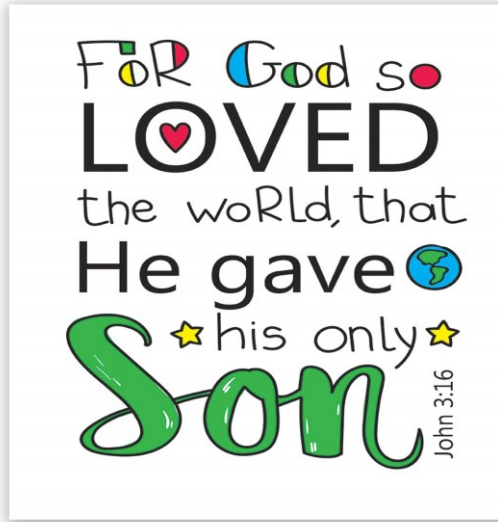




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# Welcome

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'*

## A Time of Preparation

### Prelude

### "God is On The Move"

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light  
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight  
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served  
I know I know I know I know

God is on the move on the move hallelujah  
God is on the move in many mighty ways  
God is on the move on the move hallelujah  
God is on the move on the move today

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees  
Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free  
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word  
I know I know I know I know

God is on the move on the move hallelujah  
God is on the move in many mighty ways  
God is on the move on the move hallelujah  
God is on the move on the move today

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul  
And someone says send me here I go  
I know I know I know I know

God is on the move on the move hallelujah  
God is on the move in many mighty ways  
God is on the move on the move hallelujah  
God is on the move on the move today

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# Welcome, Sharing of the Peace and Call To Worship

## Opening Song

## “Reckless Love”

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me  
You have been so so good to me  
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me  
You have been so so kind to me

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me  
You have been so so good to me  
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me  
You have been so so kind to me

And O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God  
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine  
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it Still You give Yourself away  
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless Love of God yeah

There's no shadow You won't light up  
Mountain You won't climb up Coming after me  
There's no wall You won't kick down  
Lie You won't tear down Coming after me

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## Confession and Forgiveness

### Song of Praise

### "God So Loved"

Come all you weary, Come all you thirsty.

Come to the well that never runs dry.

Drink of the water, Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy.

Come to the table; He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated.

Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

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Praise Him, praise Him For the wonders of His love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated. Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.

Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

## First Reading

Revelation 4:1-11

<sup>1</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” <sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. <sup>3</sup> And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. <sup>4</sup> Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. <sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, <sup>6</sup> and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal.

And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: <sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. <sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, “Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!”

<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying, <sup>11</sup> “Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Reading

John 1:1-5, John 3:16-21

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup> And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. <sup>20</sup> For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### “In Christ Alone”

In Christ Alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.

My Comforter my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## Message

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## Offering

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## Prayer of the Church

### Lord's Prayer

☐ Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

☐ **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

☐ 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

***"As For Me"***

Your love oh Lord is strength to my soul  
Hope for tomorrow it won't let go

Your presence is the joy of my life To You I lift my eyes  
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord  
We will sing of Your love forevermore  
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord Serve the Lord  
Your word alone a lamp to my feet  
A light to my path as You're leading me  
Your ways oh Lord are higher than mine To You I lift my eyes  
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord  
We will sing of Your love forevermore  
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord Serve the Lord  
Open up every door Write it on every wall  
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