

St. Johns Lutheran Church

"In fact, it is
easier for a
camel to go
through the
eye of a
needle than
for a rich
person to
enter the
Kingdom of
God!"

Mark 10:25



Then Who Can Be Saved?

AS WE GATHER

Some of the most loved hymns in the hymnal are in the “Evening” section, including “Abide with Me,” “Now Rest beneath Night’s Shadow,” and “God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven,” set to the Welsh melody to which the classic lullaby “All through the Night” is sung. The evening hours bring special worship opportunities for God’s people. The psalmist writes, “Let my prayer be counted as incense before You, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!” (Psalm 141:2). May we be aware of God’s blessing of each day—especially the special hours of the evening.

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 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

O Day of Rest and Gladness *LSB 906*

**O day of rest and gladness,
O day of joy and light,
O balm of care and sadness,
Most beautiful, most bright;**

**This day the high and lowly,
Through ages joined to bless,
Sing, “Holy, holy, holy,”
The triune God confess.**

**This day at earth’s creation
The light first had its birth;
This day for our salvation
Christ rose from depths of earth;
This day of Lord victorious
The Spirit sent from heav’n,
And thus this day most glorious
A threefold light was giv’n.**

**This day, God’s people meeting,
His Holy Scripture hear;
His living presence greeting,
Through bread and wine made near.
We journey on, believing,
Renewed with heav’nly might,
From grace more grace receiving,
On this blest day of light.**

Stand

**That light our hope sustaining,
We walk the pilgrim way,
At length our rest attaining,
Our endless Sabbath day.
We sing to thee our praises,
O Father, Spirit, Son;
The Church her voice upraises
To Thee, blest Three in One.**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 92:1–4; 93:5*

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name,
O Most High;

**to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your
faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to
the melody of the lyre.**

For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;

at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

Your decrees are very trustworthy;

holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins.

The section on “Confession” in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.

**Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and
second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from
the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly
believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

**O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent
sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I
have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and
eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By
thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your
law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus
Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite
being. Forgive me all my sins, and grant me the power of Your
Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

Amen.

As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant
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.

WORD

INTROIT *Psalm 34:1–4, 17; antiphon: v. 18*

The Lord is near to the broken * hearted
and saves the crushed in * spirit.

**I will bless the Lord at * all times;
his praise shall continually be * in my mouth.**

My soul makes its boast * in the Lord;
let the humble hear * and be glad.

**Oh, magnify the * Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name to * gether!**

I sought the Lord, and he * answered me
and delivered me from * all my fears.

**When the righteous cry for help, the * Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their * troubles.**

**Glory be to the Father and * to the Son
and to the Holy * Spirit;
as it was in the be * ginning,
is now, and will be forever. * Amen.**

The Lord is near to the broken * hearted
and saves the crushed in * spirit.

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.

Gracious Lord of all, let nothing interfere with our commitment to You. Give us that sense of priority that values all things properly and treasures nothing above Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules 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 *Ecclesiastes 5:10–20*

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep. ¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger. ¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the

sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

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 4:1–16*

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, “As I swore in my wrath, ‘They shall not enter my rest,’” although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said, “They shall not enter my rest.” ⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.” ⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from

his works as God did from his. ¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

VERSE *Mark 10:27b*

Alleluia. With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 10:23–31*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with

God.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “Hope of the World” *LSB* 690

Choir:

Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great compassion;

Speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.

Save us, Thy people, from consuming passion,

Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,

Bringing to hungry souls the bread of life.

Still let thy Spirit unto us be given

To heal earth's wounds and end our bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,

Showing to wand'ring souls the path of light,

Walk Thou beside us lest the tempting byways

Lure us away from Thee to endless night.

Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us

From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,

We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;

Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.

**Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign did conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!**

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

Most high and holy God, we humbly ask You to make us true members. O Lord, hear our prayer,

and let our cry come unto You.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, for the universal Church, that You will extend and prosper throughout the world.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

and let our cry come unto You.

Bless, we pray You, our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all our institutions. Give to all people the mind of Christ, and order our days in righteousness.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

and let our cry come unto You.

Take from us all hatred and prejudice, and whatever may hinder justice and love among people everywhere.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

and let our cry come unto You.

Remember the nations of the world, and let concord and peace prevail among them.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

and let our cry come unto You.

Remember the sick, the suffering, and the persecuted and the dying, [*especially . . .*]. Send them help from Your sanctuary, and by Your Spirit, strengthen them according to Your gracious will.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

and let our cry come unto You.

Finally, O Lord, we pray for ourselves and for all who confess the name of Christ, that we show forth the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

O Lord, hear our prayer,

and let our cry come unto You. 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 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings *LSB 782*

Gracious God, You send great blessings

New each morning all our days.

For Your mercies never ending,

For Your love we offer praise.

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your people

Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,

Through the sharing of Your blessings

May bring glory to Your name.

By Your Word You formed creation

Filled with creatures large and small;

As we tend that endless treasure

May our care encircle all.

Refrain

In His earthly life, our Savior

Knew the care of faithful friends;

May our deeds of dedication

Offer love that never ends.

Refrain

Stand

Heav'nly Father, may our caring

Bear the imprint of Your grace;

**With the Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise be Yours in ev'ry place!**

Refrain

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Pastor Michael Tanney
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	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	Pastor Michael Tanney
Sunday School	Sam Shick

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SAUSAGE DINNER Our Savior Lutheran Church and School will be hosting a sausage dinner on Sunday, October 24th from noon til 4:30pm. \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12.

SLOVAK-FEST will be hosted by St. Lucas Lutheran Church on November 6th from 11am-5pm. This event will be carry-out only and will be one dinner that cost \$15. For questions, call 314-832-6429.

Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 43

Communion: 37

Nepalese Attendance: 35

Offering: \$2,280.00

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 today, October 17th, @11:30am after Bible Study.

CFNA REFUGEE OUTREACH FREE WILL OFFERING Today, 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.

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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** for the healing of her wound; **Don Osiek** as he adjusts to assisted living; **Blessings** on the marriage and honeymoon of **Jonah & Victoria**; **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, Irene Hurst

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week October 17-October 24

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 11:30am Executive Council Meeting (Pastor Gone) 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	Office Closed (Jonah Gone & Pastor Gone on Conference) 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm-7pm Ladies Exercise
Tuesday	Office Open (Jonah Gone & Pastor Gone on Conference) 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	Office Open (Jonah Gone) 3pm-6pm Compass 6:30pm NT Class/ESL
Thursday	Office Open (Jonah Gone) 10am Confirmation 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	Office Open (Jonah Gone) 8am Bible Study 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicars
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship