

St. Johns Lutheran Church



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AS WE GATHER

God's people are sometimes called "the people of the Book." The written Word is central to our lives of worship. As John concluded his Gospel account of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, he states that he could have written much more extensively than he had done. But as he reflects on what he has shared in his Gospel, he says, "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name" (John 20:31). The written Word of the Lord, and its preaching, is an essential part of our great and blessed heritage!

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME GUESTS and VISITORS

Welcome to Church! We are so thankful that you are joining us today. The church is not just a building we come to, instead it is a community of people who see the Bible as God's holy word and Jesus as our Savior. Join us today as we prepare our hearts and minds to respond to God in worship and the word today.

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/>).

If you have a prayer request you would like us to pray during the service, please pick up one of the blue pieces of paper on the table, write your request on it, and place it in the offering plate.

PREPARATION

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die!**

**While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.**

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Just as I Am, without One Plea LSB 570

**Just as I am, without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

God, Just as I am: Without excuse, without blame, my life with so many conflicts, doubts, fears and fights within me, which distract me from your love. I'm poor, indifferent and blind to your healing invitation.

Worse, I have rejected the only Salvation available to me. I deserve whatever is coming to me. But, I ask you to take away the dark blot of sin in my heart. Can your blood cleanse me? Have mercy on me, forgive me, restore me in a right relationship with you.

Christ's blood has redeemed you, He has invited you, to find all that you need for your salvation. Just as you are, come and receive, your sins cleansed and a life purchased by Jesus, Jesus Christ has broken down every barrier, welcomes you back into the family of God. and has made you his own and forgives you all your sins, believe His promise in the name of the Lamb of God who comes to you.

Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 29:11-14*

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 8:37-39*

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 15: 11-24*

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹¹ And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³ Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸ I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” ²⁰ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹ And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be

called your son.’²² But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet.’²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate.’²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less *LSB 575 (favorite)*

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]***

**His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]***

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *[Refrain]***

SERMON Hope Happens Here

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 *Seek Ye First sung by the Choir*

OFFERTORY *Create in me a clean heart by Keith Green*

**Create in me a clean heart oh God
and renew a right spirit within me.
Create in me a clean heart oh God
and renew a right spirit within me.**

**Cast me not away from thy presence, O Lord,
and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *LSB, p. 215*

**God, our Father in heaven, holy by your name
May Your kingdom come to us and expand to know Jesus Christ,
Your Son, that the number of Christians may be increased.
Lord, in Your mercy,**

hear our prayer.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. (*Look especially to the needs of...*)

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Amen,

HYMN

On Eagles' Wings *LSB 727*

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!”**

Refrain

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.**

Refrain

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.**

Refrain

**For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

Refrain

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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MEET OUR NEW FIELD WORKERS

Isaac Hedstrom Bio: I am a first-year seminarian at Concordia Seminary, St Louis. I grew up all over the Midwest, first on the campus of Concordia Seminary while my Dad was attending seminary, then in south-central Nebraska until high school. During high school, my family moved to Lakefield, MN where my Dad works as a pastor. Growing up, I was home-schooled and one of seven siblings. In college, I went to Concordia University Wisconsin where I

studied philosophy and theological languages. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with friends, reading, wilderness hiking, and writing.

Tristan Pilot Bio: My family includes myself (Tristan Pilot age 33), my wife (Rochelle Pilot age 30), and our Children Ezekiel age 7 and Jabin age 4. I was born and raised in South Carolina then moved to Stroudsburg PA during my high school years. After graduating I join the Navy in 2008 as a Navy Corpsman. My wife was born and raised in the Philippines. We met during my visit to the Philippines in 2010. We got married Oct 5 2011. My wife has been with me for most of my military career where we have lived in NC, VA, TX, CA and now here in MO. I felt called to ministry since 2012 and started online school at Liberty University where I earned my B.S. degree in religion in 2015. Although I was baptized into the Lutheran Church I considered myself nondenominational growing up. In 2020 I found the Lutheran faith again after studying Church history and came to believe the doctrines of the Lutheran Church are correct. I was made a member of the LCMS Lutheran Church on 13FEB2022 and applied to Concordia Seminary which resulted in me and family

being here. I am very much happy to be here and given the opportunity to learn, grow and serve.

Announcements

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday/Communion: 42/42

Nepalese Attendance: 29

Offering: \$2,829.00

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

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 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.

USHERS NEEDED we are in need of more usher volunteers. We are also looking for someone to take on the role of Head Usher. The Head Usher would be in charge of making sure enough Ushers are present at each worship service.

The main duties of an Usher consists of:

- Dismissing people to go up to Communion
- Collecting offerings
- Greeting members and visitors
- Ringing the bell at the beginning of the service
- Counting and recording Worship attendance.

If you are interested in being an Usher or a Head Usher, please let Jonah or Pastor know.

ASCENSION'S 2ND ANNUAL QUARTER AUCTION will be Saturday, September 24, 2022 in the Word of Life Gym. Doors open at 6:00 pm & Auction begins at 6:30 pm. Offering great auction items, delicious Baked Goods by Ascension's chefs, Wine Pull, and Silent Auction items including Cards tickets, wood burning fire pit, deluxe spa basket, deluxe pet basket, baby quilt and vintage doll house. And 50 attendance prizes will be given away throughout the evening Walk-ins are welcome until capacity is reached,

but reservations are appreciated. To secure your spot, email Cheryl at jachalbr@gmail.com or sign up in the church lobby. For more details, visit ascensionstl.com

BRATWURST DINNER will be held by the St. Lucas Men's Club on Sunday, September 25th from 11am-2pm in the St. Lucas Gym (7100 Morganford Rd). Carry outs will be available at 10:30am on the Morganford side of the church. The cost for adult advanced tickets is \$10 or \$12 at the door. Children 5 to 12 cost \$5 and Children under 5 eat free. For advanced tickets, call Dennis at 314-974-5225 or Art at 314-776-3336

BREW IN THE LOU School Fundraiser: Enjoy an afternoon of food and drink in beautiful Francis Park and help your favorite Lutheran school raise money! The 10th Annual "Brew in the Lou" Festival, hosted by the Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA), features local, regional and national craft breweries, distilleries, wineries, and food tastings. Guests also enjoy the live music of the Soulard Blues Band and opportunities to shop local vendors.

Join us Saturday, October 8th from 1:00-5:00pm at the Lily Pond in Francis Park, located in beautiful St. Louis Hills. Admission includes a commemorative tasting glass to enjoy unlimited beer, spirits, wine & food while supplies last. Advanced tickets are \$50 and VIP passes are \$100 thru October 5th. A portion of your purchase will go to support our Lutheran elementary school. When ordering your ticket online, list our school under "School Credit" at checkout and our school will earn \$10 per ticket sold. School credit can only be designated on pre-event online purchases.

Tickets at the gate will be \$60/\$125VIP and our school cannot be designated at that time. Don't wait to buy! Last year, tickets at the gate sold out in 10 minutes! This event is rain ☁️ or shine ☀️. Tickets are non-refundable. Use the link or QR code and support our school today!

"Brew in the Lou" is hosted by our Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA). LESA is an RSO of the LCMS that supports the ministries of 35 Lutheran schools in the metro St. Louis community by providing need-based student tuition assistance and educational and instructional resources to member schools.

SALEM'S LADIES GUILD will host their 2-day FALL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE in Salem's Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 19th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and again on Thursday, October 20th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. You can start boxing up all that stuff that has cluttered up your home! We will accept your donations no sooner than Monday, October 3rd through Monday October 18th during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday. Please place your donated rummage on or in front of the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Salem is located at 8343 Gravois Road in Affton, MO 63123. If you have any questions, contact Salem's church office at 314-352-4454

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For our Back To Church celebration on today; **Dennis Solomon** for healing of his vocal cords and is in hospice; **Carmen Hobson** for stomach surgery; **Bobbie** who is back in the nursing home, but suffering; **Family of Don Osiek** who passed away; **Compass Staff & Volunteers and Momentum Academy (Dr. Mind, student body, and staff)** 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

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week September 18-September 25

Sunday	9:00am Worship (Back to Church Sunday) 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open (Pastor Gone @ Symposium) 3pm-6pm Compass 8am-3pm Counseling in Nursery
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open (Pastor Gone @ Symposium) 3pm-6pm Compass NO Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open (Pastor Gone @ Symposium) 3pm-6pm Compass NO 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 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 9am Confirmation 2pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship 1:30pm South City Circuit Forum @ Ascension