

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

## Once Lost



## Now Found

## AS WE GATHER

What do you do when you arrive at church? Many people attend to the tasks associated with the beginning of the service, looking at the bulletin they have received or checking out what the opening hymn will be. There is blessing to be found also in looking around us and acknowledging those gathered with us. Each of us is singularly special to God, and, joined together, we become “the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand” (Psalm 95:7). There is no more special place to be than in the sheepfold of our God as part of His flock!

## 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 Hail the Power of Jesus' Name    *LSB 549 (favorite)*

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God  
Who from His altar call;  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
We at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song  
And crown Him Lord of all.**

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**Gracious God, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we do things we ought not do and do not live up to our calling as the people of Your pasture and the sheep of Your hand. We justly deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all our sins and lead us to renewed lives that reflect Your goodness and love.**

### **KYRIE**

LSB 186

**Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

God is gracious and merciful. He hears our supplications and joyfully restores us to His fold. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **WORD**

**INTROIT**      *Psalm 30:2–5; antiphon: vv. 11a, 12b*

You have turned for me my mourning into \* dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for \* ever!  
**O Lord my God, I cried to \* you for help,**

**and you have \* healed me.**

O Lord, you have brought up my soul \* from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who  
go down \* to the pit.

**Sing praises to the Lord, O \* you his saints,  
and give thanks to his \* holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a \* lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy  
comes with the \* morning.

**Glory be to the Father and \* to the Son  
and to the Holy \* Spirit;**

**as it was in the be \* ginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. \* Amen.**

You have turned for me my mourning into \* dancing;

O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you for \* ever!

## **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure.  
Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You,  
rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **MEMORIZED WORD**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow  
citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on  
the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being  
the cornerstone, Ephesians 2:19-20

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Ezekiel 34:11-24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my  
sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when  
he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my  
sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been  
scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them

out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. <sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? <sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**     *Psalm 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 Timothy 1:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our

Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**            *Luke 15:10*

**Alleluia. I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**            *Luke 15:1–10*

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

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Jesus Sinners Doth Receive      *LSB 609 v. 1-4*

**Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live  
And from God and heaven wander!  
Here is hope for all who grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**We deserve but grief and shame,  
Yet His words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim;  
Here our ills have perfect healing.  
Firmly in these words believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**Sheep that from the fold did stray  
No true shepherd e'er forsaketh;  
Weary souls that lost their way  
Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh  
In His arms that they may live:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

**I, a sinner, come to Thee  
With a penitent confession.  
Savior, mercy show to me;  
Grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.**

## **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 192**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray,  
for the Church, that God's people may live confidently, joyfully sharing  
the message of salvation in word and deed. (*especially inviting...*)  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship. Grant that we never take them for granted but rather that we encourage all to share joyfully in our work together to the glory of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those with special concerns and needs this day including those who are hospitalized or in care facilities, those who are grieving at this time, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in and all those whose needs are known to us, [*especially . . .*]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the ages, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering the passing of Tamaris Bohannon killed in the line duty two years ago, and others who are no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence.

**Amen.**

**SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE** (*sung*)

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

It is truly good, right, and proper that we should give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have come to redeem Your fallen creation. Through the saving work of Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, we are granted all good things by You in countless ways. Through the working of Your Holy Spirit, bestow upon us Your peace and abiding joy, now and forever. Together with angels and archangels and with all who rejoice in the courts of heaven, we praise Your glorious name.

**SANCTUS**

*LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**      *(sung)*      *LSB 196*

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.**

**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."

**PAX DOMINI** *(sung)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace.**

**Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”  
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

LSB 740  
LSB 702 (favorite)

**NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON** *LSB 199*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace  
According to Thy word,  
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end.  
Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING** *(sung)*

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**and His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us  
through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You  
would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent  
love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who  
lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS** *(sung)*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Bless we the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION** *(Sung)*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen, amen, amen.**

**HYMN**

Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

*LSB 711*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
Much we need Your tender care.  
In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
For our use Your fold prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
Seek us when we go astray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us,  
Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us,  
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
Early let us turn to You.

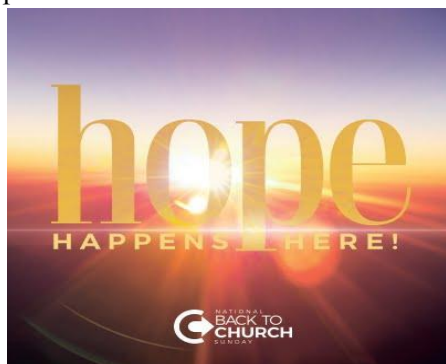
Early let us seek Your favor,  
Early let us do Your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior,  
With Your love our spirits fill.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
You have loved us, love us still.

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: 44

Nepalese Attendance: 30

Offering: \$1,821.00

**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.

**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)

**VOTER'S MEETING** will be today, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am after Bible Class

**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 will be October 1st. If interested, please send an email to [stjohnslcstl@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnslcstl@gmail.com) to be added to the GroupMe.

We started a new series that is called "Connections" and our first topic is called "Knowing God".

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

**BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY** Next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating Back To Church Sunday. We encourage you to join us on this Sunday, as well as inviting your friends and others to come back to church and worship with us.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –For our Back To Church celebration on September 18th; **Dennis Solomon** for healing of his vocal cords and is in hospice; **Carmen Hobson** for stomach surgery; **Bobbie** who is in the hospital; **Don Osiek** who on hospice; **Thanks** that **John Benwell** has found a job; **Compass Staff & Volunteers** as they navigate this new year; **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 September 11-September 18***

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship <b>11:30am Voter's Meeting</b> 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 8am-3pm Counseling in Nursery 6pm Evangelism
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open 9am South City Circuit Meeting 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>3:45pm</u> Compass Chapel 6:00pm Choir
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 8am-3pm Counseling in Nursery 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service <u>2pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>5pm-8pm</u> Baby Shower setup
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>9am</u> Confirmation <u>1pm</u> Vicar Meeting / <u>3pm</u> African Baby Shower
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship