

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

“Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.”



“It is the Lord!”

## **AS WE GATHER**

In light of Christ's eternal victory, we should expect change in our daily living. For example, although they were called to be fishers of men, in today's Gospel, the disciples learned that they needed to listen to their Lord even when fishing for fish. Change for Peter would mean moving from regretting his past (where he denied his Lord) to feeding Christ's flock.

## **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** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia *LSB 463*

**Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!**  
**Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!**  
**Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!**  
**At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!**

**For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!**  
**Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!**  
**Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!**  
**Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!**

**Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!**

**Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!**

### **INVOCATION**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

We have come to worship our great God. However, in our sinful condition, we cannot get near to Him. Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

**I confess to You, heavenly Father, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I am unable to save myself, to turn from my errors, and to atone for my sins. I plead to God for grace and mercy.**

By the grace of God, there is One who is worthy to take our requests for forgiveness to God's throne of grace. Jesus Christ alone is worthy, for He is God's own Lamb and has ransomed us from our sins by dying for us and rising in glory. He declares us to be saints, able to go to God in all confidence, and priests, offering our prayers for one another and all people. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

### **WORD**

**KYRIE**      *LSB 152 (sung)*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**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.**

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

*LSB 155*

*Refrain*

**This is the feast of victory for our God**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun His reign. *Alleluia Refrain***

**SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O God, through the sacrifice of Your Son on our behalf, You made us worthy to approach You in confident faith. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to give You all the praise each day in what we think, say, and do; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **MEMORIZED WORD**

<sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

## **FIRST READING**    *Acts 9:1-22*

<sup>1</sup>But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" <sup>5</sup>And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. <sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."

<sup>11</sup>And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. <sup>16</sup>For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” <sup>17</sup>So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; <sup>19</sup>and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

Christ has risen \* from the dead.

**God the Father has crowned Him with glory and \* honor,**

He has given Him dominion over the works \* of His hands;

**He has put all things un \* der His feet.**

**EPISTLE**      *Revelation 5:8–14*

<sup>8</sup>And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup>and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” <sup>11</sup>Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup>saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” <sup>13</sup>And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” <sup>14</sup>And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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**VERSE**      *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *John 21:1–14*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup>Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons

of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup>Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup>The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup>Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup>This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "With High Delight Let Us Unite" *LSB* 483

**With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.  
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ,  
Our salvation. To set us free Forever, He Is ris'n and sends  
To all earth's ends Good news to save ev'ry nation.**



**True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life,  
all subduing. His enemy Doth Vanquished lie;  
His death has been death's undoing.  
“And yours shall be Like victory  
O'er death and grave,”  
Saith He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.**

**Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring  
To Christ Lord adoration.  
His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.  
So shall His love Give us above,  
From misery And death set free,  
All joy and full consolation.**

## **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 159

**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: Gracious God, hear us for the sake of  
Your own Lamb, for  
**worthy is the Lamb!**

Guide Your Church, Lord Jesus, as she witnesses Your victory over  
sin and death. Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own  
Lamb, for

**worthy is the Lamb!**

Grant favorable weather, especially in North Dakota with blizzards  
hindering Spring activities. Gracious God, hear us for the sake of  
Your own Lamb, for

**worthy is the Lamb!**

O Holy Spirit, be among us here in this place and wherever people  
gather around Word. In Your mercy, give us strength and  
opportunity to grow in love toward one another and in service to  
our communities. We pray for those near and dear to us, [*especially*  
...]. Grant them health, healing, and comfort. Gracious God, hear  
us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for

**worthy is the Lamb! 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** Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*LSB 466*

**Christ has arisen, alleluia.**

**Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.**

**For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,**

**Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

*Refrain*

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;**

**Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.**

**Our sin forgiving, alleluia!**

**Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst**

**Until its strength by God was dispersed.**

**He who gives life did death undergo;**

**And in its conquest His might did show. *Refrain***

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!**

**You look for Jesus who is not here.**

**See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;**

**Only the grave cloths are lying there." *Refrain***

**"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;**

**He has arisen this world to save.**

**Jesus' redeeming labors are done;**

**Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain***

**Christ has arisen; He sets us free;**

**Alleluia, to Him praises be.**

**Jesus is living! Let us all sing;**

**He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain***

Preacher	Dan Reh
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Sam Shick
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
Confirmation	Allen Dass

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Thank you to those who purchased tulips for Easter in memory of  
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Doris Seevers  
The Benwell Family  
Joan Potvin

# Announcements

## Saved to Share Called to Care

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

Attendance Sunday: 61

Communion: 46

Offering: \$2,135.00

**SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE** hosted by the Salem's Ladies Guild in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 11th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Salem is located at 8343 Gravois Road in Affton, MO. They will accept donated rummage beginning Monday, April 25th (NO SOONER) through Tuesday, May 10th during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. Please place your donations on or in front of the stage. They ask that you do not schedule dropping off your items on Tuesday mornings between 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. when their Bible class meets in the Fellowship Hall.

