

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

## I am the Good Shepherd



I Lay Down My Life for the Sheep

## AS WE GATHER

Of all the animals that could have been used to portray humanity, does it feel strange to be called a sheep? After all, it is not the most honorable creature. There are no defense mechanisms to escape a predator, no intimidating roar, and limited ability to fend for oneself when it comes to seeking nourishment, water, and safety. Yet these things reveal the point we are called to understand. It may not be good to be a sheep on our own, but it is great to be a sheep with a Good Shepherd to care for the flock. Jesus is our perfect shepherd who protects and defends, feeds and nourishes, leads and provides all we need in this body and life. Together as His flock, we are blessed to follow Him as by His Word and Means of Grace He leads us to streams of living water and paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME / JAMASI & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. *(Please keep your distance though)* Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. . Our service today includes the celebration of God's presence, as He comes in the true body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. **Any who are not yet instructed or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, are asked to refrain** from receiving the sacrament until they have spoken with the pastor.

## PREPARATION

**SONG** This is the Day *(Sung together twice, then Nepalese will start and the Congregation will echo)*

**This is the day, this is the day.  
That the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.**

(आजको दिन) (२), (उनले सिर्जेका) (२)

रमाउँदै जाऊँ, खुशी मनाऊँ, (र आनन्द गरौँ) (२)

आजको दिन उनले सिर्जेका, रमाउँदै जाऊँ र खुसी मनाऊँ

(आजको दिन) (२), उनले सिर्जेका

## INVOCATION

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

**Amen.** पिता, पुत्र र पवित्र आत्माको नाममा।

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!** ऊ बौरिएको छ।

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Eternal God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people.

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy.** (*Respond in both languages*)

We have transgressed Your Law in many ways,

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy.**

We have not always been good friends, faithful neighbors, or caring family members.

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy.**

Our motives and thoughts have not always been pure.

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy.**

O God, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful relationship with You.

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy.**

Jesus Christ died for you, for His sake God the Father has had mercy on you and forgives you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

धन्यवाद प्रभु आमेन

## PSALM 23 *Lord is my Shepherd (Nepali Song)*

### FIRST READING Acts 4:8–12 प्रेरित 4:8-12

<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup>And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

<sup>8</sup> तब पवित्र आत्माले पत्रुस भरिपूर्ण भयो। उनले तिनीहरूलाई भने, “मानिसहरूका अगुवाहरू र बूढा अगुवाहरू: <sup>9</sup> तिमीहरूले यस्ता असल काम गरेको विषयमा अहिले हामीलाई प्रश्न गरिरहेछौ कि यो लड्गडो मानिस कसरी निको भयो? <sup>10</sup> तिमीहरू सबै, यहूदी मानिसहरूले जानुन् कि यो लड्गडो मानिस नासरतका येशू ख्रीष्टको शक्तिद्वारा निको भएको हो! जसलाई तिमीहरूले क्रूसमा किला ठोक्यौ। परमेश्वरले उहाँलाई मृत्युबाट जीवनमा बौराउनु भयो। यो मानिस लड्गडो थियो, तर अब ठीक छ। ऊ तिमीहरू सामु उभिन सामर्थ छ येशूको शक्तिले गर्दा। <sup>11</sup> येशू हुनुहुन्छ ‘यो दुङ्गालाई तिमी डकर्मीहरूले कुनै महत्व नै दिएनौ, तर यो दुङ्गा मूल-दुङ्गा हुनगएको छ।’ <sup>12</sup> येशू मात्र एक त्यस्तो हुनुहुन्छ जो मानिसहरूलाई बचाउन योग्य हुनु हुन्छ। उहाँको नाउँ मात्र यो संसारका मानिसहरूलाई दिइएको एक शक्ति हो, जसद्वारा हामी बचाउन सक्छौ।”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.** धन्यवाद प्रभु आमेन

## HYMN

Lord I Lift Your Name (sung together in both languages)

प्रभु तपाईंको नाउँ उचाल्छु म,  
स्तुति गाउन चाहन्छु तपाईंको,  
खुशी छु मेरो जीवनमा आउनुभो,  
खुशी छु मलाई बचाउन आउनुभो

स्वर्गबाट धर्तीमा आउनुभो  
बाटो देखाउन, धर्तीबाट क्रूसमा  
मेरो ऋण तीर्न  
क्रूसबाट चिहानमा,  
चिहानबाट स्वर्गमा,  
प्रभु तपाईंकै नाउँ उच्चमा

