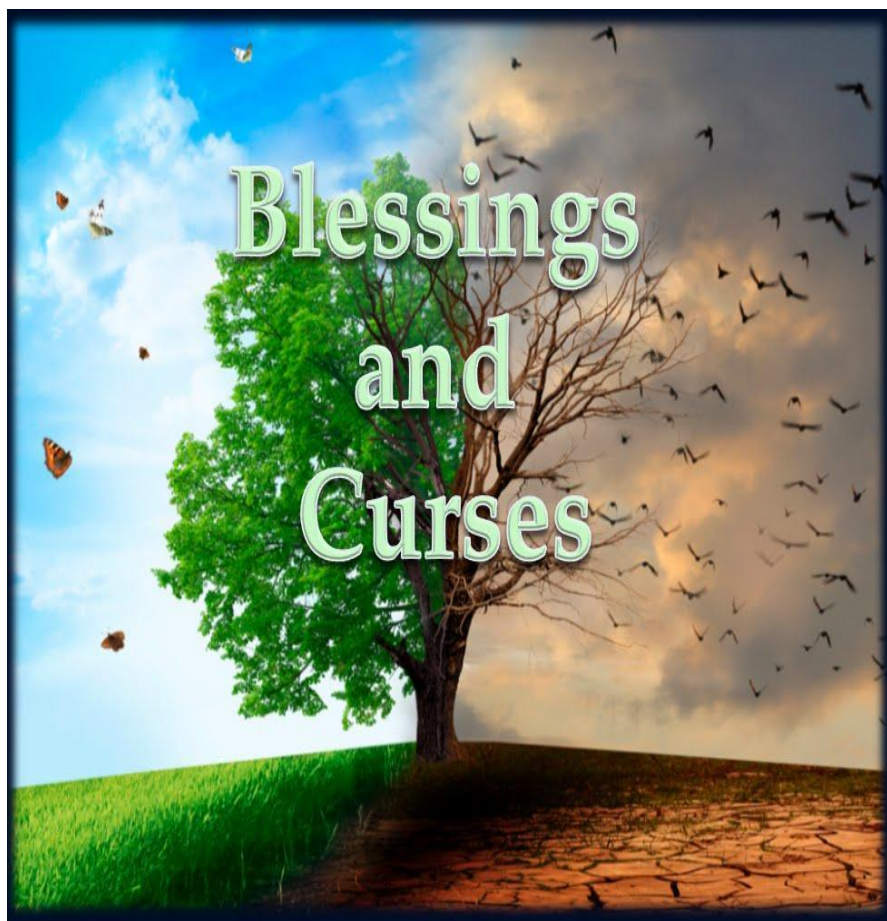


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AS WE GATHER

During the middle weeks of the winter season, many homes receive catalogs in the mail from seed and nursery companies that are filled with pictures of beautiful plants and trees. It is easy to project what we see in those catalogs into our own yards and gardens. But before we do any ordering, we must consider whether we can provide settings in which those plants and trees can flourish. In both the Old Testament Reading and the Gospel, we are given images not only of plants and trees that flourish, but of people who flourish—people with faith in the Lord Jesus, who bring blessings in every season.

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

HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” *LSB 901*

**Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.**

**Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in the strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.**

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us now make confession of our sins.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. Although we deserve Your just punishment, we ask for Your unmerited blessing. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may be made bright by Your presence in our lives, joyfully serving You in time and through eternity.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WORD

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS... Glory to God in the Highest LSB 204

**To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing-
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us , Jesus;
Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high.**

**For you a-lone are holy;
You only are the Lord,
For-ever and for-ever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad re-ply.**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O Lord, You bless the poor, the hungry, the weeping, and the persecuted. Mercifully hear the prayers of Your people when they call upon You, and give us faith to believe Your kingdom belongs to the humble of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, world without end.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-8

⁵Thus says the Lord: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the Lord, all * nations!

Extol Him, all * peoples!

**For great is His steadfast * love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for * ever.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory * due His name;
bring an offering, and come in * to His courts!**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:12–20*

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 6:23a*

**Alleluia. Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your
reward is great in heaven. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 6:17–26*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *LSB* 394

**Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
And at Cana wedding guest
In Thy Godhead manifest;**

**Manifest in pow'r divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Sun and moon shall darkened be,
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
All will see His glorious sign;
All will then the trumpet hear,
All will see the Judge appear;
Thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in man made manifest.**

**Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Present in Thy holy Word—
Grace to imitate Thee now
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we might become like Thee
At Thy great epiphany
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.**

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray

For God's messengers that they may continue to speak with power among us, bringing us the Good News of sins forgiven in Christ alone.

Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

Plant us like trees by living waters, that we bear the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. By Your Spirit, direct our lives that we live as God's holy people. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

Grant that Your blessing of peace be experienced throughout the world and that we as Your peaceable people shine brighter with the light of Your love. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

In this time of prayer, we also make our petitions for the sick, the shut-in, and all who this day are in need of our intercession, [*especially . . .*], that

their prayers may be soon answered, and that they may be supported by God's people with care in the name of Christ.

Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

Grant that we be numbered among the blessed who bring aid to the poor, food to the hungry, comfort to the sorrowing, and hope to the despairing.

Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

Grant that we be guided in ways as we anticipate the heavenly life that is to come. Blessed Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer and grant our supplication.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE LSB 208

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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God.

And now we bless You that in Jesus Christ You have come among us, displaying Your heavenly brightness and sharing Your forgiving and limitless love. Grant us grace to hear Your words of caution and blessing with grateful hearts, remaining steadfast in hope throughout our earthly lives as we await the joys of heaven, where we will join in the eternal chorus of angels and archangels giving You unending praise.

SANCTUS LSB 208

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;

**Heaven and earth with full acclaim
shout the glory of Your Name.
Sing Hosanna in the highest,
Sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes
In the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Accept our praise, Lord, and grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be filled with Your heavenly peace and joy. As we receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, grant that we be sanctified in body, soul, and spirit, and finally that we be granted our places with all Your saints in glory. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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."

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God) *LSB 210*

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus *LSB 729*

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven *LSB 477*

NUNC DIMITTIS (Song of Simeon) *LSB 211*

**O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace;
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

God, the gracious giver of all blessings, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby

that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. Sanctify us by the working of Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom with You and the same Spirit be all honor and 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 O Savior of Our Fallen Race *LSB 403*

**O Savior of our fallen race,
O Brightness of the Father's face,
O Son who shared the Father's might
Before the world knew day or night,
Alleluia!**

**O Jesus, very Light of Light,
Our constant star in sin's deep night:
Now hear the prayers Your people pray
Throughout the world this holy day.
Alleluia!**

**Remember, Lord of life and grace,
How once, to save our fallen race,
You put our human vesture on
And came to us as Mary's son.
Alleluia!**

**Today, as year by year its light
Bathes all the world in radiance bright,
One precious truth outshines the sun:
Salvation comes from You alone.
Alleluia!**

**For from the Father's throne You came,
His banished children to reclaim;
And earth and sea and sky revere
The love of Him who sent You here.
Alleluia!**

**And we are jubilant today,
For You have washed our guilt away.
O hear the glad new song we sing
On this, the birthday of our King!
Alleluia!**

Stand

**O Christ, Redeemer virgin-born,
Let songs of praise Your name adorn,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.
Alleluia!**

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 34

Offering: \$1,704.00

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. Check out their website for a full schedule and details! The next concert is on Tuesday, March 15th featuring Laudamus.

VOTER'S MEETING DATES for 2022 will be:

March 13th

May 15th

July 10th (Budget)

September 11th

November 13th

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DATES for 2022 will be:

February 13th—(TODAY @ 11:30am)

April 10th

June 12th

August 14th

October 9th

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY for young adults between the ages of 18-30. The Bible Study will run from 5:30pm-7:30pm, and will include a pizza dinner (provided by St. Johns). Our next date being February 26th. If interested, please RSVP to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com or call 314-773-0126 and let us know what your preferred pizza topping is.

WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT this month will be on Tuesday, February 22nd. You can visit Pietro's (3801 Watson Rd) all day for dine in or take out.

ST. LUKE'S VALENTINE DINNER @ St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church (3415 Taft Ave.) will be on February 14th, from 3pm to 5pm. All dinners are \$10 and desserts are \$1.50. The menu includes choice of meat (roasted chicken or beef roast), sides (baked potato, green beans, and tossed salad), and desserts (cheesecake or chocolate truffle pie). For more information, call 314-352-1224

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Maureen Rehmer** as she continues to recover at home; **Dennis Solomon** for healing from surgery; **Lara** from Oak Hill who will be out for 6 weeks due to surgery; **Dennis Schwab** who is on hospice; **Bobbie Kepford** as she gives thanks for her new home and the opportunity to invite others to chapel; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings; **EAGLE schools & Compass** as they make decisions and care for the scholars.

Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Dennis Solomon, Jerry Schmaltz, Carol Carr, Steve Bain, Maureen Rehmer, Eileen Wehrheim, Don Osiek

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

February 13-February 20

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 11:30am Executive Council Meeting 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Ladies Exercise Class
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 3:45pm Compass Chapel 6:30pm ESL
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship