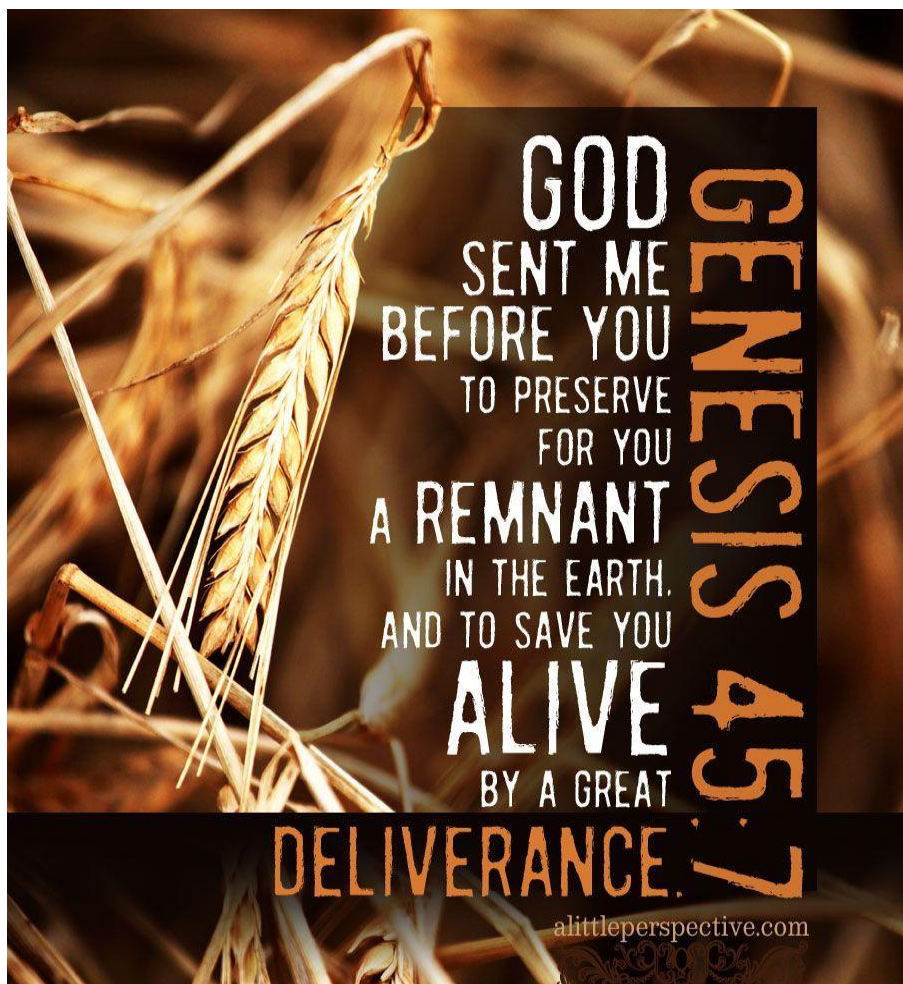


St. Johns Lutheran Church

You Sold Me...But



GOD
SENT ME
BEFORE YOU
TO PRESERVE
FOR YOU
A REMNANT
IN THE EARTH.
AND TO SAVE YOU
ALIVE
BY A GREAT

DELIVERANCE.

GENESIS 45:7

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AS WE GATHER

The season of Epiphany is one of the “accordion” seasons of the Church Year. The later Easter falls in March or April, the more Sundays after the Epiphany there are. This year’s “Epiphany accordion” is stretched long enough to include eight Sundays. In an extended Epiphany season, the light of Christ burns brightest, as Jesus is revealed in action and in teaching through the Gospel writers. May we welcome His presence among us!

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 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker *LSB 820*

**My soul, now praise your Maker!
Let all within me bless His name
Who makes you full partaker
Of mercies more than you dare claim.
Forget Him not whose meekness
Still bears with all your sin,
Who heals your ev'ry weakness,
Renews your life within;**

Whose grace and care are endless
And saved you through the past;
Who leaves no sufferer friendless
But rights the wronged at last.

He offers all His treasure
Of justice, truth, and righteousness,
His love beyond all measure,
His yearning pity o'er distress,
Nor treats us as we merit
But sets His anger by.
The poor and contrite spirit
Finds His compassion nigh;
And high as heav'n above us,
As dawn from close of day,
So far, since He has loved us,
He puts our sins away.

For as a tender father
Has pity on His children here,
God in His arms will gather
All who are His in childlike fear.
He knows how frail our powers,
Who but from dust are made.
We flourish like the flowers,
And even so we fade;
The wind but through them passes,
And all their bloom is o'er.
We wither like the grasses;
Our place knows us no more.

His grace remains forever,
And children's children yet shall prove
That God forsakes them never
Who in true fear shall seek His love.
In heav'n is fixed His dwelling,

**His rule is over all;
O hosts with might excelling,
With praise before Him fall.
Praise Him forever reigning,
All you who hear His Word--
Our life and all sustaining.
My soul, O praise the Lord!**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 30:10; 43:3; Proverbs 4:18; Isaiah 2:5b

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!

O LORD, be my helper.

Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;

let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!

The path of the righteous is like the light of dawn,

which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24

Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our gracious
Everlasting Father.

Mighty God, we confess that by nature we are sinful people.

We are given to sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful deeds.

**We have transgressed Your law in many ways, by what we
have done and by what we have left undone. We deserve Your
punishment, now and for eternity. Merciful God, in Your
mercy, forgive our sin and restore us to a full and joyful
relationship with You through the merits of Jesus, our Lord.**

**Direct our days by Your Holy Spirit that we may joyfully
follow Your will and gladly obey Your commandments as Your**

redeemed people, bringing the brightness of Your light to the darkened world.

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.

Now may the Prince of Peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

Thanks be to God. 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 taught us to love our enemies and to be merciful as You are merciful. By Your Holy Spirit, grant us the gifts of love and peace without which we cannot live before You; for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 *Genesis 45:3-15*

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. ⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be

distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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 15:21–26, 30–42*

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . . ³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. ³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. ⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 6:36*

Alleluia. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 6:27–38*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. ³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. ³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

LSB 834

O God, O Lord of heav’n and earth,

**Thy living finger never wrote
That life should be an aimless mote,
A death ward drift from futile birth.
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled
In splendor through Thy broken world.
Since light awoke and life began,
Thou hast desired Thy life for man.**

**Our fatal will to equal Thee,
Our rebel will wrought death and night.
We seized and used in prideful spite
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.
We housed us in this house of doom,
Where death had royal scope and room,
Until They servant, Prince of Peace,
Breached all its walls for our release.**

**Thou camest to our hall of death,
O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,
To drink for us the dark despair
That strangled our reluctant breath.
How beautiful the feet that trod
The road that leads us back to God!
How beautiful the feet that ran
To bring the great good news to man!**

Stand

**O Spirit, who didst once restore
Thy Church that it might be again
The bringer of good news to men,
Breathe on thy cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and latter days
There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology
To Father, Son, and unto Thee.**

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

For the Church, the Bride of Christ, that through her the message of salvation be proclaimed and the gifts of God be shared, and we pray this day for all nations of the world, that there be an end to hostilities and that times of peacefulness everywhere prevail.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For our families and our neighbors. Embolden us to reach out in every direction with the joyful news of the Gospel that people may become part of the kingdom of God now and forever.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the hospitalized and those who are shut-in during this season. We pray for the unemployed, those who are downcast or

grieving, and for all those for whom our petitions are desired,
[*including . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Confidently, we await the time when we shall rejoice together with all the saints eternally along with the angels and all the company of heaven. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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 us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace.

Amen.

HYMN “Where Charity and Love Prevail” *LSB 845*

**Where charity and love prevail
There God is ever found;
Brought here together by Christ’s love
By love are we thus bound.**

**With grateful joy and holy fear
His charity we learn;
Let us with heart and mind and soul
Now love Him in return.**

**Forgive we now each other's faults
As we our faults confess,
And let us love each other well
In Christian holiness.**

**Let strife among us be unknown;
Let all contention cease;
Be God's the glory that we seek;
Be ours His holy peace.**

**Let us recall that in our midst
Dwells Christ, His only Son;
As members of His Body joined
We are in Him made one.**

**For love excludes no race or clan
That names the Savior's Name;
His family embraces all
Who Father is the same.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Dan Reh
Lector	Sam Shick
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
Bible Class	Pastor Michael Tanney
Confirmation	Sam Shick

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 41

Communion: 37

Offering: \$3,741.00

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.

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 stjohnslechl@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.

QUARTER AUCTION Gather a table of friends and join us on Friday, February 25 at the Lutheran South Quarter Auction! Doors open at 6:15 p.m. in the Kuhlmann Center. Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. Prize given for best table decorations. Cost is \$10 per guest with six per table. Price includes one bid paddle and one "drink of the night" for each guest. Bring your own beverages and snacks. A variety of vendors will have displays for shopping, as well as some great auction prizes to win! Register at [LSlancers.org/events](https://www.slancers.org/events)

CFNA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES Please join us in sharing Christ's love! Whether helping to sort or deliver donated items, taking someone to the grocery store or appointment, assisting International Institute with meeting families at the airport and helping take them to their hotel, etc., we have many opportunities for volunteers to serve the newly arriving Afghan families and other refugees. And we continue to welcome volunteers in our program ministries, including After School Tutoring, Adult ESL, Driving Lessons, Health and Wellness screenings, Sewing classes, and more. Interested? Questions? Please contact Laura Brink at HYPERLINK "mailto:lbrink@cfna-stl.org" \t " blank" lbrink@cfna-stl.org or

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those infected by the corona virus for quick healing and recovery; **Maureen Rehmer** as she continues to battle congestive heart failure; **Dennis Solomon** for healing from bed sores; **Lara** from Oak Hill as she recovers from surgery; **Dennis Schwab** who is on hospice; **Bobbie Kepford** as we give thanks for her new home and the opportunity to invite others to chapel; **Field-workers** and **Vicars**; **Nepali congregation** to come back to in person worship; **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 20-February 27

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	Office Closed NO 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 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicar Meeting 5:30pm-7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship

Thank you, letter,

Date-1/26/2022

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Dear congregation,

I am writing to thank you for your financial support in my studies. I am very much excited about encouraging me to continue my studies as being a hard worker and to go deeper and deeper in God's word.

The Seminary education I am receiving will serve God and His church and reach out the Gospel where there is darkness. I have enjoyed it a lot through Jesus' grace. At St. Johns Lutheran I have learned how to study the Bible, organize fellowship events in the congregation and lead people to the spiritual way.

Thank you again for your help in financial aid. I hope to achieve success through your prayers and great support.

Sincerely,



Ratna Mangar,

Vicar – Ratna Mangar.