



**St. John
Lutheran
Church**

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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional 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'***

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

5:00 pm -Advent

Prelude

“Way Maker”

You are here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

You are here, touching ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, healing ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.
You are here, mending ev'ry heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are. That is who You are.
That is who You are. That is who You are. That is who You are.

Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it, You're working.
You never stop, You never stop working. You never stop, You never stop working.
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Sharing of the Peace and Welcome

Opening Song

“Holy Forever”

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy Holy forever

Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest
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And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy
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You will always be Holy Holy forever

Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P O Lord, open my lips,

C **And my mouth will declare Your praise.**

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Psalm

P Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

C **Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!**

P Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

C **So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.**

P All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

C **They sing praises to your name."**

P Come and see what God has done:

C **He is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.**

P He turned the sea into dry land;

C **They passed through the river on foot.**

P There did we rejoice in him,

C **Who rules by his might forever,**

P Whose eyes keep watch on the nations—

C **Let not the rebellious exalt themselves.**

P Bless our God, O peoples;

C **Let the sound of his praise be heard,**

P Who has kept our soul among the living

C **And has not let our feet slip.**

P For you, O God, have tested us;

C **You have tried us as silver is tried.**

P You brought us into the net;

C You laid a crushing burden on our backs;

P You let men ride over our heads;

C We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

Song of Praise

“Hymn of Heaven”

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

There will be a day When all will bow before Him
There will be a day When death will be no more
Standing face to face With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

So let it be today We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord Holy holy is the Lord

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Reading

Job 19:23-27

²³“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! ²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth ²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, ²⁷whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” ⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Mark 5:21-43

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered about him, and he was beside the sea. ²²Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet ²³and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live." ²⁴And he went with him. And a great crowd followed him and thronged about him. ²⁵And there was a woman who had had a discharge of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was no better but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard the reports about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his garment. ²⁸For she said, "If I touch even his garments, I will be made well." ²⁹And immediately the flow of blood dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰And Jesus, perceiving in himself that power had gone out from him, immediately turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my garments?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing around you, and yet you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²And he looked around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling and fell down before him and told him the whole truth. ³⁴And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." ³⁵While he was still speaking, there came from the ruler's house some who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the ruler of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷And he allowed no one to follow him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. ³⁸They came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and Jesus saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹And when he had entered, he said to them, "Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹Taking her by the hand he said to her, "Talitha cumi," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise." ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began walking (for she was twelve years of age), and they were immediately overcome with amazement. ⁴³And he strictly charged them that no

one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

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P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.

C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

P Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.

C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.**

Message Song

“Hope Has a Name”

Breaking through the silence With glory in the highest
The hope of all creation Resting in his mother's arms

A song on the horizon Ringing through the heavens

The long-awaited Savior

Come to set the captives free

Come to set the captives free

Come set us free

Hope has a name Emmanuel

The Light of the World Who broke through the darkness

All hail the King Emmanuel

The Light of the World The Glory of Heaven

We didn't see it coming The story of redemption

What started in a manger Ended in an empty grave

Oh I know that

Hope has a name Emmanuel

The Light of the World Who broke through the darkness

All hail the King Emmanuel

The Light of the World The Glory of Heaven

Come if you're broken Come if you're searching

If you need healing He's where you find it

Lay down your burdens And breathe in forgiveness
If you need freedom Yeah He's where you find it
Oh if you need freedom Yeah He's where you find it
Yeah He's where you find it oh

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Message

“Tangible Life – One-Upmanship”

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

G: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

Men: For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

Women: For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

G: For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

P: And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

G: He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

Women: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

Men: He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.

P: He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Offering

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Prayer

C **Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

C **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.**

P O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to You.**

P Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **Amen.**

Closing Song

“The Blessing”

The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine upon you
be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace,
Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
and your family and your children and their children and their children.

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations
and your family and your children and their children and their children.

May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you,
all around you and within you. He is with you. He is with you.

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,
in your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you.
He is for you. He is for you. He is for you. He is for you. He is for you.

He is for you. He is for you.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

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