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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'*

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

A Time of Preparation

Preludes

"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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Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

Invocation

P We make our beginning in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Song

“Graves Into Gardens”

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain Is the God of the valley
There's not a place Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

Oh there's nothing better than You There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways You're the only one who can
You're the only one who can

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

You turn graves into gardens You turn bones into armies
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Confession and Forgiveness

- P** Seeing Jesus' power, Peter blurted out, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."
- C** **Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed in thoughts, words, and deeds; we are sinful people.**
- P** Paul lamented, "If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful."
- C** **We confess, Holy Spirit, that we have been content to find peace only for ourselves; we are sinful in our very being.**
- P** Isaiah cried, "I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips."
- C** **We confess, Lord Jesus, that we have sinned even in our speaking and doing; we deserve to have You depart from us.**
- P** Despite their failures, Isaiah and Paul were inspired to write parts of the Bible and Peter led the disciples. By the grace of God, Jesus died and rose for you. As the angel told Isaiah, "Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for", so also for us, God forgives us all our sins and bestows on us the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Song of Praise

"My 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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Prayer of the Day

L The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

L Let us pray together...

G **O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." ⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

^{12b}...Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. ¹³Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. ¹⁵What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. ¹⁶Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? ¹⁷For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. ¹⁹Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. ²⁰Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 5:1-11

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord

¹ On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ² and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴ And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷ They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And

they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message Song

"Battle Belongs"

When all I see is the battle You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You
So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You
And if You are for me Who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb
So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet I'll sing through the night
O God the battle belongs to You
Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against The power of our God
You shine in the shadows You win every battle

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You shine in the shadows You win every battle
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So when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God the battle belongs to You
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Message

“Caught in the Net” *Luke 5:1-11*

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

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Sacrament

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us, revealing Your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to His own brilliant light.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on us and sent Your only-begotten Son to save us. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by His death on the cross.

Strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit that we may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood. Then gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

- 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.**

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 Speak Jesus"

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til ev'ry dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety
To ev'ry soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets
Jesus in the darkness over ev'ry enemy
Jesus for my fam'ly I speak the holy Name
Jesus

Your Name is power Your Name is healing
Your Name is life
Break ev'ry stronghold Shine through the shadows
Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over ev'ry heart and ev'ry mind
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence
I speak Jesus

Blessing

P Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil,
but in your thinking be mature.

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 ✕ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending Song

“Your Name is Power”

You're the only answer to the darkness You're the only right among the wrong

You're the only hope among the chaos You are the voice that calls me on

Louder than ev'ry lie My sword in ev'ry fight

The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness Freedom for the captives

Mercy for the broken and the hopeless

Your name is faithful in the battle Glory in the struggle

Mighty it won't let us down or fail us

Your name is power Your name is power

I know it is written hope is certain I know that the Word will never fail

I know that in ev'ry situation You speak the power to prevail

Louder than ev'ry lie My sword in ev'ry fight

The truth will chase away the night

Your name is power over darkness Freedom for the captives

Mercy for the broken and the hopeless

Your name is faithful in the battle Glory in the struggle

Mighty it won't let us down or fail us

Your name is power Your name is power

When You speak You scatter darkness Light arrives and heaven opens

Holy Spirit let us hear it

When You speak the church awakens We believe the change is coming
Holy Spirit let us see it

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