

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



God Tempts No One  
**LEAD US NOT INTO**  
**TEMPTATION**

Father, Don't Permit Us to  
be Tempted

## **AS WE GATHER**

“Lead us not into temptation” is probably not part of our prayer life. We rarely pray asking our Father to not permit us to be tempted and yet we are tempted each day. So again we need to be taught how to pray. Just look around at some of your friends. Perhaps they went to church, but now they are not interested in God, they have been tempted to walk in the ways of the world. May it not happen to us! Lead us, dear heavenly Father and I will follow for I know You tempt no one.

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Lord, Teach Us to Pray**

We near the end of our sermon series titled, “Lord, teach us to pray” based on the Lord’s Prayer. Page 324 in the Hymnbook gives us the meaning of the Sixth petition: Lead us not into temptation.

### **WELCOME GUESTS**

We’re glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. 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**

Lead Me, Guide Me *LSB 721*

*Refrain:*

**Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if You lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see. *Refrain***

**Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in Thee. *Refrain***

**I am lost if You take Your hand from me,  
I am blind without Thy light to see.  
Lord, always let me Thy servant be. *Refrain***

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”  
Let us go to God,  
O God, save me, by Your name,  
**and vindicate me by Your might.**  
O God, hear my prayer;  
**give ear to the words of my mouth.**  
Gracious God,

**we confess that as we have desired friendship with the world, we forget that it would mean enmity with God. We confess that our passions are at war within us. We have had bitter jealousy and selfish ambition inside us. In all humility, we come to You, holy Lord, seeking Your peace to calm the war within us.**

God has not given up on you! He yearns jealously over the spirit that He has made to dwell in us. Indeed, He gives more grace. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

**KYRIE**      *LSB 152*

In peace let us pray to the Lord. (*spoken*)

**Lord, have mercy. (*sung*)**

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**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.

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness,  
grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in  
both will and deed; 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**

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in  
everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your  
requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which  
surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds  
in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**     *Jeremiah 11:18–20*

<sup>18</sup>The Lord made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me  
their deeds. <sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did  
not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the  
land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” <sup>20</sup>But,  
O Lord of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and

the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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** James 1:2-18

<sup>2</sup> Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, <sup>3</sup> for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. <sup>4</sup> And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. <sup>5</sup> If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. <sup>6</sup> But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. <sup>7</sup> For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; <sup>8</sup> he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. <sup>9</sup> Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, <sup>10</sup> and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. <sup>11</sup> For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits. <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup> Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup> Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin,

and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. <sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup> Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**        *Mark 9:35b*

Alleluia. If anyone would be first,  
**he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**        *Mark 9:30–37*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. <sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” <sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN**            **“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”**        *LSB 851*

**Lord of Glory, You have bought us  
With Your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?**



**Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.**

**SERMON** Lead us not into temptation

### **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 (Sung by Joe Strickert)**

### **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: (Dan begins prayer, Sam prays italics),  
Wherever nations quarrel and plunge toward war, *O God, open the ears of their leaders to hear the wisdom from above and pursue peace.*

**Move them to find joy in humble service.**

Wherever international alliances, national leaders, and groups within society follow the lead of their selfish ambitions at the expense of the downtrodden and forgotten people across borders and in their midst, *O God, give both citizens and their leaders hearts that are open to reason, full of mercy, impartial and sincere.*

**Grant that peace break out across borders and justice within them.**

Whenever the Church is fraught with boasting, falsehoods, and schisms, *O God, send Your Holy Spirit to use Word and Sacrament to bring clergy and lay leaders to repentance.*

**Embolden them to announce with one voice the victory Your Son won for us all.**

Wherever people respond to illness, accident, injustice, and discrimination, *O God, strengthen them to rely on You for protection in all circumstances.*

**Guide them to make decisions in wisdom and to sow righteousness in peace.**

Whenever our conduct betrays worldly jealousy and selfish ambition, *O God, turn our laughter to mourning and our joy to gloom until we recognize Your unending grace.*

**Help us seek to meet the needs of the people around us in humble service.**

Wherever people call out to You in their distress, [*especially . . .*], *O God, visit, relieve, heal, and console them according to Your gracious will.*

**Use us as part of Your answers to their fervent prayers.**

Whenever we pridefully seek to solve our problems by our own strength, *O God, remind us of Your faithfulness, constant presence, and gracious protection for Jesus' sake.*

**Show us how to humbly serve the people around us as You have served us.**

Heavenly Father, hear us and all for whom we pray, as we rely on Your gracious plans for all we need;  
**through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## **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,**

*What does this mean?*

**God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.**

**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**

Jesus, Lead Thou On

*LSB 718*

**Jesus, lead Thou on**

**Till our rest is won;**

**And although the way be cheerless,  
We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand  
To our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear,  
If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;  
Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many a woe  
To our home we go.**

**When we seek relief  
From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring,  
Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore  
Where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, lead Thou on  
Till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us,  
Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand  
In our fatherland.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
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Lector	Sam Shick
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Don Osiek, William Gebhart, and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Pastor Michael Tanney
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Allen Dass

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## **Announcements**

### **Saved to Share Called to Care**

Attendance Sunday: 44

Communion: 36

Nepalese: 32

Offering: \$1,713.00

**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. However, they will be accepting coats, blankets, socks, and underwear that is in good condition.

**LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY SERMON SERIES** This week we will focus on the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer. Next week will focus on the seventh petition.

**VOTER'S MEETING** There will be a Voter's Meeting today, September 19<sup>th</sup> after Bible Study @ 11:30am. All members are welcome to join.

**PASTOR TANNEY** will be attending a Theological Symposium from September 20<sup>th</sup>-September 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be out of the office.

**NO JOINT SERVICE** next week as the Nepalese will be on a trip.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –**Steve Bain** for healing from back and hip arthritis pain; **For** those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Irene Hurst** for transition and transfer to her new home and Church.

**Maureen Rehmer** as she goes through rehab for her leg; **Ruth Trauth** as she recovers from surgery; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they continue looking for staff.

**Shut Ins** – Carmen Hobson, Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain

### ***Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week***

***September 19-September 26***

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b>
	10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship
	<b>11:30am Voter's Meeting</b>
Monday	12:30pm African Worship
	8am-2pm Office Open
	3pm-6pm Compass
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open
	3pm-6pm Compass
	NO Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open
	3pm-6pm Compass
	NO NT Class
Thursday	6:30pm ESL
	8am-2pm Office Open
	3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	6:30pm Confirmation
	8am-1pm Office Open
	8am Bible Study
Saturday	2pm-6pm Compass
	8:30am Food Pantry/Confirmation
	<b>9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion</b>
Next Sunday	10:30am Bible Study
	12:30pm African Worship

