

Welcome!

**St. John's
Lutheran
Church**

(LCMS)

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Sun. 9:15 am

Sat. 5:30 pm

Sun. 8:00 am

Sun. 10:30 am

***Proclaim the
Christ.***

***Grow the
Family.***

***Love the
Neighbor.***

Pastors

Mike Burdick
Trey Dille

Dec. 15, 2024

3rd Sun in
Advent

Welcome

We welcome you to God's Service in worship at St. John's, and extend a special welcome to all guests and visitors with us.

- Offerings are placed in the boxes at the North and West doors, before or after worship.
- Little Children's Worship bags are available in the Atrium.
- Restrooms are located on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th floors. Those on the 2nd and 5th floors include diaper-changing stations.
- The Service video is broadcast in the Atrium and in the Library area on the 5th floor.
- Visitors are not expected to bring an offering. Our members do so in free response to the Gospel and to finance the extension of God's Kingdom.
- **All worshipers are requested to complete an attendance card. They will be collected by the acolyte after the sermon. Thank you!**
- Share prayer requests using the yellow cards in the pews.

Those Who Serve Us

Each Member of St. John's	The Body of Christ
Rev. Mike Burdick.....	Pastor
Rev. Trey Dille.....	Pastor
Rev. Gary Fortkamp	Visitation Pastor
Mrs. Carrie Collier.....	Preschool Director
Mrs. Dana Keller	Organist
Mr. Ben Burdick.....	Song Leader
St. John's Praise Band	10:30am Music
Kennedy Bailey, Alexa Westjohn, and Allyson Kremer.....	Acolytes
Mr. Ray Hartman	5:30pm Elder on Duty
Mr. Howard Janis.....	8:00am Elder on Duty
Mr. Gayland Bourland.....	10:30am Elder on Duty
Mr. David Wall (217-343-6482)	Elder on Duty for December 15 - 21
Chatelain School & Baja School	Our Schools for feeding in Haiti
Ms. Janet Martins.....	(773-463-0617) Stephen Ministry Leader
Mrs. Julie Scott	(217-343-3047) Prayer Partner Coordinator
State, National & International Missions	through our District and Synod



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Jesus invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until

He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. Thank you.

You will find the songs for our 10:30 Service in Italics.

"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"

Preservice #1

*Hark! The herald angels sing!
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies!
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Hail! The heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail! The Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die!
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Christ, by highest heav'n adored:
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate Deity:
Pleased, as Man, with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

*Hark! Can You Hear The Angels?
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"Christmas Amazing Grace"

Preservice #2

*This Holy Child is born to us
For all the world to see
Peace on the earth, good will to men
To God all glory be.*

*This couple traveled from afar
Arrived in Bethlehem.
And in the inn they sought to stay
There was no room for them*

*They found a stable filled with hay
A manger for a bed.
God's Son was born this winter night
Just as the Angels said*

*The shepherds left to see this boy
They wandered through the night.
The Angels led the way to Him
A Savior wrapped in light*

*A star shone bright up in the east
The wise men following.
They brought Him gifts of gold and myrrh
To honor Christ the King*

*Jesus grew into a man
He died for you and me
But in three days He rose again
With us He'll ever be
With us He'll ever be*

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DIVINE SERVICE ONE



Prelude

Call to Worship

Welcome

Hymn #341

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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“My Soul Rejoices”

(10:30) Opening Song

*My soul rejoices, my spirit voices
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior has shown me favor
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, join in confessing
God, who is solely mighty and holy
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely shall rest securely
On all who fear Him, love and revere Him
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

*His arm now baring, His strength declaring
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud he scatters, their rule He shatters
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; the meek exalted,
Full are the hungry; empty the wealthy
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token all that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!*

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Confession and Absolution

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

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted in Advent,
as we wait until Christmas for the fullness of its joy.*



*The Advent Wreath is lighted while we reflect on the prayerful hymn
"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;
let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes,” says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- ¹LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- ²You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin.
- ³You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.
- ⁴Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!
- ⁵Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?
- ⁶Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?
- ⁷Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.
- ⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.
- ⁹Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
- ¹¹Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.
- ¹²Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.
- ¹³Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

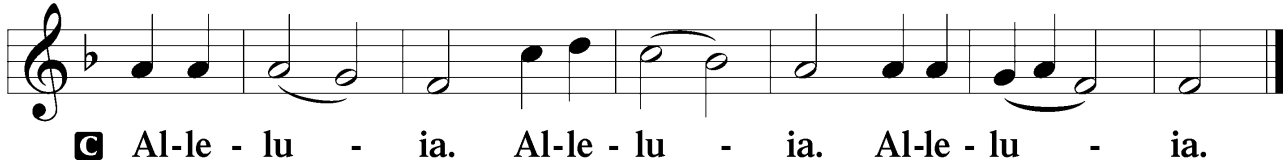
P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Sermon

Stand

Alleluia (5:30 & 8:00)



Holy Gospel

Luke 7:18–28

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’” ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

²⁴When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

“Behold, I send my messenger before your face,
who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Hymn #346

When All the World Was Cursed

“Where Shepherds Lately Knelt”

(10:30) Sermon Song

*Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;
But there is room and welcome there for me,
But there is room and welcome there for me.*

*In that unlikely place I find Him as they said:
Sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,
A still, small voice to cry one day for me*

*How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,
His prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.*

*Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned
Its way into my heart unasked, unforced, unearned,
To die, to live, and not alone for me,
To die, to live, and not alone for me.*

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Offertory (5:30 & 8:00)

Psalm 51:10-12



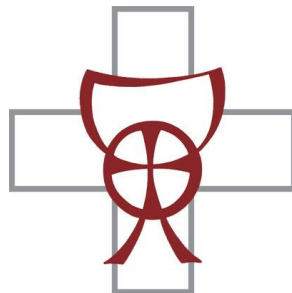
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Rite of Confirmation for Lacey Bushue (8:00)

Offering Presentation / Collection of Cards

Service of the Sacrament



Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C **It is meet and right so to do.**

(10:30 continues with the Lord's Prayer)

P It is truly meet, 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (5:30 & 8:00)

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

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.

The Words of Our Lord

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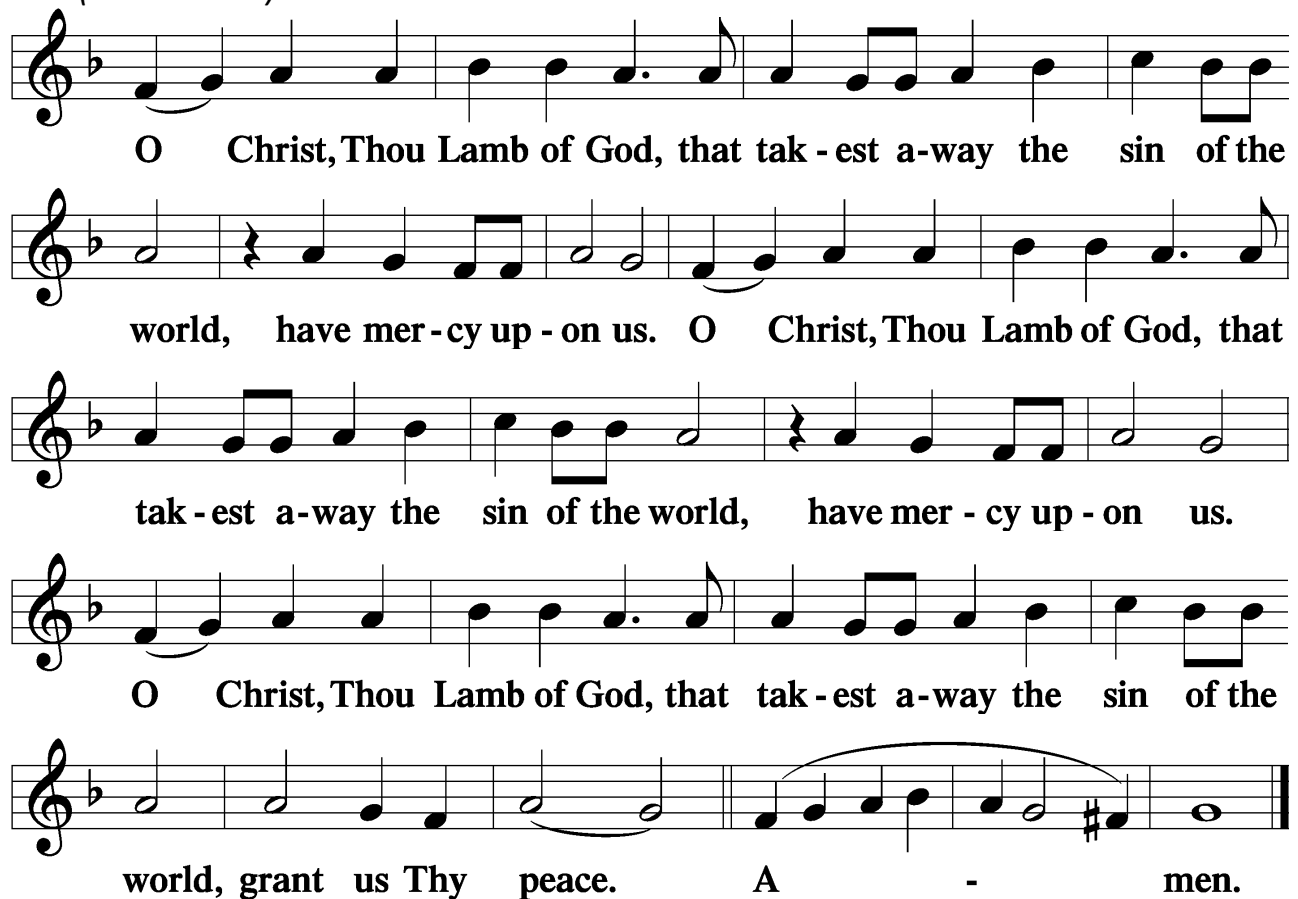
John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei (5:30 & 8:00)

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Distribution

Hymn #347

Hymn #515

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

“What Child Is This”

(10:30) **Communion Song**

*What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the king,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

*Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me, for you;
Hail, hail the word made flesh,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

*Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent word is pleading.*

*So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh;
Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high,
The virgin sings her lullaby;
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
The babe, the son of Mary!*

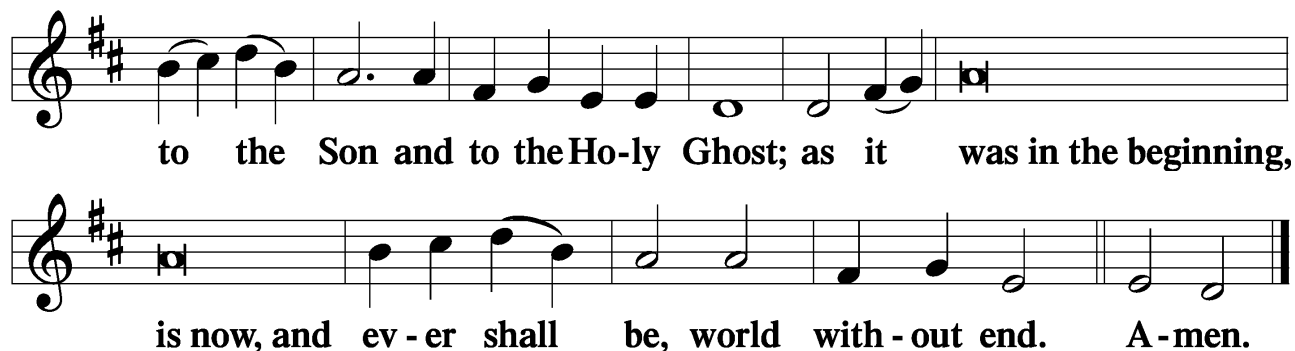
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Blessing

Nunc Dimittis (5:30 & 8:00)

Luke 2:29–32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

P Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26

Hymn #362

O Sing of Christ

“How Good Of God”

(10:30) Closing Song

*If someone would've told me, how good my life would get
I would have called them crazy, 'Cause I couldn't see it yet
From a story going nowhere, to where I'm standing now
I'm smiling 'cause I know there's only one way how*

*How good, how good
How good of God
My heart can't help but see
How good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

*My sins have been forgiven, and my wrongs have been erased
And I've learned what's so amazing about Amazing Grace
Yeah, this life I live is proof, that every prayer I prayed was heard
Lord, ain't it just like you to give me more than I deserve*

(Continued)

*How good, how good
How good of God
My heart can't help but see
How good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

*From the victories on the mountain, To the heartbreak valley low
I've always been surrounded by the arms that won't let go
They'll carry me to Heaven, when it's time to leave this earth
Lord, ain't it just like you to give me more than I deserve*

*How good, how good
How good of God
My heart can't help but see
How good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

*How good, how good
How good of God
My heart can't help but see
How good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

*Oh, how good, how good
How good of God
To be so good to me*

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Postlude

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