**Lord I lift Your Name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us**

**You came from Heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your Name on high.**

## EPISTLE *1 John 3:16–18 1 यूहन्ना 3:16-18*

<sup>16</sup>By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. <sup>17</sup>But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? <sup>18</sup>Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

<sup>16</sup>साँच्चो प्रेम के हो त्यो यसरी हामी जान्दछौं येशूले हाम्रा निम्ति आफ्ना जीवन अर्पण गरे। यसर्थ हामीले हाम्रो जीवन ख्रीष्टमा भएका हाम्रा भाइ-बहिनीहरूका निम्ति अर्पण गर्नुपर्छ। <sup>17</sup>कसैसित संसारको धन-सम्पत्ति छ र पनि आफ्ना दाज्यू-भाइलाई खाँचोमा परेको देख्दा उनिहरूप्रति आफ्नो मन कठोर पार्छ भने परमेश्वरको प्रेमले कसरी त्यसमा वास गर्छ? <sup>18</sup>मेरो बालकहरू, हाम्रो प्रेम केवल शब्द अनि बातमा मात्र हुनु हुँदैन। हाम्रो प्रेम साँच्चो प्रेम हुनुपर्छ। हामीले हाम्रो प्रेम हाम्रो कर्मद्वारा दर्शाउनु पर्छ।

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.** धन्यवाद प्रभु आमेन

## HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:11–18* यूहन्ना 10:11-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the tenth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup>[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

11 येशूले भन्नुभयो “म असल गोठालो हुँ। असल गोठालोले भेंडाका निम्ति आफ्नो जीवन प्रदान गर्दछ। 12 पैसा दिएर राखेको कर्मी र खास गोठालोमा भिन्नता हुँदछ। तलब दिएर राखेका गोठालाहरूको आफ्नो भेंडा हुदैन। जब उसले ब्वाँसो देख्दछ, ऊ भेंडालाई छाडेर भाग्दछ। तब ब्वाँसोले भेंडाहरूमाथि आक्रमण गरेर तितर-बितर पार्दछ। 13 किनभने ऊ तलबमा राखिएको मान्छे हो। त्यसकारणले भाग्छ। उसले भेंडाको देखेरेख गर्दैन। उसलाई भेंडाको चिन्ता हुँदैन। उसलाई भेंडासँग कुनै मतलब रहँदैन। 14-15 “म त्यो गोठालो हुँ जसले भेंडालाई साँच्चो मनले रक्षा गर्छ। म मेरा भेंडाहरू चिन्दछु जसरी पिताले मलाई चिन्दछ। अनि भेंडाले पनि मलाई चिन्दछ जसरी म पितालाई चिन्दछु। म ती भडाहरूका लागि जीवन अर्पण गर्छु। 16 मसँग अन्य भेंडाहरू पनि छन्। तिनीहरू यस झुण्डमा छैनन्। मैले तिनीहरूलाई पनि अगुवाई गर्नु पर्छ। तिनीहरूले मेरो आवाज सुन्नेछन्, तब तिनीहरू एउटै झुण्डमा हुनेछन् तब त्यहाँ, एउटा बगाल अनि एउटै गोठालो हुँदछ। 17 मेरो पिताले मलाई प्रेम गर्नुहुन्छ किनभने म मेरो जीवन दिनु तयार छु ताकि त्यो म फेरि फिर्ता पाउँनेछु। 18 मबाट कसैले जीवन लिन सक्दैन, मेरो आफ्नै जीवन आफ्नो इच्छाले दिन्छु मेरो आफ्नो जीवन दिने अधिकार छ। अनि त्यसैलाई पुनः प्राप्त गर्न अधिकार पनि छ। यही नै त मेरा पिताले मलाई गर्नु भन्नुभयो।”

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

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB 709*

**The King of Love my Shepherd is,  
 Whose goodness faileth never;  
 I nothing lack if I am His  
 And He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,  
 My ransomed soul He leadeth  
 And, where the verdant pastures grow,  
 With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
 But yet in love He sought me  
 And on His shoulder gently laid  
 And home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
 With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
 Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
 Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
 Thine unction grace bestoweth;  
 And oh, what transport of delight  
 From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever!

## SERMON

**APOSTLE'S CREED** (*Said Together*)  
I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

## OFFERING *Nepali Song*

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for people who are displaced from their homes, communities, and countries.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.** हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

Let us pray for refugees from warfare, those who lack the basic necessities of life, and all who are dealing with long-term ills or sudden emergencies.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.** हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

[*Specific petitions may be added.*] Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.** हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

प्रेरितहरूको विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक परमेश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान् पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी सृष्टि गर्नुहुनेमाथि।

अनि उहाँका एकले पुत्र, हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि, जो पवित्र आत्माको शक्तिद्वारा गर्भ धारण हुनुभयो, कन्ये मरियमदेखि जन्मनुभयो, जसले पन्तियस पिलातसको अधीनमा दुःख भोग्नुभयो, जो क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो, स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो, अनि सर्वशक्तिमान् परमेश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नुभएको छ; जहाँदेखि उहाँ जिउँदा र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई फेरि आउनुहुनेछ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्मामाथि; पवित्र मण्डलीमाथि; पवित्रहरूको सङ्गतिमाथि; पाप मोचनमाथि; शरीरको पुनरुत्थानमाथि; र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि। आमिन्।

Let us pray for ourselves and the Church wherever it gathers in Christ's name.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.** हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

Grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever.

**Amen.** आमेन

## SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

प्रभु तपाईं संग हुना

**And also with you.**

र तिमि पनि

Lift up your hearts.

आफ्नो हृदय उठाऊ

**We lift them to the Lord.**

हामीले प्रभुलाई हाम्रो हृदय उचाल्छौं

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

हामीले प्रभुलाई हाम्रो हृदय उचाल्छौं

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

हामीले प्रभुलाई हाम्रो हृदय उचाल्छौं

### PROPER PREFACE

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**YOU ARE HOLY (AGNUS DEI) by Michael W. Smith ( sung together)**

**Alleluia Alleluia for the Lord God**

(ह .. हल्लेलूयाह) २

**Almighty reigns**

(परमप्रभु राज गर्नुहुन्छ) २

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**Alleluia Holy, Holy are You Lord God**

ह .. हल्लेलूयाह ... पवित्र ... पवित्र

**Almighty**

**Worthy is the Lamb, Worthy is the lamb**

परमप्रभु सर्व शक्तिमान

**You are Holy Holy are You Lord God**

(योग्य छन् थुमा) २

**almighty**

तपाईं पवित्र ... पवित्र

**Worthy is the Lamb worthy is the Lamb.**

परमप्रभु सर्व शक्तिमान

**Amen.**

(योग्य छन् थुमा) २

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *(spoken first in English, then Nepali)*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Said together with Nepalese)*

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.**

## PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

**You Are My All In All** *(English and Nepalese together)*

**You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the Treasure that I seek,  
You are my All in All.  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord to give up I'd be a fool.  
You are my All in All.**

1 कोरिन्थी 11:23-25

23 तिमीहरूलाई म त्यही शिक्षा दिंदैछु जुन मैले प्रभुबाट पाएँ त्यो रात जब येशू पक्राउ पर्नुभयो, उहाँले रोटी लिनुभयो। 24 र त्यसको निम्ति धन्यवाद दिनुभयो। अनि उहाँले रोटी भाँच्नु भयो र भन्नुभयो, “यो मेरो शरीर हो, यो तिमीहरूकोलागि हो। यो मेरो समझना को निम्ति गरा”

25 उसरी नै उनीहरूले खाए पछि येशूले दाखरसको कचौरा लिनुभयो। येशूले भन्नुभयो, “यो दाखरस परमेश्वरबाट आफ्ना मानिसलाई नयाँ करार हो। यो नयाँ करार मेरो रगतसित शुरू हुँदछ। जहिले पनि तिमीहरू यो पिउँछौ मेरो समझनामा गर्ने गर

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)

हे हाम्रा पिता, जो स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुन्छ, तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र होस्।  
तपाईंको राज्य आओस्, तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा जस्तो छ  
त्यस्तै यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।  
हामीलाई आज हाम्रो दैनिक भोजन दिनुहोस्। हाम्रा अपराध  
क्षमा गर्नुहोस्,  
जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।  
हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,  
तर दुष्टबाट छुटाउनुहोस्। किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम र महिमा  
सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्।  
आमिन्।

तपाईं शक्ति जब म निर्बल  
खोज्छु तपाईंलाई हरपल  
तपाईं नै मेरो सबै  
खोज्छु सम्झी बहुमुल्य धन  
बिर्सन खोज्छु मुख मन  
तपाईं नै मेरो सबै

**Jesus Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.**

येशु इश्वरको थुमा योग्य तपाईंको नाम \* २

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
rising again I bless Your name.  
You are my All in All.  
When I fall down, You pick me up  
When I am dry You fill my cup  
You are my All in All.**

