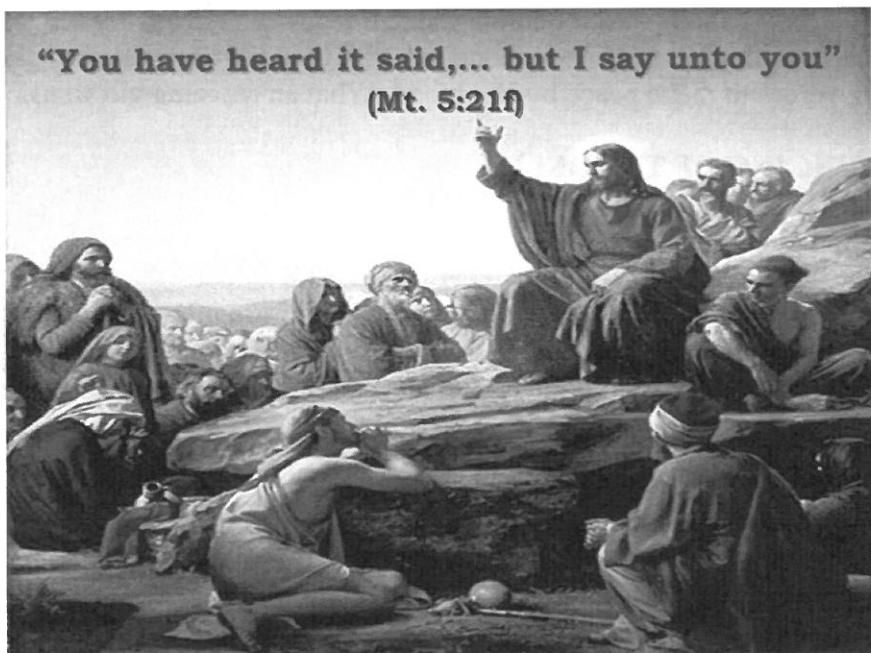


# St. Johns Lutheran Church



## AS WE GATHER

One of the stunning things about Jesus' words in today's Gospel is the distance Jesus is saying we might go for reconciliation. It is about 80 miles from the north side of the Sea of Galilee (where He spoke these words) to Jerusalem, which would be 160 miles roundtrip just to seek peace and reconciliation with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We remember today that there is no distance too great to seek reconciliation. Indeed, Jesus came from heaven to earth so that we might be reconciled with God. Jesus traveled to the cross to make peace by His blood. What an amazing gift to us.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to our members. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering.

### PREPARATION

**HYMN**      The Law of God is Good and Wise      **LSB 579**

**The Law of God is good and wise  
And sets His will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness,  
And dooms to death when we transgress.**

**Its light of holiness imparts  
The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate  
And turn from sin before too late.**

**To those who help in Christ have found  
And would in works of love abound  
It shows what deeds are His delight  
And should be done as good and right.**

**But those who scornfully disdain  
God's Law shall then in sin remain;  
Its terror in their ear resounds  
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.**

**The Law is good; but since the fall  
Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sin to die  
And has no pow'r to justify.**

**To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
Who from the curse has set us free,  
And humbly worship at His throne,  
Saved by His grace through faith alone.**

### **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father and of the **☩** Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION**

God calls on us to be blameless, to live in peace with one another, to not hold grudges or be angry with anyone. But we have failed to live as God has instructed. We have created division and discord. We have refused to be reconciled with others. We come before our heavenly Father to ask for His forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

**Heavenly Father,  
we confess that we have not always walked in Your ways. We  
confess that we have ignored and avoided conflict rather than  
seek reconciliation. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us. Forgive our sins. Bring Your reconciliation and peace that surpasses all understanding into our lives.**

Even though we have held on to our anger and resentment of others, our heavenly Father sent Jesus to be our reconciliation and peace. By the blood of Jesus, we are reconciled to God and can approach Him in all confidence. By the blood of Jesus, we are reconciled with one another.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen. We are reconciled and at peace with God and with one another. We are forgiven in Christ.**

## WORD

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS...Glory to God in the Highest**

**LSB 187**

Glory be to God on high: *(spoken)*

**(sung) and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.**

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

**O Lord God, heav'ly King, God the Father Almighty.**

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

**that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of**

**God the Father, have mercy upon us.**

**For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.**

**Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,**

**art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to bring us peace and reconciliation. Grant that we may forgive others as You have forgiven us by the blood of Jesus; through Jesus Christ, Your Son,

our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **MEMORIZED WORD**

<sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:9-10

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GRADUAL** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8 (sung)*

**Praise the LORD, all \* nations!**

**Extol Him, all \* peoples!**

**For great is His steadfast \* love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for \* ever.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory \* due His name;  
bring an offering, and come in \* to His courts!**

**EPISTLE**      *1 Corinthians 3:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Ephesians 5:2*

**Alleluia. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 5:21–37*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against

you,<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.<sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.<sup>26</sup> Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.<sup>27</sup> “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’<sup>28</sup> But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.<sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.<sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.<sup>31</sup> “It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’<sup>32</sup> But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.<sup>33</sup> “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’<sup>34</sup> But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,<sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.<sup>36</sup> And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.<sup>37</sup> Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise *LSB 394*

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy God-head manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word--  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;  
That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

## **SERMON**

**APOSTLE'S CREED** *See back cover of hymnbook*

**OFFERING** The Only Son from Heaven sung by St. Johns Choir

**OFFERTORY**      **LSB 192**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.**

**Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Dear heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to reconcile the world to Yourself and to make peace by the blood of His cross. Give us courage to seek forgiveness and reconciliation with one another, that Your peace that surpasses all understanding rule our hearts and minds. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, there are many divisions in Your Church. Too often we have identified ourselves as those who follow earthly leaders, rather than as those who follow Christ. Bring unity where there is division, peace where there is discord, and reconciliation where there is conflict. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, strengthen all marriages, encourage those who are single, and help us to recognize the value of each person, for all have been redeemed by Christ, the Crucified and Risen One.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, we command all of these things to Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer. Amen.**

### **THE 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.

**(sung) For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**HYMN**      May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill      **LSB 698**

**May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill  
And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.**

**So may we join Thy name to bless,  
Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.**

**One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.**

**Spirit of life, of love and peace,  
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.**

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***Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week***  
***February 16-February 23***

Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship
Monday	6:30pm Evangelism
Tuesday	3:30 pm Compass Chapel 7:00pm Confirmation
Wednesday	3:30pm Compass 6:30pm ESL 6:30pm Nepalese Confirmation 6:30pm Choir
Thursday	2:00pm Ridgewood Bible Study 2:00pm Oak Hill Food Pantry 3:30pm Compass 6:30pm Nepalese Confirmation
Friday	8:00am Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry
Next Sunday	8:00am Vietnamese Worship 9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 11:30am Executive Council Meeting

## Announcements

### Saved to Share Called to Care

#### Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 51

Communion: 44

Nepalese Attendance: 42

Offering : \$2,500.00

**SEMINARY CONCERT** Concordia Seminary will host an after chapel concert on February 18th from 9:55am-10:15am in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus balcony.

**CFNA SEWING AND SOWING** St. Louis businesses are searching for people with sewing skills. Refugees are calling for classes. Would you like to share Christ's love with a refugee, build a friendship and help someone learn a job skill? Your helping hands are needed for our sewing program. There are many ways to help. Call Carol (314) 517-8513

**A SPECIAL INVITATION** from Rev. Scott Holder from Concordia Seminary. If you have ever considered becoming a pastor or deaconess, he would like to meet with you at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Arnold on February 24<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-7pm or at Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens on February 26<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-7pm. Appointments are not necessary but encouraged. If you are interested, contact Rev. Holder at 314-505-7225 or [holders@csl.edu](mailto:holders@csl.edu).

**PASTOR IS AWAY IN WISCONSIN** baptizing his newest grandchild. He will be back Tuesday. In case of Emergency, contact Al Bohannon @ 314-401-0628.

**THANK YOU** Pastor would like to thank everyone for all the well wishes, cards, and gifts that he received on his birthday.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –Dennis Solomon healing from gum disease; Gerry Engert who is in the hospital recovering from pneumonia; Me Nguyen as she goes through therapy from knee surgery; Carmen Hobson who is having back surgery; Man Magar who is in the hospital due to a stroke; Nepali and Vietnamese Communities worshipping here; EAGLE and Compass as they look for more staff. For those infected by the corona virus.  
**Shut Ins** – Jeanette Creamer, Gerry Engert, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Me Nguyen, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Mabel Wilke, Carol Carr, Trinh Nguyen

**MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE** On Sunday, March 22<sup>th</sup>, Hope Ev. Lutheran Church will host Laudamus touring choir from Concordia Seminary in their home tour performance at 4pm. The guest organist for this service will be Matthew Gerhardt.. Visit [hopelutheranstl.org](http://hopelutheranstl.org) for more information

**MISSOURI ASSOCIATION FOR CREATION** welcomes Zak Klein at The Rock Church, 15101 Manchester Rd., Ballwin, MO 63011. MAC is hosting Marv Schaefer on Monday, March 9 @ 7:00pm as he talks about Biblical History. There is no cost.

**SAUSAGE DINNER** On Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Immanuel Lutheran Church-Olivette will hold a sausage dinner from 12pm-4pm with carry-out available from 11:30am-5pm. Adults are \$12, Children are \$5, and Children 5 and under are free.

**THE WIND SYMPHONY** of Concordia University Chicago will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in St. Charles on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.