

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

## I Am the Bread of Life



This is My Body

## AS WE GATHER

Our thoughts are on the meal we call the Lord's Supper rooted in the Passover meal. "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten... And when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, ... Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord... You shall tell your son on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.' These were the words given to Moses by God to say to the Israelites on their way of being delivered out of slavery.

In this context Jesus chose to become the Passover lamb. His blood marked the wooden cross and His body? Well - would be eaten. Here is how Jesus put it. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." John 6:51

## 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**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*LSB 621*

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded,  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending  
Comes our homage to demand.**

**King of kings yet born of Mary,  
As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light descending  
From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish  
As the darkness clears away.**

**At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
"Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"**

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Hebrews. 12:1–2*

Let us confess our sins, recognizing the forgiveness we receive because  
of our Lord's sacrifice in our place.  
Gracious heavenly Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

People of God, “we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,” all of whom struggled in their day, none of them perfect, but all of whom looked forward in hope. Because our Lord Jesus, “for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, . . . is seated at the right hand of the throne of God,” we can be confident that He fulfilled all God’s promises and has made His total, gracious forgiveness available to us. 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. Thanks be to God!**

## **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 our God, You have graciously bestowed on us the gift of faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Strengthen our faith so that we may fight the good fight of faith in times of trial, winning those daily struggles and anticipating the final victory that awaits us by Your grace;**

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

I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 16: 13-15, 31-32, 35*

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup> And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat....” <sup>31</sup> Now the house of Israel called its name manna. It was like coriander seed, white, and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. <sup>32</sup> Moses said, “This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Let an omer of it be kept throughout your generations, so that they may see the bread with which I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you out of the land of Egypt.’”.... <sup>35</sup> The people of Israel ate the manna forty years, till they came to a habitable land. They ate the manna till they came to the border of the land of Canaan.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL *Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, \* you His saints,

**for those who fear Him lack \* nothing!**

Many are the afflictions of the \* righteous,

**but the LORD delivers him out \* of them all.**

**EPISTLE**      *1 Corinthians 10:16-17*

<sup>16</sup> The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Jeremiah 23:29a, 28b*

Alleluia. Is not My word like fire, declares the LORD?

**What has straw in common with wheat? Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *John 6:9-14; 27, 29, 32-35*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”.... <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”.... <sup>29</sup> “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent....” <sup>32</sup> “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN**                      Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray                      *LSB 623*

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray  
That we may feast on You today;  
Beneath these forms of bread and wine  
Enrich us with Your grace divine.**

**Give us, who share this wondrous food,  
Your body broken and Your blood,  
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n,  
The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.**

**By faith Your Word has made us bold  
To seize the gift of love retold;  
All that You are we here receive,  
And all we are to You we give.**

**One bread, one cup, one body, we,  
Rejoicing in our unity,  
Proclaim Your love until You come  
To bring Your scattered loved ones home.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray:  
O keep us steadfast till that day  
When each will be Your welcomed guest  
In heaven's high and holy feast.**

## **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** *Psalm 119:81; Hebrews 11:19, 22–23*

Let us pray , For the people who have heard only bad news and ignored God's promises. Open their ears that they may hear the Good News proclaimed by the Church here and around the world. Grant them opportunity to rely on Your gracious promises, heavenly Father. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

**My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.**

For people who are deprived of justice, who are addicted to drugs and live in destructive communities, and all who are without hope of change. Renew in them, O Lord, a trust in Your promises, and give them relief and change as fits Your gracious plans for them. Hear my prayer, O Lord:  
**My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.**



Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You. Hear my prayer, O Lord:

**My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.**

Oh Father of mercies and God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, look with favor upon your servants (*especially...*) give them patience and comfort in their illnesses, restore them to health, or give them grace to accept this tribulation with courage and hope.

Hear my prayer, O Lord:

**My soul longs for Your salvation; I hope in Your word.**

These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

**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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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**

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. 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."

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

### **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**

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

*LSB 622*

## **NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON**

*LSB 182*

**Lord, now You let your servant go in peace;**

**Your word has been fulfilled.**

**My own eyes have seen the salvation which**

**You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:**

**A light to reveal You to the nations and**

**the glory of Your people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the**

**Son and to the holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now,**

**and will be forever. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING** *LSB 183*

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.**

## **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**      Go, My Children, with My Blessing      *LSB 922 (favorite)*

**Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In My love's baptismal river I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing, you are My own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story,  
Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you,  
Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, My children, I will keep you and give you peace.**

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: 43

Nepalese Attendance: 32

Offering: \$3,054.00

**CHRIST MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** invites you to attend Joesph and the Amazing Technicolor dreamcoat. Performance will be held on September 16,17,23, and 24 @ 7:30pm and September 18 and 25 @ 2:30pm at 5252 S. Lindberg Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63126. All seating is reserved. Tickets for children will range in price from \$5-\$15 and tickets for those 13 and older will be \$10-\$20. Tickets may be purchased online at [CMPShows.org](http://CMPShows.org) beginning August 6th @ 10am. Visit their website or email [Tickets@CMPShows.org](mailto:Tickets@CMPShows.org) for additional information.

**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.

**COMPASS** is looking for staff for the aftercare program. If you are interested in working with children, contact Veronica McCowan at 314-399-2883 or [Veronica.McCowan@compassedprograms.org](mailto:Veronica.McCowan@compassedprograms.org)

**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 20th. If interested, please send an email to [stjohnslcstl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslcstl@gmail.com) to be added to the GroupMe.

## **OPEN TEACHER POSITIONS - WORD OF LIFE**

### **Extended Care Director**

Word of Life is seeking a qualified candidate to lead the extended care program on the main campus for Grades K-8. The position includes registering students, posting charges, purchasing snacks as well as supervising students in the after school part of the program from 3:00 pm until 6:00 pm Mondays - Fridays. There is potential for this position to be combined with the Preschool Aide position to make a full-time position. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Principal Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244 or [mbergholt@wordoflifeshool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeshool.net).

### **Part Time Preschool Aides**

Word of Life's preschool classes are growing! We are anticipating the need for additional aide support in the classrooms at both Timothy and St. Lucas based on the daily enrollment. We are looking for energetic, caring individuals that may be willing to assist the classroom teacher. Positions would primarily be morning hours from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and days depend on the enrollment. Pay will be based on experience from \$12-14 per hour. If you are interested in working one morning or more, please contact Principal, Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244 or [mbergholt@wordoflifeshool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeshool.net).

### **Substitute Teachers and Substitute Aides**

Word of Life is looking for individuals who are willing to substitute teach in our classrooms. Applicants are able to designate grade level preferences. We are also in need of aides who might substitute for the aides in our preschool classrooms. Responsibilities include assisting the teacher with supervision and classroom activities. Our teachers are very supportive and do an excellent job of preparing lesson plans that are easy to follow. Interested candidates can contact Principal, Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244 or [mbergholt@wordoflifeshool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeshool.net).

**DRIVERS NEEDED** Sun Valley Adult Care Center (4365 Chippewa) is in need of drivers. If interested, call them at 314-354-6121.

**PASTOR WILL BE AWAY** at the Churches Planting Churches conference August 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** will meet today, August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30am after Bible class.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –For those who have not come back since the pandemic; **Dennis Solomon** as he recovers from congestive heart failure; **Carmen Hobson** for stomach surgery; **Bobbie** who is in the hospital; **Joan Potvin** for healing from her health issues; **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***

***August 14-August 21***

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship <b>11:30am Executive Council Meeting</b> 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 6pm Evangelism
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open
Thursday	8am-2pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study 2pm-6pm Flight Night (backpack give-away)
Friday	8am-1pm Office Open NO Bible Study
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry NO Vicar Meeting 5:30pm-7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship <b>11:30am Cyan Baptism Reception</b>