# St. Johns Lutheran Church

Where Love Broke Through



Sacrament of the Altar

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When Love Broke Through - The Gifts (Means) of Grace Sermon
Series: A Meal Which Feeds You

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#### AS WE GATHER

All other meals have definite limitations and rarely accomplish what they should. Not long ago my mother took my wife and me out to a beautiful place to eat, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We had a tasty German style meal. One of the problems is that all those nice meals are very limited in what they can do. They take away hunger and provide an occasion for fellowship for a brief period of time. However, we're going to look at a Meal served regularly in this church. It's very different from any meal you would buy at a nice restaurant. It's a Meal that has been prepared by God, by the entire Trinity. It is a Meal which we do not pay for. Mom had to pay for the meal. Every meal has to be paid for. The heavenly Meal, the Lord's Supper, is no exception, but this time the price was too high for you or any of your family or friends. In fact, the price was so high that God, Himself, had to make special arrangements for the payment. What did He pay? He had to nail His only Son to the cross of Calvary. It's a moving story. Baptism, which we had focused on last month, is observed once and then we carry its truths and joys with us. The Lord's Supper is to be commemorated frequently, to be served again and again, until one day we get to heaven and sit down at the table that is set by the Lord Himself, and He will serve us. Until then He comes down to earth and presents this special meal to us. We have an exciting theme - When Love Broke Through - The Gift of Grace, one that has eternal implications.

# 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**

**HYMN** O Lord, We Praise Thee LSB 617

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all Trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!

Thy holy body in to death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast there of remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!

May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Luke 12:32*

Let us go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.

We confess, heavenly Father, that 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.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, strengthen our faith, and focus our hearts on Your kingdom, the inheritance He won for us in His death and resurrection.

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." 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  $\maltese$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### **WORD**

# **KYRIE** LSB 168 (Sung)

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord

## Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

## Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

# Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

# GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST LSB 170(Sung)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

#### **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service.

Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life;

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 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, <sup>2</sup> "This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup> Tell all the congregation of Israel that

on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household. <sup>4</sup> And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. 5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or from the goats, 6 and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight. <sup>7</sup> "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. <sup>10</sup> And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. 11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. 14 "This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.

This is the Word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE** Hebrews 11:1–16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. <sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more

acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous. God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as vet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. <sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**VERSE** Luke 12:32 Alleluia. Fear not, little flock,

for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

## **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 22: 7-20

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-second chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup> Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. 8 So Jesus sent Peter and John, saving, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, that we may eat it." <sup>9</sup> They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" 10 He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you. Follow him into the house that he enters and tell the master of the house, 'The Teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' <sup>12</sup> And he will show you a large upper room furnished; prepare it there." <sup>13</sup> And they went and found it just as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover. <sup>14</sup> And when the hour came, he reclined at table, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." <sup>17</sup> And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, "Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." <sup>19</sup> And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>20</sup> And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust Him for His grace; Behind a frowning providence Faith sees a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, Unfolding ev'ry hour; The bud may have a bitter taste, But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain; God is His own interpreter, And He will make it plain.

You fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds ye so much dread Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head.

#### **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**

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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

Genesis 15:1; Psalm 33:22; Hebrews 11:1; Luke 12:22, 32 Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, give us faith to trust in the words of Your testament and so rightly receive the fruits of Your suffering and death. Lord, hear our prayer.

# Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Through Your merit we be brought to rejoice in the marriage feast of the Lamb, where You live and reign with the Father and the Spirit forever. Lord, hear our prayer.

# Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

We pray for all people who do not have adequate food, clothing, or shelter. Inspire caring individuals of our communities, nation, and world so they may be Your instruments, O God, to provide what their citizens and neighbors need for life. Through their actions, provide relief and calm the anxiety of the poor, dispossessed, and lonely; Lord, hear our prayer.

# Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Grant us growth in faith and numbers, Lord Jesus, as we gather to hear Your Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and love the people around us. Wherever the Church is found on earth, raise up leaders to proclaim the Gospel and faithful people to exhibit their faith in Your promises and the inheritance You have promised. Lord, hear our prayer.

# Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

Heavenly Father, strengthen and support farmers awaiting harvest, ranchers providing food and pasture for their flocks, shopkeepers greeting clients, all who work from home, those in offices, and those working in factories. Grant them a vision of their wider roles to provide harvests, supplies, and products to meet the needs of people they cannot see. Grant them a willingness to serve You by faith as they use their talents and abilities together with so many others. Lord, hear our prayer.

# Let Your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

O Father of mercies, comfort those who are sick, undergoing surgery, near death, endure sufferings, feel alone or abandoned (especially...) thank you for Your care and compassion for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

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

**HYMN** I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus LSB 725 (favorite)

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, Trusting only Thee; Trusting Thee for full salvation, Great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon; At Thy feet I bow, For Thy grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing In the crimson flood; Trusting Thee to make me holy By Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me; Thou alone shalt lead, Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail. Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall. I am trusting Thee forever And for all. 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: 59 Communion: 45 Offering: \$1,710.20 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 20th. If interested, please send an email to <a href="mailto:stjohnslcstl@gmail.com">stjohnslcstl@gmail.com</a> 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 or call 314-993-6743.

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH in Bridgeton, MO, a smaller family church, is seeking a <a href="CHIME & CHOIR DIRECTOR">CHIME & CHOIR DIRECTOR</a> for September - May for weekly practices and 1-2 times a month performances on Sundays, and an <a href="ORGANIST/PIANIST">ORGANIST/PIANIST</a> 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 churchs' 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 \$14/291-2395 or ourchurchlady@sbcglobal.net.

ST. JOHNS PLATES We are getting rid of our St. Johns anniversary/dedication plates. If you would like one, pick one up in the Narthex while supplies last. A donation would be appreciated.

THE MISSOURI DISTRICT is asking us to take up a free will offering on August 28th to celebrate "Tomorrow's Teachers & Preachers". All funds raised for this offering will be added to the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment.

# Prayers

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 August 7-August 14

Sunday 9:00am Worship

10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship

Monday 8am-2pm Office Open

7pm Elders

Tuesday 8am-2pm Office Open

6pm Seminary Students

Wednesday 8am-2pm Office Open Thursday 8am-2pm Office Open

2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study

Friday 8am-1pm Office Open

8am Bible Study

Saturday 8:30am Food Pantry

NO Vicar Meeting

1pm Fred Egler Memorial

Next Sunday 9:00am Worship w/ Communion

10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship SALEM MEN'S CLUB BBQ The fine gentlemen of Salem Lutheran Men's Club will be cooking up some good BBQ on the second Saturday of each month beginning April 9th (and ending in September), from 10:00 a.m. until sold out. We are located on the parking lot off of Lakewood Ave. behind Salem Lutheran Church, 8343 Gravois Road in Affton, MO 63123. Choose from a selection of smoked ribs, pork steak, smoked chicken, hamburger, bratwurst or hot dog and make it a meal with your choice of two sides: cole slaw, fries, baked beans or potato salad. Learn more at https://slcas.org/church/mens-club-bbg/barbecue

### 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@wordoflifeschool.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@wordoflifeschool.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@wordoflifeschool.net.

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 beginning August 6th @ 10am. Visit their website or email

Tickets@CMPShows.org for additional information.