

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

“Let the Children



Come to Me”

## **AS WE GATHER**

The pages of Scripture counsel us regarding things that are not to be neglected. Proverbs says plainly: “Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it” (Proverbs 8:33). Paul writes to young Timothy: “Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you” (1 Timothy 4:14). But the book of the Bible with the most reminders about what is not to be neglected is Hebrews. Here we are directed: do not neglect to do good (Hebrews 13:16), do not neglect to show hospitality (13:2), do not neglect to meet together (10:25), and do not neglect our great salvation (2:3). We do well to take that divine guidance to heart.

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **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**     Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds     *LSB 867*

**Let children hear the mighty deeds  
Which God performed of old,  
Which in our younger days we saw,  
And which our parents told.**

So make to them His glories known,  
His works of pow'r and grace;  
And we'll convey His wonders down  
Through ev'ry rising race.

Our sons and daughters we shall tell  
And they again to theirs  
That generations yet unborn  
May teach them to their heirs.

O teach them with all diligence  
The truths of God's own Word,  
To place in Him their confidence,  
To fear and trust their Lord,

To learn that in our God alone  
Their hope securely stands,  
That they may never doubt His love  
But walk in His commands.

#### INVOCATION

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

#### OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 27:7, 11a, 13–14; 51:15; 70:1*

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!**

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

**Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path.**

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!

**Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness.**

We know well that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

**Morning, noon, and night we have done things  
we ought not to have done**

and have not done that which we are to have been doing as  
Your faithful servants.

**We have neglected the salvation You so graciously  
have provided for us.**

Indeed, we deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity.

**Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness.**

Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son,  
our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Have mercy on us, O God.**

Grant us remission of all our sins

**and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness, mercy, and love.**

With confident joy, I announce to you that God is gracious and merciful  
and hears our supplications. Upon your confession, by the command of  
our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your  
sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

**KYRIE**      LSB 168

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 170

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.

Father of our Lord Jesus, the strength of all who trust You, help us to live according to Your design and to treasure both Your word of command and Your word of forgiveness. Make our lives to be signs of Your life and the instruments of renewal in our world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **MEMORIZED WORD**

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 2:18–25*

<sup>18</sup>Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and

brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” <sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**     *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

**He will command His angels con \* cerning you  
to guard you in \* all your ways.**

**Bless the Lord, \* O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless His \* holy name!**

**EPISTLE**     *Hebrews 13:1-2,9-17*

Let brotherly love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. <sup>9</sup> Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. <sup>10</sup> We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. <sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup> Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. <sup>17</sup> Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**                      *Mark 10:14b*

**Alleluia. Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**                      *Mark 10:2–16*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” <sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” <sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN**                      “Our Father, by Whose Name” *LSB 863*

*Choir:*

*Our Father, by whose name  
All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim  
Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents guarding well,  
With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.*

**O Christ, Thyself a child  
Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled,  
Thou didst to manhood come;  
Our children bless in ev'ry place  
That they may all behold Thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.**

**O Spirit, who dost bind  
Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find  
The love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase  
That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.**

## **SERMON**

### **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**

### **OFFERTORY**

LSB 176

**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:

We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and never neglect the salvation won by Jesus Christ, but joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world, that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel message have free course in every land. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship (*Especially the Benwell family*). Grant that we never take them for granted, but work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are not known to us, [*and especially . . .*]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As we bring our prayers to You, Lord, we remember the faithful Christians whose earthly lives have been completed and who now are in

Your eternal keeping. Help us to follow their examples of faith and faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

These things and all else that we should have asked, grant to us with Your blessing for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**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, 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**    Go, My Children, with My Blessing    *LSB 922*

**Go, My children, with My blessing, Never alone;**

**Waking, sleeping, I am with you, You are my own.**

**In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.**

**Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard My dear Son's story,**

**Here you touched Him, saw His glory.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;**

**Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.**

**Here My Spirit's power filled you,**

**Here his tender comfort stilled you.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.**

**I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.**

**I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.**

**Go, My children, I will keep you and give you peace.**

Preacher	Sam Shick
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Prayers	Allen Dass
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Dan Reh
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Pastor Michael Tanney
Sunday School	Alex Shick

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# Announcements

## Saved to Share Called to Care

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

Attendance Sunday: 36

Communion: 31

Offering: \$960.00

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY AFTER CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES** The After Chapel Concerts are mini concerts featuring musicians from within and beyond the Seminary community. Concerts are held in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus directly following morning chapel services from 9:55 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Concerts are typically held in the chapel balcony. These concerts also will be streamed at [csl.edu/live](http://csl.edu/live). Check out their website for a full schedule and details! The next concert is on Tuesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> featuring Renata Peperkorn.

**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.

**LUTHERAN SOUTH OPEN HOUSE** Lutheran South is hosting Rush LuSo Open House on October 19 at 6:30 pm. Choosing a high school is like choosing a family. Come see why Lutheran South can offer your family the best overall high school experience. Please register at [lslancers.org/events](http://lslancers.org/events).

**THE CHRISTIAN LIFE JUNIOR HIGH RETREAT** will be hosted by Village Lutheran Church on November 5-6. The cost will be **\$35 per person** includes Friday night snacks, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and snacks, all presentations and activities, and overnight lodging at Village Lutheran Church. The retreat will begin with registration at 6:30p.m. on Friday, November 5th and end around 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 6th after Divine Service. Please RSVP by October 22<sup>nd</sup> to Mireya Johnson ([mirevajohnson@hotmail.com](mailto:mirevajohnson@hotmail.com)) or online ([www.higherthings.org/events/retreats](http://www.higherthings.org/events/retreats)).

## 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; **Maureen Rehmer** as she goes through rehab for her leg; **Al Bohannon** as he recovers from heart 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, Don Osiek

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

***October 3-October 10***

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm-7pm Ladies Exercise 7pm Elders
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 10am Confirmation 3pm-6pm Compass 6:30pm NT Class/ESL
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6:30pm Confirmation
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicars
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship