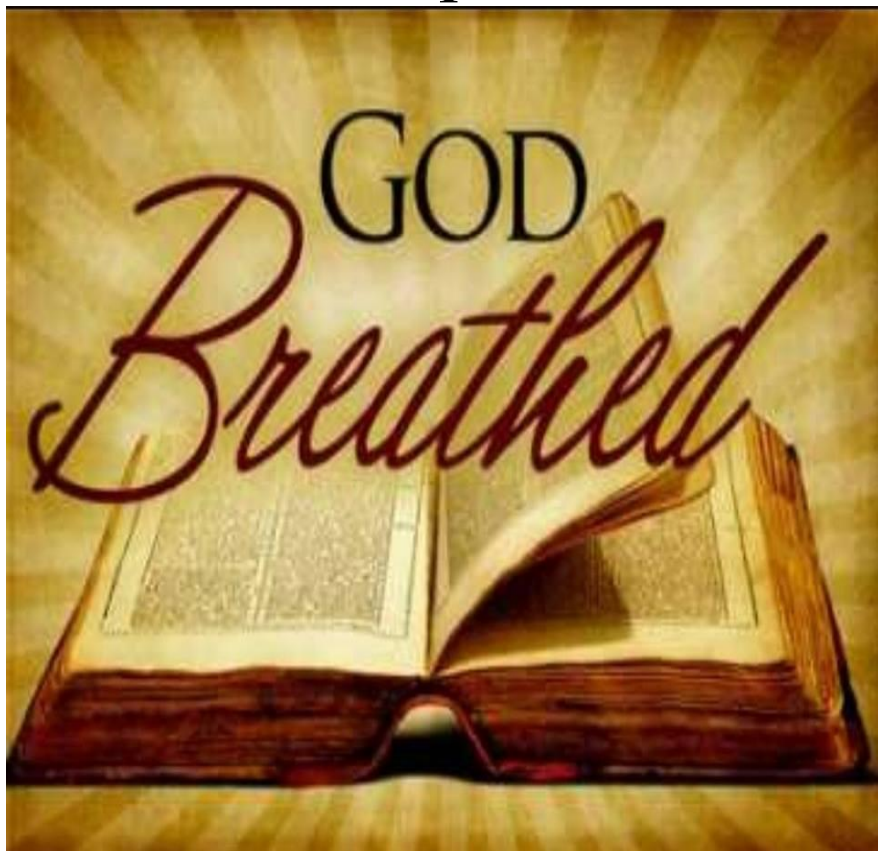


St. Johns Lutheran Church

All Scripture is



Preach it

AS WE GATHER

The Epistle reminds us that God started the conversation with His Word. The Spirit has used Word and Sacrament to awaken and guide our faith. Within that relationship, prayer is a conversation begun by God and continued each day. In worship, we do that with our brothers and sisters in Christ, moving from individual concerns to those of the Body of Christ, the Church. And in worship, we take the time to listen as God accuses and then excuses us by grace for Jesus' sake. So let us pray and worship together.

The Epistle also goes beyond our conversation with God to His grace in time and eternity. Paul calls Scripture God-breathed and thereby reminds us of the breath of God in creation, Jesus' breathing on the disciples on Easter, and the clear witness that Scripture gives about our Savior. In this truth, we find confident hope that God hears our prayers. Today's Readings provide examples of prayer: Jacob receives a greater blessing than he expects, and a woman in Jesus' parable obtains justice in her persistence. We now hear that Word and respond with our brothers and sisters in confident peace and joy.

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/>).

**Word of God, Come Down on earth,
Living rain from heav'n descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love unending,
Word almighty, we revere You;
Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

**Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heav'n to die,
Crucified for our salvation,
Saving Word, the world restoring,
Speak to us, Your love outpouring.**

**Word that caused blind eyes to see,
Speak and heal our mortal blindness;
Deaf we are: our healer be;
Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken,
Heal the world, by sin now broken.**

**Word that speaks God's tender love,
One with God beyond all telling,
Word that sends us from above,
God the Spirit, with us dwelling,
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Genesis 2:7; Ezekiel 37:5; John 20:22; 2 Timothy 3:16

The LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life,

and the man became a living creature.

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones:

Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

And when [Jesus] had said this,

He breathed on them and said to them,

“Receive the Holy Spirit.”