मेरो पाप, लाज र क्रुष उठाई  
बौरिनुभो आशिषीत भई  
तपाईं नै मेरो सबै  
जब म लड्छु उठाउनुहुन्छ  
म हुन्छु खाली भर्नु हुन्छ  
तपाईं नै मेरो सबै

**Jesus Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is Your name.**

येशु इश्वरको थुमा योग्य तपाईंको नाम \* २

**POST-COMMUNION Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart**      **LSB 806 (Sung together)**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son. 2x**

(धन्यवाद चढाऔं हृदयदेखि,  
धन्यवाद पवित्र परमेश्वरलाई,  
धन्यवाद उहाँले दिनुभो  
येशू ख्रीष्ट आफ्नो पुत्र) २  
(dhanyebaad caDhaauñ ridai dekhi,  
dhanyebaad pavitra parmeshwor-laa,  
dhanyebaad uhaañ-le dinubho  
yeshu khrist aafno putra) 2

**And now let the weak say,  
“I am strong.”  
Let the poor say “I am rich,”  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
2x**

भन निर्बलले 'म बलियो छु',  
गरीबले 'म धनी छु'  
कारण उहाँले जे गर्नुभो  
हाम्रोलागि  
bhana nirbal-le 'ma baliyo chu',  
garib-le 'ma dhani chu'  
kaaraN uhaañ-le je gar-nubho  
haamro-laagi

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and †  
give you peace.  
**Amen.**

परमप्रभुले तिमीहरूलाई आशीर्वाद दिऊन् र रक्षा गरून्।  
परमप्रभुको मुख (मुखारबिन्द) तिमीहरूमाथि चम्काऊन्,  
अनि तिमीहरूमाथि अनुग्रह गरून्।  
परमप्रभुले तिमीहरू माथि दया दृष्टि राखुन्,  
अनि तिमीहरूमा शान्ति दिऊन्।

**HYMN**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia *LSB 466*

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.  
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,  
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

*Refrain*

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst  
Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo;  
And in its conquest His might did show.**

*Refrain*

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!  
You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;  
Only the grave cloths are lying there."**

*Refrain*

**"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;  
Even the battle with sin is won."**

*Refrain*

**Christ has arisen; He sets us free;  
Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.**

*Refrain*

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Vicar Nabin Samal
Lector	Vicar Ratna Mangar
Children's Message	Martha Magar
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Don Osiek, Ben Thomas, William Gebhart, and Roger Schmidt
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy

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 Bible Class              Dan Reh

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## Announcements

### Saved to Share Called to Care

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

Attendance Sunday: 33  
 Nepalese Attendance: 32  
 Offering: \$1,620.00

**ATTENTION: PLEASE TAKE A HYMNAL** from the rack nearest to you and leave it on the pew where you are sitting prior to leaving the sanctuary today. This will enable us to be more efficient when we sanitize the pews this week. Thank you.

**NT CLASS** is at 6:30pm on Wednesday nights. This week will be about 1 Corinthians. All are invited to learn the overview of each Gospel and letter of the New Testament with its major themes.

#### THANK YOU FOR EASTER LILIES/TULIPS

**DONATIONS** We would like to thank Melba Fanger, Marsha Jackson, Doris Seevers, Sandra Gerber, and Diane Schwab for their donations to help us decorate the Chancel for Easter.

**ST. JOHNS SINGS** A big "Thank You" to John Schmidt for his trumpet playing Easter morning - what a joyful sound! John also plays this morning on the prelude and opening hymn. Thanks as well to Sandy Gerber, Kathy Tanney and Sharon Sieber for adding some handbell "spice" on Easter morning. Make a joyful noise to the risen Lord!

**CHURCH PICNIC** We will be having our Church picnic on June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Old Carriage in Tower Grove Park

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** – **Carmen** Hobson for possible back surgery; **Ray** as he goes through therapy; **Joan** as she struggles with eye problems; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery. **Field-workers** and **Vicars** for their class work; **St. Johns** for blessings on our virtual learning center; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **Food Pantry & ESL** for blessings on what they do. **Shut Ins** – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr

### Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week April 25-May 2

Sunday	<b>9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open 3pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open 3pm-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6pm Adobe Connect
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center 6:30pm NT Class 6:30pm ESL
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 7:30am-5:30pm Virtual Learning Center
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 10:30am Social Ministry 1:00pm Vicar Class
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship