

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

## Love Broke Through



...And Rescued Me

## AS WE GATHER

As Christians, we are God's baptized people! We are His adopted children, together with all believers, and we live and die in the confidence that He has redeemed us and we are His.

As Christians, we confess, "I am baptized - and now I have a daily battle, confessing my sins and drowning them, and also living the new life according to God's goodness and love."

As Christians, we confess, "I am baptized! God promises that because I have been washed with water, He has forgiven and saved me. I can trust His promises."

As Christians, we can say, "I am baptized - I am washed - I am God's own child and an heir of heaven. My confidence in these great gifts is based entirely on God's Word and promises."

## 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

All Who Believe and Are Baptized

LSB 601

**All who believe and are baptized  
Shall see the Lord's salvation;  
Baptized into the death of Christ,  
They are a new creation.  
Through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
Among the glorious, heav'nly band  
Of ev'ry tribe and nation.**

**With one accord, O God, we pray:  
Grant us Your Holy Spirit.  
Help us in our infirmity  
Through Jesus' blood and merit.  
Grant us to grow in grace each day  
That by this sacrament we may  
Eternal life inherit.**

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive  
our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and  
unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by  
what we have done and by what we have left undone. 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.**

**CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART** *by Keith Green*

**Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord  
And take not Thy holy spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your 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.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## MEMORIZED WORD

<sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 14:21-31*

<sup>21</sup> Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. <sup>22</sup> And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. <sup>23</sup> The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. <sup>24</sup> And in the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, <sup>25</sup> clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the Lord fights for them against the Egyptians." <sup>26</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen."

<sup>27</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the Lord threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. <sup>28</sup> The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained. <sup>29</sup> But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

<sup>30</sup> Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. <sup>31</sup> Israel saw the great power that the Lord used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the Lord, and they believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Colossians 1:13-14*

“Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,

**but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”**

“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ

**for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”**

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.**

**EPISTLE** *Colossians 2:6–15*

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. <sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Mark 16:16*

**Alleluia. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved,  
but whoever does not believe will be condemned. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 3:13-17*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the third chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE** (Gifts found in the Baptismal Font)

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It      *LSB 594*

**God’s own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
Gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth’s treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free  
Lasting to eternity!**

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer;  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger;  
Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
Since my baptism did release me**

**In a dear forgiving flood,  
Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**Satan, hear this proclamation;  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
To inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
To make life immortal mine.**

**There is nothing worth comparing  
To this life-long comfort sure!  
O-pen-eyed my grave is staring:  
Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!**

**SERMON** When Love Broke Through

#### **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

Let us pray:

O Lord, thank you for the gift of Baptism, which Your Son has established by His Word and promise. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Teach us to treasure all that Jesus has done for us in His cross and resurrection.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give us confidence that through our Baptism we bear Your holy name and so are Your holy children for time and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, You have forgiven our sins by Your blood, rescued us from Satan, and won for us eternal life and salvation in Your resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As You bestow these gifts on us in Baptism, grant that in life and death we may always cling to our Baptism, trusting in Your promises, and finally be brought into your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God our Father, You have saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal, which You have poured out on us in our Baptism into Your Son. Give us faith always to trust Your Word in the water, that justified by grace, we remain heirs of eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Give to us grace that we may approach the Table of our Lord with a clear conscience and receive there His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, and to equip us for the good works that glorify You; Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

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**

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**

You are worthy, O Lord, of all honor and glory, praise and adoration, but especially do we praise Your goodness for giving to us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer and the messenger of Your saving will. Having known the mystery of His coming by the voice of Your Word, we join with prophets, apostles, evangelists, all the saints in heaven, and with angels and archangels to laud Your glory and join to sing with one voice, now and forever:

**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**

Before the foundations of the world were laid, O Lord, You knew the cost of Your mercy to redeem Your creation. Still You loved us, made all things, and bore with us sinners, who deserved only wrath, until Your own Son was born of the Virgin, to fulfill all righteousness for us and pay the cost of sin with His own blood. Having known all that He bore on our behalf and here receiving the blessings He has promised in the Communion of His body and blood, we come at His invitation to receive a foretaste of the eternal feast, according to His own words and promise. 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.**

## **AGNUS DEI**    LSB 180

**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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

*LSB 611*

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

*LSB 643 (favorite)*

## **THANK THE LORD**                      LSB 181

**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.**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray.

Father of mercy and God of all consolation, hear the prayers of Your people and inhabit our hearts with Your Spirit so that we may have words to pray and hearts to believe that You hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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**                      Children of the Heavenly Father    *LSB 725 (favorite)*

**Children of the heav'nly Father  
Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
Such a refuge e'er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish;  
In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them;  
In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever  
From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth,  
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh,  
God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely  
To preserve them pure and holy.**

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: 32

Nepalese: 28

Offering: \$2,872.20

**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 August 6th. If interested, please send an email to [stjohnslcstl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslcstl@gmail.com) to be added to the GroupMe.

**VILLAGE LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** in Ladue seeking a candidate to teach in our Preschool 4 /5 year old classroom Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 1:00 a.m. Our prayer is that the candidate will be a member of an LCMS congregation, have educational experience, and a desire to partner with our team and families at Village Lutheran to help children reach their God given potential.

Interested candidates should contact the program director, Diane Caughlan at [preschool@villagelutheranchurch.org](mailto:preschool@villagelutheranchurch.org) or call 314-993-6743.

**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 churches' 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@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ourchurchlady@sbcglobal.net).

**PASTOR ON VACATION** will be on vacation from July 28<sup>th</sup>-August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have an emergency, please contact Earl Welch @ 314-629-9507.

## Prayers

**Special Prayers of Thanksgiving – 1)** We thank you Lord Jesus for answering our prayer with a favorable conclusion by the insurance company agreeing to pay the estimate given by John Beal; **2)** Patti's sister had a breakthrough as the feeding tube was removed and she is gaining her strength back.

**Special Prayer Petitions –**For those who have not come back since the pandemic; **Maureen Rehmer** for healing from a dislocated hip; **Dennis Solomon** as he recovers from congestive heart failure; **Carmen Hobson** for stomach 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 24-July 31***

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open NP Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open NO Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry NO Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship