

St. Johns Lutheran Church

PLANTING SEEDS *of Faith*



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AS WE GATHER

Sometimes our faith is weak, and we wonder if God will hear our complaints and prayers. But He is always there, listening in love and offering grace and blessings. The bigger question is whether we will hear His promises and forgiveness. Today's Reading from Habakkuk is a resounding "yes," for it is a reminder that we trust our heavenly Father because of the greatest gift we have received: faith. Sometimes, like with the apostles in today's Gospel, it seems we need more faith, but God, who has given us that precious gift, promises, "the righteous shall live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). In the Epistle, Paul rejoices over Timothy's faith in our Savior, who "abolished death and brought life and immortality to light" (2 Timothy 1:10). Paul encourages Timothy to "guard the good deposit entrusted" to him and each person of faith (2 Timothy 1:14). Rejoice, for today that faith moves us to hear, listen, and respond in word and song.

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

**All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.**

**He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.**

**Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.**

**When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.**

**Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to Him my way.**

If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION (*LSB 184, right column*)

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit.

He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord,
unto us all.

Amen.

WORD

KYRIE

LSB 186

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS...Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high:

and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by

Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those

things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your

bountiful mercy;

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

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4*

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you

“Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and

violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround

the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. ¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to

see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the Lord answered me: “Write the vision; make it

plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels con * cerning you

to guard you in * all your ways.

Bless the Lord, * O my soul,

and all that is within me, bless his * holy name!

EPISTLE *2 Timothy 1:1–14*

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE *Luke 17:3b (Sung) LSB 190*

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

If your brother sins, rebuke him,
and if he repents, forgive him.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:1–10*

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

(Sung) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.” ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. ⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(Sung) **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Know My Faith Is Founded”

LSB 587

**I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand on His sure Word.
Our reason cannot fathom**

**The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in human wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure;
And trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.**

**Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with You beside me,
I shall be undismayed;
And led by Your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.**

**In faith, Lord, let me serve You;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to You,
Your riches to inherit
As all You said holds true.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until Your heav'n I gain,
Where I by Your great mercy
The end of faith attain.**

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 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 people here and around the world—those who call Jesus their Lord and all who do not yet know God’s gracious promises.

Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

For those who think that God doesn’t hear them. Use the Church here and wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament, gracious Lord, to proclaim the Gospel. Grant Your Holy Spirit to open their ears that faith may grow within them.

Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

For those who are enduring violence within their homes and communities. O God, deliver them from their fears, give the security and peace for which they long, and grant the eternal peace Your Son won for us all.

Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

For those who suffer injustice, deprived of basic human rights, and who do not have the food, clothing, and shelter they need for themselves and those for whom they care. Move the Church to show Your compassion in both the proclamation of the Gospel and in words and deeds of Christian charity, which make Your love real to them.

Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

For those who are in dire need of Your caring protection, Lord our God, all whose hopes are dashed, whose bodies are captive to chronic illness and sudden crises, and who see nothing but strife and contention, [*especially . . .*]. Surround them with Your servants to make visible Your eternal promises in Christ our Lord.

Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

For the Church around the world. Where we or our brothers and sisters have lost sight of Your promises, Lord Jesus, or are wondering about when You might return to usher in an eternal Kingdom of peace, grant them eyes to read Your gracious promises and ears to hear the Good News of eternity with You.

Grant that they truly hear, trust the righteousness Christ won for them, and live by their faith.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *LSB 196*

(Sung by Pastor) 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.

(Sung by Congregation) **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS *LSB 201*

(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

Holy Spirit, Light Divine

LSB 496

**Holy Spirit, light divine,
Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away,
Turn the darkness into day.**

**Let me see my Savior's face,
Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me
Which are only known to Thee.**

**Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me,
From sin's bondage set me free.**

**Holy Spirit, joy divine,
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace,
Let it grow and still increase.**

**Holy Spirit, all divine,
Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,
Reign supreme, and reign alone.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Field-Worker Tristan Pilot
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: 68

Communion: 54

Offering: \$1,627.00

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 29th. 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.

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE Hope Ev. Lutheran church in St. Louis will host an Organ Vespers service on Sunday, October 23rd at 4pm to commemorate Lutheran hymnwriters Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heerman, and Paul Gerhardt. The service will feature organist Ryan Meyer and guest preacher Rev. Sean Daenzer. Ryan Meyer is the director of Music Ministries at Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in St. Louis. Rev. Daenzer serves as the Director of Worship for the LCMS and as a chaplain for the LCMS International Center in St. Louis. Organ Vespers services feature extended organ leadership of the congregational liturgy and hymnody. Hope Ev. Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO.

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 **Word of Life Lutheran 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.

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.

HOW SWEET IT IS! Join us for a Middle School Mixer, Friday, October 7 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lutheran South. There will be a live DJ, a photo booth, refreshments, and more! This is a great chance to meet some other area middle schoolers and possible future Lancers! No RSVP is necessary for this free event.

LUISO OPEN HOUSE Lutheran South is more than a high school. It's a home. Join us at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11 to discover what LuSo life is all about. This glimpse into Lutheran South will give you an idea of our community and program. From academic rigor to faith formation, we believe Lutheran South offers the best overall high school experience in town. We can't wait to show you why.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL will meet next Sunday, October 9th, at 11:30am after Bible Class.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –For those have lost possessions and property; **Family of Dennis Solomon** who passed away last Sunday; **Carmen Hobson** for receiving the news for heart surgery; **Bobbie** who is back in the nursing home, but suffering; **Compass Staff & Volunteers and Momentum Academy (Dr. Ming, student body, and staff)** as they navigate this new year; **Our Vicars** who serve the Nepali church; **Our Field-Workers** Tristan and Isaac.

Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Eileen Wehrheim, Carmen Hobson

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week October 2-October 9

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am-3pm Counseling in Nursery / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass <u>6pm</u> Ladies Exercise / <u>7pm</u> Elders
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 7pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 3:45pm Compass Chapel 6:00pm Choir
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Apartments Bible Study NO Compass
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study NO Counseling in Nursery 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service NO Compass
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 9am Confirmation 2pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 11:30am Executive Council Meeting 12:30pm African Worship