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable

for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confident of His grace and mercy, let us confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

Merciful Father, we confess that we have erred and wandered from Your ways like stray sheep. We have followed the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your laws. We have left undone those things we ought to have done; we have done those things we ought not to have done; we cannot help ourselves.

KYRIE

LSB 186

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, have mercy on us. Breathe new life upon us; teach, reprove, correct, and restore us through Your Word that we may live in praise of Your holy name.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who

believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

WORD

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.

Gracious God, You have given us Your Holy Word in Scripture, which reveals Your grace and mercy shown us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit guide our daily response as we pray, praise, and give thanks; 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 *Genesis 32:22–30*

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalms 91:11; 103:1*

He will command his angels concerning 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 3:14–5*

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. ¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Luke 18:8*

Alleluia. I tell you, He will give justice to them speedily.

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth? Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 18:1–8*

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor

respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.”

⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name” LSB 734

Choir:

I trust, O Lord, Your holy name;

O let me not be put to shame

Nor let me be confounded.

My faith, O Lord,

Be in Your Word

Forever firmly grounded.

**Bow down Your gracious ear to me
And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;
Make haste for my protection,
For woes and fear
Surround me here.
Help me in my affliction.**

**You are my strength, my shield, my rock,
My fortress that withstands each shock,
My help, my life, my tower,
My battle sword,**

**Almighty Lord--
Who can resist Your power?**

**With You, O Lord, I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To You my soul commending.
Lord, be my stay,
And lead the way
Now and when life is ending.**

Stand

**All honor, praise, and majesty
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,
Our God forever glorious,
In whose rich grace
We run our race
till we depart victorious.**

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 *Luther's Morning Prayer sung by the Choir*

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

Genesis 32:26; 2 Timothy 3:15

Let us pray:

For all people for whom prayer is difficult, that the Holy Spirit would enliven them with the reminder of God's promises in Scripture to hear and answer the prayers of all who call to Him in Jesus' name, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

for all who deal with long-term ills, discrimination from the rest of society, and an ongoing lack of food, clothing, and shelter, *(especially, we remember...)* that the Holy Spirit revitalize them to pray without ceasing, confident in their trust of our gracious God's care and concern,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus," that God would breathe new vigor into all who proclaim the Gospel so that many may come to faith and grow in it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

for those who protect and defend our nation, all who work for peace around the world and in our neighborhoods, for those who instruct and those who learn. That God the Holy Spirit would equip them for good works, using Scripture to teach, reprove, correct, and train them in righteousness, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, heavenly Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Amen.

HYMN Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me *LSB 722*
(favorite)

**Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear.
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,**

**For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.**

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 43

Communion: 42

Nepalese Attendance: 24

Offering: \$1,695.00

COMPASS is looking for staff for the aftercare program. If you are interested in working with children or helping staff, 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 stjohnslechl@gmail.com to be added to the GroupMe.

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.

MANY THANKS to those of you who have been bringing your empty egg cartons for our food pantry. We now have a surplus of cartons, so we will not be collecting any additional cartons until further notice. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT for October will be Tuesday, October 18th at Raising Canes on Hampton. 15% of sales will benefit Word of Life! The flyer is needed for WOL to get credit.

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.

MIZZOU FOOTBALL FELLOWSHIP DAY Mizzou Athletics would like to invite you to our Fellowship Day football game vs Vanderbilt on October 22nd. Not only will this be our Fellowship Day, but it will also be Homecoming. We are looking to bring out fellowships to represent all denominations across the state of Missouri! Wear your best Mizzou Gold and celebrate fellowship among friends and family! Tickets will be \$15 each! When you buy 4 or more tickets you will also get a parking pass for the Vanderbilt game!

CHRISTIAN PARENTING CLASS Ascension Lutheran Church is hosting a Christian Parenting Class on Saturday, October 22 from 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Is your family expecting the birth of a child? Are you the parent of a child who is in kindergarten or younger? Want to be well-equipped to be a parent? We invite you to attend the Christian Parenting Class sponsored by Ascension Lutheran Church!

Guest speaker, Lisa Krenz of Concordia Publishing House, will help to prepare and inspire you to be the parent God has called you to be. All are welcome! A continental breakfast will be provided as well as childcare. "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Melba Fanger for a quick recovery; 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 family) and Isaac.

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

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

October 16-October 23

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 11:30am Evangelism Meeting 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>8am-3pm</u> Counseling in Nursery / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass 6pm 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 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 Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship