

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



Blessed Are Those Who Are  
Invited

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Divine Service Setting 2

LSB 167

When Love Broke Through - The Gifts (Means) of Grace Sermon  
Series Part 3:

## **AS WE GATHER**

The Gospel of Christ is God's invitation to salvation and eternal life. Cards or letters of invitation occasionally end with the eloquent phrase from the French language abbreviated only with the letters RSVP, signaling that the sender wishes to know for how many to plan in attendance. (Of course, we may presume God already knows that final number!) But to receive an RSVP invitation requires a response. Today, Jesus issues the invitation to the Kingdom asking all to "strive to enter." Surprisingly, the response or effort required is simply to receive the benefit of our Lord's own work on our behalf. You enter the open, narrow door through Baptism into the death of Christ. The baptismal life is a striving to die and rise daily by faith in the way of the cross of Christ. Through the door of the Eucharist we are nourished and faith is strengthened and sustained by Christ's body and blood. This eating and drinking is necessary for the struggle of faith. Here today you continue your RSVP, entering the door who is Christ by the power of your Holy Baptism.

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **WELCOME GUESTS**

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to the pastor. Please take time to fill out an attendance card and drop it in the basket during the offering. Please consider liking us on Facebook (St. Johns Lutheran Church – St. Louis City) and checking out our website (<https://stjohnslutheranstlouis.org/>).

## **PREPARATION**

**O Morning Star, how fair and Bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's Son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly holy!  
Great and glorious,  
All victorious,  
Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, through daily  
Earth's deep sadness  
May perplex us  
And distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.**

**Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
You are our dearest Treasure!  
Let Your mercy  
Warm and Cheer us!  
O draw near us!  
For You teach us**

**God's own love through You has reached us.  
Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above:  
This is Your great salvation.  
Alleluia!**

**Christ the living,  
To us giving  
Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!**

**O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out!  
Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the Story!  
Great is He the King of Glory!**

**What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and Sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of Gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!**

## INVOCATION

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

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 46:1; 50:1*

God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in trouble.**

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
**from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Invited by the grace of God, as His baptized children, we entreat  
His mercy confessing our sins and receiving His forgiveness.

**O merciful Father, hear our plea for Your constant help in the  
struggle of living in the strength of our Baptism into the death  
and resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We lay  
our sins on His own atoning death. Raise us in the assurance of  
Your forgiveness and Your power to create a new and contrite  
heart, that we may serve You in holiness and forever sing Your  
praises both now and forever. Hear us for the sake of Jesus,  
our Lord and our eternal King. Amen.**

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has  
given you the new birth of water and the Spirit, strengthen you  
with His grace. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus  
Christ, and by His authority, I 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.  
Merciful God, You have extended Your invitation to forgiveness, life, and salvation to be proclaimed and heard throughout the world. Grant that all people hear and learn to respond to Your love in a constant faith empowered by Your Word and Sacraments; 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**     *Isaiah 25: 6-9*

<sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. <sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach

of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**    *Revelation 19:6-8*

“Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

**Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory,**

for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

**it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”**

**EPISTLE**    *Revelations 19: 5-9*

<sup>5</sup> And from the throne came a voice saying, “Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, small and great.” <sup>6</sup> Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. <sup>7</sup> Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; <sup>8</sup> it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. <sup>9</sup> And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**    *Luke 13:29*

**Alleluia. People will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. Alleluia.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 25: 1-13*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN**

Thy Strong Word

*LSB 578* (favorite)

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;**

**At Thy speaking it was done.**

**For created light we thank Thee,**

**While Thine ordered seasons run.**



*Refrain*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send! Alleluia,  
Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of Thy salvation,  
Breathed Thine own life breathing breath.**

*Refrain*

**Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hopes confess.**

*Refrain*

**From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All Thy bright redeeming light**

*Refrain*

**Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
Mouths to speak Thy holy name. *Refrain***

Stand

**God the Father, light-creator  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!**

## **SERMON**

### **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

LSB 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**

**Almighty God, we give thanks for all Your goodness, and bless You for the love that sustains us from day to day. We praise You for the gift of Your Son, our Savior, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in Your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

**We thank You for the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, for Your Holy Church, for the Means of Grace, for the lives of all faithful and just people, and for the hope of the life to come. Help us to remain**

constant in the struggle of faith empowered by the cross of Christ, filled with hope and confidence. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Save and defend Your whole Church, the bride, and strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the Holy Sacraments, establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Grant Your wisdom and heavenly grace to all pastors and to those who hold offices of service in Your Church that by their work and example faith may abound and Your kingdom increase into all the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, [*especially* . . .]. Be with those also who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Sustain and bless all who care for those who suffer.

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.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**Amen.**

**The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
With ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder  
The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation  
And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union  
With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
May see You face to face.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Earl Welch
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: 36

Communion: 30

Offering: \$2,509.00

**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(s) will be September 3rd and/or September 10th. 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.

**HELP SUPPORT OUR VICARS** Next Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the Missouri District's campaign "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers". In doing so, we will be collecting a free will offering that will be put in our Scholarship fund and will be used to continue to support Nabin and Ratna.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –For those who have not come back since the pandemic; **Dennis Solomon** for healing of his vocal cords; **Carmen Hobson** for stomach surgery; **Bobbie** who is in the hospital; **Momentum Academy** as they begin classes again; **John Benwell** as he looks for a job; **Our Vicars** who serve the Nepali church as they also begin classes again; **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 21-August 28***

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship <b>11:30am Cyan Baptism Rededication Reception</b> NO African Worship
Monday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass
Tuesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students 6pm-7:30pm Neighborhood Meeting
Wednesday	8am-2pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 3:45pm Compass Chapel
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 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