

St. Johns Lutheran Church

My Sheep Hear My Voice



No One Will Snatch Them out
of my Hand.

AS WE GATHER

It is Good Shepherd Sunday, and the familiar twenty-third Psalm is echoed throughout our worship. Our Lord went through the valley of the shadow of death in our place, leading from death to eternal life. There is work to do before we get to eternity, for following our Shepherd entails confessing our faith even when death's shadow falls on us. It means vigilance against wolves attacking amid Christ's flock, as Paul warns in the First Reading. But in his vision, John tells us that Christ is now the victorious Lamb on His eternal throne. We can be confident that what we believe by faith we shall know by experience in the unending joy of the Father's house.

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**

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won LSB 490

Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!**Death no longer can appall me;****Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!**

**From the grave Christ will recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died.
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever,
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense;
Jesus is my confidence!**

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!

OPENING SENTENCES

The LORD is my shepherd;

Psalm 23:1, 6b; Revelation 7:17

I shall not want.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

will be their shepherd,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

I said I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Lord, our God,

we confess that we have strayed from hearing the voice of Your Son,

our Shepherd, who went through death to eternal life for us. We

have failed to trust in You fully. We have sinned in our thoughts,

words, and deeds. Forgive us and renew in us faith and trust. Grant

us to hear anew our Shepherd's voice and to follow wherever He

leads, until we see Him with You in Your eternal house.

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 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

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, who has gone victoriously through death and into eternity for us,

**lead us through whatever trials may befall us here in time until we
join to praise You in our Father's house;**

for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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 20:17-35*

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and

the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 23 (Sung by Pastor Tanney)*

EPISTLE *Revelation 7:9–17*

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are

the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Romans 6:9; John 10:14*

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

Alleluia. I am the good shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 10:22–30*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” *LSB* 709

**The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth
And, where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.**

**Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me.**

**In death's dark vale I fear no ill
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.**

**Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!**

**And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!**

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 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 *Psalm 23*

Let us pray

We pray for those who do not listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd, asking the Holy Spirit to give them opportunity to come to faith and join us in saying:

The LORD is my shepherd.

We pray for all who lack the food, clothing, and shelter that they need for a fully human life, asking our Father in heaven to meet their needs using His caring people, including ourselves, for we are confident:

I shall not want.

We pray for those falsely imprisoned or denied true justice, asking our Lord to free them and open doors of opportunity for them, as He so graciously has done for us:

He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

We pray for all who are depressed in spirit or unsure of God's will for them, asking the Holy Spirit to lift them up and guide them, that with us they may rejoice to say:

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

We pray for those who are facing sudden crises or long-term ills, and all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, [*including . . .*], asking our risen Lord to lift their eyes to His eternal home so that they may each declare:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

We pray for first responders and police at home and for armed forces deployed, asking our Father in heaven to guide and protect them, and for all who grow crops and tend herds that He would bless them with bountiful harvests so that they may thank Him, praying:

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Finally, we pray for ourselves and all who gather around Word and Sacrament, that the Holy Spirit would keep us firm in the faith so that we may joyfully profess:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. 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 salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, went through the valley of the shadow of death so that we might follow Him to Your eternal home in heaven. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *LSB 161*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

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."

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART *(Sung first by Pastor, then the Congregation joins in the second time)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God
Let me be like You in all my ways.
Give me Your strength,
Teach me Your song;
Shelter me in the shadow of your wings,
For you are our righteousness,
If we die to ourselves and live through Your death,
We shall be born again to be blessed in Your love.

LORD'S PRAYER

So 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.

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

**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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb *LSB 740*
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today *LSB 469*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE...

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He
recalls His promises and leads His people forth in Joy with shouts of
thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we give thanks for the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation we have received in this Sacrament.

**Keep us strong in the faith that nothing shall separate us from You
as we follow our Good Shepherd, who has led the way to the eternal
banquet;**

through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who sent His own Lamb to
rescue us, the ☩ Son, whose voice we hear as our Good Shepherd, and
the Holy Spirit, who nourishes our faith and trust in all the promises of
God—be upon us, now and forever.

Amen.

HYMN

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want LSB 710

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be.**

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Lector	Allen Dass
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	William Gebhart and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Allen Dass
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Greeter	Roger Schmidt
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**The flowers on the Altar are in honor of the 45th Anniversary
of the Confirmation Class of 1977.**

Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 43

Nepalese Attendance: 38

Offering: \$3,768.00

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 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 info @ 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.

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 send an email to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com to be added to the GroupMe.

SALEM MEN'S CLUB BBQ The fine gentlemen of Salem Lutheran Men's Club will be cooking up some good BBQ on Saturday, May 14th 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@wordoflifschool.net.

VOTER'S MEETING will be next Sunday, May 15th @ 11:30am after Bible Study

THANK YOU to those of you who have been bringing treats to share in our Sunday Bible class. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those who have not come back since the pandemic; **Maureen Rehmer** thanksgiving that she has been back in church; **Dennis Solomon** for back pain & difficulty breathing; **Debbie Frerichs** as she recovers from hip surgery; **Family & Friends** of Carol Carr; **Carmen Hobson** who needs shoulder surgery; **Ethelmae** praise as she has returned home; **Field-workers and Vicars** who have received their calls; **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, Steve Bain, Maureen Rehmer, Eileen Wehrheim, Don Osiek

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

May 8-May 15

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship/Confirmation 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 Citizenship
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 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship/Confirmation 11:30am Voter's Meeting 12:30pm African Worship