Call the Church Office for more information @ 314-352-4454

**WORD OF LIFE RESTAURANT NIGHT @** Raising Cane's (Hampton Ave) on Tuesday, May 24th. The flier is needed for WOL to get credit. 15% of event sales go to WOL.

**LUTHERAN SOUTH SPRING CONCERT** The Lutheran South Music Department will host its spring concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1. Featuring all the high school music ensembles and the middle school Junior Winds, the program will highlight music by Malcolm Arnold, Franco Cesarini, Larry Daehn, and highlights from the movie "The Lord of the Rings." The free concert will be held in the gymnasium on the Lutheran South campus. All are invited to attend.

**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 is May 14th. If interested, please RSVP to [stjohnslcstl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslcstl@gmail.com) or call 314-773-0126 and let us know what your preferred pizza topping is.

### CALL DAY PLACEMENTS

**Sam Shick:** Associate Pastor @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Oviedo, FL

**Alex Shick:** Director of Program Ministries @ Redeeming Life Outreach Ministries in Sanford, FL

**Dan Reh:** Vicar @ Trinity Lutheran Church – Freistadt in Mequon, WI

**Allen Dass:** Vicar @ Saint John Lutheran Church in Dublin, OH

**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 Gary Schaefer at [gschaefer@cfna-stl.org](mailto:gschaefer@cfna-stl.org) or complete/submit a Volunteer Recruitment Form online.

**SALEM MEN'S CLUB BBQ** The fine gentlemen of Salem Lutheran Men's Club will be cooking up some good BBQ on the second Saturday of each month beginning April 9th (and ending in September), from 10:00 a.m. until sold out. We are located on the parking lot off of Lakewood Ave. behind Salem Lutheran Church, 8343 Gravois Road in Affton, MO 63123. Choose from a selection of smoked ribs, pork steak, smoked chicken, hamburger, bratwurst or hot dog and make it a meal with your choice of two sides: cole slaw, fries, baked beans or potato salad. Learn more at <https://slcas.org/church/mens-club-bbq/barbecue>

**OPEN TEACHER POSITIONS - WORD OF LIFE** Word of Life has two open positions for next school year. We are seeking a 1st Grade teacher as well as a Middle School Math Teacher. Qualified candidates can contact Principal, Mrs. Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244 or send resumes to [mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net).

**OUR REDEEMER CEMETERY BOARD OF DIRECTORS** Our Redeemer Cemetery is looking for candidates to add to their board of directors who can provide direction, insight, experience, and a fresh perspective. Our Redeemer Cemetery is a small, nonsectarian cemetery that was established in 1916 under the direction of the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. Some of the things they are looking for in candidates are: **Demonstrated ability to develop ideas for community and electronic connections, Verifiable expertise in communicating goals and strengths, Established capabilities in improving organizational and personal effectiveness, Ability to develop relationships with a diverse community of stakeholders, and Aptitude for creating and developing professional relationships with a variety of stakeholders.** If interested, you can contact Gloria @ 314-749-4622

**THANK YOU** Jerry Mays would like to thank us all for the generous gift to support God's work in Tanzania, Africa.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –For those who have not come back since the pandemic; **Maureen Rehmer** thanksgiving that she was at church last Sunday; **Dennis Solomon** for back pain & difficulty breathing; **Debbie Frerichs** as she prepares for hip surgery; **Carmen Hobson** who needs shoulder surgery; **Ethelmae** praise as she has returned home; **Field-workers and Vicars** who have received calls to their congregations; **Nepali & African Congregation** blessings on their worship; **EAGLE** school looking for staff & **Compass** as they make preparations for next year.  
**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*

#### *May 1-May 8*

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship/Confirmation 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Ladies Exercise Class 7pm Elders
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 Citizenship
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass <b>5:30pm Pizza &amp; Prayer</b>
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open NO Bible Study 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship/Confirmation 12:30pm African Worship