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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.

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'*

## **Second Sunday in Lent**

## **A Time of Preparation**

### **Prelude"**

### **"Stand In Your Love"**

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,  
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.  
When brokenness and pain is all I know,  
I won't be shaken. I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.  
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.  
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

Shame no longer has a place to hide; I am not a captive to the lies.  
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind. I won't be shaken, I won't be shaken.

My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.  
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.  
My fear doesn't stand a chance when I stand in Your love.

There's power that can break off every chain.  
There's power that can empty out a grave.  
There's resurrection power that can save.  
There's power in Your name, power in Your name.

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## **Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship**

### **Opening Song**

### **"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  
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  
Again and again and again and again. Oh oh oh Again and again.

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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

### **Song of Praise**

### **“We Fall Down”**

We fall down and lay our crowns At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of Your Mercy and love At the feet of Jesus  
And we cry holy, holy, holy

And we cry holy, holy, holy  
And we cry holy, holy, holy Is the lamb

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## First Reading

Jeremiah 26:12-15

<sup>12</sup> Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup> Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup> But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup> Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

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

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

## Gospel Reading

Luke 13:31-35

<sup>31</sup> At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup> And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup> O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! <sup>35</sup> Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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

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

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)

All these pieces, broken and scattered, in mercy gathered, mended and whole,  
empty handed but not forsaken, I've been set free! I've been set free!

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

Oh, I once was lost but now I am found; was blind but now I see.

Oh I can see You now. Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;  
laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

You take our failure, You take our weakness. You set Your treasure in jars of clay.  
So take this heart, Lord; I'll be Your vessel, the world to see Your life in me.

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!

Oh, I once was lost but now I am found; was blind but now I see.

Oh I can see You now. Oh I can see the love in Your eyes;  
laying Yourself down, raising up the broken to life.

*(Instrumental Interlude)*

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### Message

### "The Agony of Defeat"

### 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.**

## Blessing

- ℓ 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.
- ☞ **Amen.**

## Sending 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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