

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?



You Have the Words of Eternal Life.

AS WE GATHER

Today we consider Jesus' claim that He is the bread of life and whoever feeds on His flesh and drinks His blood has eternal life. While this may sound mysterious to us, it was downright offensive to those who first heard these words. The way and wisdom of Jesus are often countercultural and counterintuitive, but He offers us eternal life as He gives His body and pours out His blood for us and our salvation.

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

We have begun a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. Page 323 in the Hymnbook gives us the meaning of the first petition:
Hallowed be your Name.

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. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

PREPARATION

HYMN Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me *LSB 722*

**Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor**

**I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear.
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Insight is knowing the holy one and seeking justice.

The way of the Lord leads to eternal life.

The way of the world leads only to death.

Through His death and resurrection, Jesus opens the way of eternal life.

Jesus has given us the words of eternal life.

Jesus gives us the food of eternal life, His body and blood.

**Come, let us listen to His words, walk His way, and delight in
His food.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Though Jesus has come down from the heavens as the bread of life for us, we sometimes listen to other people's words. We sometimes choose to follow those who do not follow Jesus. We sometimes delight in earthly pleasures rather than the daily bread God has given us. Yet, our heavenly Father calls us back to Him, for His way is a way of forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Heavenly Father,
we have lived according to our own wisdom and desires. We have ignored Your words and wisdom. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us on the way of resurrection and eternal life, on account of Jesus. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you. Jesus, the living bread from heaven, has given His body and shed His blood so that you would be forgiven and have eternal life. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. We are forgiven. We have eternal life with Christ. Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *LSB 154*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You are the living bread come down from heaven to give us life eternal. Strengthen us as we follow Your wisdom, Your way, and Your Word, that we remain steadfast in the true faith until Your glorious return; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:15-16

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Proverbs 9:1-10*

¹Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ²She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴“Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” ⁷Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

**Fear the Lord, * you his saints,
for those who fear him lack * nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the * righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out * of them all.**

EPISTLE *Ephesians 5:6–21*

⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” ¹⁵Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, ²⁰giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 6:68*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 6:51–69*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵¹[Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But there are some of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” ⁶⁶After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

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

SONG *I Am The Bread of Life (Sung by Pastor Tanney)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE "No Turning Back"

HYMN "O God, My Faithful God" *LSB 696*

**O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,
And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.**

**Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.**

**Keep me from saying words
That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech
May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place
I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace
Lest I offend the weak.**

**Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.**

**Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.**

**And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.**

SERMON Lord, Teach Us To Pray - Hallowed be Your Name.

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above *LSB 766 v. 1,2,9*

**Our Father, who from heav'n above
Bids all of us to live in love
As members of one family
And pray to You in unity,
Teach us no thoughtless words to say
But from our inmost hearts to pray.**

**Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,
In purity to keep Your Word,
That to the glory of Your name
We walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert;
All poor deluded souls convert.**

**Amen, that is, so shall it be.
Make strong our faith in You, that we
May doubt not but with trust believe
That what we ask we shall receive.
Thus in Your name and at Your Word
We say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"**

OFFERTORY *LSB 159*
What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O
Jerusalem.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray

Lord Jesus Christ, You descend from the heavens to feed Your people with the food of eternal life. As we follow You, help us to feed others both with earthly food and with heavenly food. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

let me with holy food be fed.

Lord, we bring before You all those who have stopped following You. We pray that You would soften their hearts and give us wisdom to share Your words of eternal life so that they might follow You again. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

let me with holy food be fed.

Lord, Your ways are not our ways. Your thoughts are not our thoughts. Help us not to seek our own way but to seek Your way and Your wisdom. Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

let me with holy food be fed.

Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need.

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

let me with holy food be fed.

Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom.

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,

let me with holy food be fed.

Lord Jesus, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guiding, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us.

Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

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.

BENEDICTION

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.

HYMN

Our Father Who Art in Heaven - IIa

LSB 958

Refrain

**Our Father who art in heaven, Thy name be hallowed,
Thy name be hallowed, Heavenly Father.**

May Thy kingdom come to us, O Lord;

May Thy holy will be done, O Lord;

As in heaven so on earth may Thy holy will be done, O Lord.

Refrain

**Give us this day, O Lord, our daily bread;
Lord, forgive our trespasses, we pray,
As we forgive all those who trespass against us, Lord.**

Refrain

**Lead us not into temptation, Lord,
Lead us not into temptation, Lord,
But deliver us from evil, Lord, deliver us from evil.**

Refrain

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
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Children's Message	Pastor Michael Tanney
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Pastor Michael Tanney

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 45

Communion: 41

Nepalese Attendance: 32

Offering: \$2,046.00

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.

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Is looking at the series called 'See through the Scriptures'. This Bible Study has been produced to provide hands-on training. It is designed to serve as a tool to convince people that: We need to *read* the Bible, We can *understand* the Bible's message, and that We can *explain* that message to others.

FOOD PANTRY will no longer be accepting clothes until further notice.

LORD'S PRAYER SERMON SERIES This week we will focus on the first petition. Next week will focus on the second petition.

LHSA will be celebrating 75 years of high school ministry on September 5th, 2021 @ Immanuel Olivette during the 10:30am service.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions – **Karl** for healing from a kidney infection; **Maureen** for healing for her hip and back; **Steve Bain** for healing from back and hip arthritis pain; **Jeanette Creamer** who is now in hospice; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Carol Carr** who is in rehab. **For** those seeking new employment opportunities; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **Food Pantry & ESL** for blessings on what they do; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they begin a new school year.
Shut Ins – Jeanette Creamer, Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

August 15-August 22

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 6:30pm NT Class 6:30pm ESL
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 6:30pm Confirmation
Friday	8am-2pm Office Open 8am Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship