

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Who Is My Neighbor?



The One Who Showed Mercy

AS WE GATHER

To come into the presence of our holy God, we must also be holy. We know there is a problem with that: we most certainly are not holy. All of us daily fall short of God's expectations for our lives and fail to keep His commands. Instead of being in His presence, we deserve to be banished from His holy face. And yet, in His holy love, our God provides the means by which sinners, like us, can stand in the presence of a perfect God, like Him. That means is the forgiveness of sins that comes through the perfect sacrifice offered before the Father. Fulfilling all the promises of the Old Testament, and by the system of sacrifice that previewed His work upon the cross, God's holy Son, Jesus Christ, "delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us" to God's kingdom (Colossians 1:13). In this Kingdom, this gathering of God's people, our holy God calls us to holy lives of love and worship that we offer up in His holy house today.

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

**With the Lord begin your task;
Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
Be to Him commended.**

**Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer you.**

**With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.**

**If your task be thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.**

**Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Your praise forever.**

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

As for me, I said, "O LORD, be gracious to me;
heal me, for I have sinned against You!"

In silent prayer, we come before our merciful Lord for His healing forgiveness.

Holy God, You have commanded us: "You shall follow My rules and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God."

We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

"Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

As brothers and sisters in Christ, let us give thanks to the Father, "who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the

forgiveness of sins.” As a called and ordained servant of 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

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 171

This is the feast of victory for our God

Alleluia

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

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor

And blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God

Alleluia

Sing with all the people of God,

and join in the hymn of all creation:

**Blessing and honor and glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God

For the Lamb who was slain

has begun His reign. Alleluia Alleluia

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:9–18

⁹“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God. ¹¹“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. ¹³“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. ¹⁵“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord. ¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the * good news,
who publish peace and bring good news of sal * vation.
Their voice has gone out to * all the earth,
and their words to the ends * of the world.

EPISTLE

Colossians 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also

does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. ⁹And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 10:27, adapted*

Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 10:25–37*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "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.**

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 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

Fellow redeemed, we have been made holy by the blood of Jesus and have been called into His eternal kingdom. Let us then lift our prayers before our holy God, trusting that He hears and answers us for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Holy God, our Father in heaven, we thank You for the mercy You have shown to us.

Your name be holy among us as we live our lives for Your glory!

As You minister to us now by Your Holy Spirit, working through the means You have established, Your kingdom breaks into our world and touches our lives with Your love.

Your name be holy among us as we share in the blessings of Your kingdom!

Your will, O Lord, is for all people to know You and confess You as their holy God. You, grant that we also love our neighbors as ourselves, thereby revealing Your Son to the world He died to save.

Your name be holy among us as we walk according to Your gracious will!

Giving Lord, You provide daily bread to all Your creation. Help us to receive with thanksgiving every blessing Your hand provides, as stewards of Your good gifts. Sharing with our neighbors in need, grant that Your love be extended through our generosity.

Your name be holy among us as we receive our daily bread with thanksgiving!

Gracious Father, You give the healing balm of Your forgiveness to all who cling to Your Son by faith. Bless those who stand in need of spiritual healing and also those who cry out for relief from their physical suffering, [*especially . . .*] We entrust all those in need to Your healing care.

Your name be holy among us as we experience Your forgiveness and healing!

Blessed Redeemer, You have rescued us from the domain of sin and death by Your death upon the cross and resurrection from the grave! Satan stands defeated because You live and reign to all eternity.

Your name be holy among us as we stand in Your victory!

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, for Yours alone is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into His kingdom of everlasting life and love. Therefore 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 178*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.

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, holy 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 joyful hearts, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by His work upon the cross to deliver us from the domain of darkness.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we thank You for qualifying us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

Your kingdom is the everlasting kingdom of Your Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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."

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.

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

**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,
grant us peace.**

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table *LSB 618*
Love in Christ Is Strong and Living *LSB 706*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let ev'ryone who seeks 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.

Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

**Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

**Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.**

**We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.**

**When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.**

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

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 30

Nepalese: 27

Offering (last 3 weeks): \$5,574.00

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 July 9th. If interested, please send an email to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com to be added to the GroupMe.

Sermon series: Where Love Broke Through

The (means) Gifts of Grace

Going on a field trip is something that every elementary student looks forward to. Teachers use field trips to make more tangible the lessons they want to teach. We will be taking field trips in the church. Your pastor will take you somewhere to meet God face to face so that his presence will become more real to you. In a tangible way through the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper. As we begin our sermon series we'll see that through the sacraments, God comes to us, breaking through the darkness with love to offer gifts of grace. The Sacraments Sermon Series beginning July 17th and going through August will emphasize the connection between Old and New Testaments, by drawing on sacramental themes foreshadowed in familiar OT stories, and how the promises of God "for you" are expressed and fulfilled in Christ.

Pastor

VOTER'S (BUDGET) MEETING will be today, July 10th, after Bible Study @ 11:30am.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH in Bridgeton, MO, a smaller family church, is seeking a CHIME & CHOIR DIRECTOR for September - May for weekly practices and 1-2 times a month performances on Sundays, and an ORGANIST/PIANIST for Sunday worship and occasional mid-week services, funerals, and the like. Position could be a substitute, a regular once a month Sunday worship accompanist, or possibly two to three Sundays a month, depending on the applicants' and church's desire. One person could fill both positions if desired. Familiarity with Lutheran liturgies and hymns would be helpful but not a necessity if able to learn. Salary is negotiable based on proficiency, education, and experience. If interested, or know of anyone who might be, please contact the church office at 314/291-2395

or ourchurchlady@shcglobal.net.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –**For** those who have not come back since the pandemic; **For** a favorable conclusion by the insurance company to fix the roof; **Maureen Rehmer** for healing from a dislocated hip; **Dennis Solomon** as he recovers from congested heart failure; **Carmen Hobson** that she would pass the tests needed for shoulder surgery; **Bobbie** for strength as she deals with Parkinson's; **Our Vicars** who serve the Nepali church;

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

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

July 10-July 17

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 11:30am Voter's (Budget) Meeting 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 7pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open NO Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 1pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship