

St. Johns Lutheran Church



Come, Follow Me
I'll Show You the Way

St. Johns Lutheran Church
The Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost
Divine Service Setting 2
Confirmation of the Benwell Family

St. Louis, Missouri
October 10th, 2021
LSB 167

AS WE GATHER

One of the best ways to commit passages of Scripture to memory is by learning to sing them. “Seek Ye First” (*LSB* 712) supplies a trio of passages taken from Matthew. The first of the three is a section of what is known as the Sermon on the Mount, where Jesus counsels His hearers, “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).

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

PREPARATION

**Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.**

**Today Your gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.**

**Today our Father calls us;
The Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather
Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us
How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered,
It is our Father's home.**

**O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?**

**When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.**

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

We now confess before God of heaven and before one another, we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have not honored His holy name. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We pray to God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171

This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and
blessing, and glory are His.**

This is the feast of victory for our God

Alleluia

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God
For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia Alleluia**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father 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 *Amos 5:6–7, 10–15*

⁶Seek the Lord and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . . ¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your

sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

**He will command His angels concerning 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 3:12–19*

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” ¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Galatians 6:2*

Alleluia. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:17–22*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” *LSB 694*

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;

Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.

Thee will I love with all my power,

With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.

Thee will I love, O Light Divine,

So long as life is mine.

**Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,
Who art my best and truest friend.
Thee will I love and praise forever,
For never shall Thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart--
Thou my Redeemer art!**

**I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed
By what Thy lips revealed.**

**O keep me watchful, then, and humble;
Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,
And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light,
O Radiance strong and bright!**

**Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
So long as life is mine.**

SERMON

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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.**

CONFIRMATION

Joe, Patti, Patrick and John Benwell

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to
You, O Lord, Jesus Christ. Grant that, day by day, we live in
humility and faithfulness, awaiting with hopeful joy that time when
Jesus, who is our host at this Holy Meal, serves in Your kingdom
as the master of the great and eternal heavenly banquet. Therefore
with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we
laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and
singing:

Amen.

SANCTUS *LSB 178*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI LSB 180

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

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

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed *LSB 560*

Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray *LSB 623*

NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON *LSB 182*

Lord, now You let your servant go in peace;

Your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which

You have prepared in the sight of ev’ry people:

**A light to reveal You to the nations and
the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the
Son and to the holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, we thank You for having sought us, called us, and fed us with the body and blood of our Lord Jesus. Grant that the bread of life and blood of Christ that have been shared and received in this blessed Meal be for us that life-giving food that sustains us on our earthly journeys as we serve You in humility all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” *LSB 707*

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!**

**Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do His will!**

**Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in Thy commands--
'Tis a delightful road--
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Dan Reh
Lector	Allen Dass
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Allen Dass
Acolytes	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Greeter	Roger Schmidt
Worship Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
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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: 40

Nepalese Attendance: 32

Offering: \$1,673.00

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.

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 22nd to Mireya Johnson (mireyajohnson@hotmail.com) or online (www.higherthings.org/events/retreats).

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL will meet next week, October 17th, @11:30am after Bible Study.

CFNA REFUGEE OUTREACH FREE WILL OFFERING Next week, on October 17th, we will be collecting a free will offering for CFNA as they welcome in refugees from Afghanistan.

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE Hope Ev. Lutheran will host a Reformation Organ Vespers service on Sunday, October 31 at 3:00pm. The service will be led by organist Jacob Weber and preacher Rev. Dr. Jon Vieker. Organ Vespers services feature extended organ leadership of the congregational liturgy and hymnody. Hope Ev. Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO.

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. Check out their website for a full schedule and details! The next concert is on Tuesday, October 5th featuring Renata Peperkorn.

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; **Don Osiek** as he adjusts to assisted living; **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 10-October 17

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm-7pm Ladies Exercise
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	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 11:30am Executive Council Meeting 12:30pm African Worship