Your mind  
Me on Your mind

Just knowing You're mindful of me  
Just knowing You call me Your child  
It's flooding my soul With unspeakable hope  
Thank you Lord that it's me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world  
Would give one single thought about my broken heart  
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face  
And says come as you are

You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life  
And You did it all With me on Your mind  
It was me on Your mind Oh thank You Jesus  
Lord it was me on Your mind

I've read the words in red Of a heavenly home on high  
You're preparing a place where the sorrow's erased  
And when I stand before You I'll find  
All along it was me on Your mind

Who am I that the king of the world  
Would give one single thought about my broken heart  
Who am I that the God of all grace Wipes the tears from my face  
And says come as you are

You paid the price You took the cross You gave Your life  
And You did it all With me on Your mind  
With me on Your mind oh It was me on Your mind

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## First Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

<sup>24</sup> "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. <sup>28</sup> "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>32</sup> "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### "Living Hope"

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written Jesus Christ my living hope  
Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory

To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

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You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Jesus Christ my living hope Oh God You are my living hope

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## Message

## "Faithful Feelings – Glad – Hope"

## 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

### "No Other Name"

One Name Holds weight above them all  
His fame Outlasts the earth He formed  
His praise Resounds beyond the stars



And echoes in our hearts The greatest One of all

His face Shines brighter than the sun

His grace As boundless as His love

He reigns With healing in His wings

The King above all kings The greatest One of all

Lift up our eyes see the King has come

Light of the world Reaching out for us

There is no other Name There is no other Name

Jesus Christ our God oh

Seated on high the undefeated One

Mountains bow down as we lift Him up

There is no other Name There is no other Name

Jesus Christ our God oh

Find hope When all the world seems lost

Behold The triumph of the cross

His power has trampled death and grave

Our life found in His Name The greatest Name of all

Lift up our eyes see the King has come

Light of the world Reaching out for us

There is no other Name There is no other Name

Jesus Christ our God oh

Seated on high the undefeated One

Mountains bow down as we lift Him up

There is no other Name There is no other Name

Jesus Christ our God oh Jesus

The earth will shake And tremble before Him

Chains will break As heaven and earth sing

Holy is the Name Holy is the Name of Jesus Jesus Jesus

The earth will shake And tremble before Him

Chains will break As heaven and earth sing

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Lift up our eyes see the King has come  
Light of the world Reaching out for us  
There is no other Name There is no other Name  
Jesus Christ our God oh  
Seated on high the undefeated One  
Mountains bow down as we lift Him up  
There is no other Name There is no other Name  
There is no other Name There is no other Name Jesus

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## 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.

**C** Amen.

## Sending Song

## “Praise You Anywhere”

Sometimes you’ve gotta dance through the darkness  
Sing through the fire Praise when it don’t make sense  
Sometimes you’ve gotta stare down the giant  
Worship from the lion’s den  
Sometimes you’ve gotta shout it from the mountain  
Louder in the valley Trusting that He’s gonna get you there  
Sometimes you’ve gotta welcome the wonder  
Wait for the answer  
Worship with your hands in the air I’ll praise You anywhere  
Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest  
Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest  
He is worthy Yes He is worthy of all of the praise  
Sometimes you’ve gotta praise in the prison  
Cry out to heaven Shout it ‘til the doors swing wide  
Sometimes you’ve gotta stand on your shackles

Brave in the battle Worship with your hands held high  
I'll praise You anywhere

Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest  
Praise Give Him praise Give Him praise In the highest  
He is worthy Yes He is worthy of all of the praise

Faithful all my life Blessings day and night  
Countless reasons why I'll praise You anywhere  
Every promise kept Goodness every step  
Each and every breath I'll praise You anywhere  
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