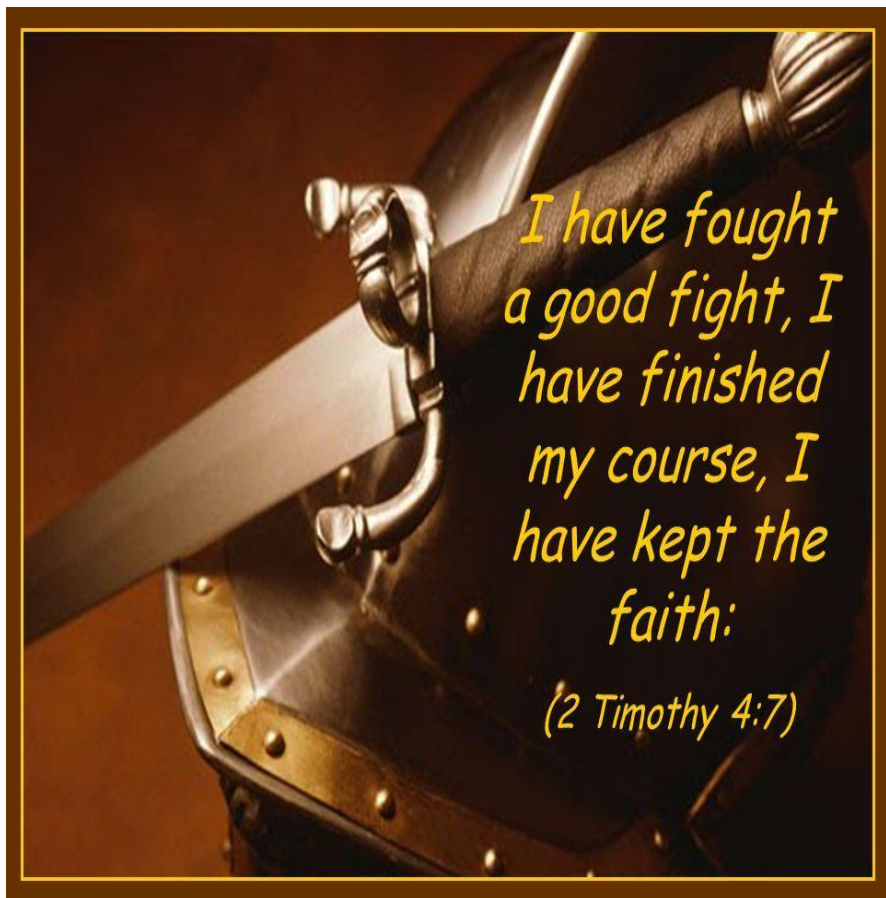


St. Johns Lutheran Church



To Him Be The Glory
Forever

AS WE GATHER

“How can you be so sure?” That is the question we may find ourselves asking when we read the confidence expressed by Paul in today’s Epistle: “There is laid up for me the crown of righteousness” (2 Timothy 4:8); “The Lord stood by me and strengthened me. . . . I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. . . . The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom” (2 Timothy 4:17–18a). “Paul, how can you be so sure?” Today’s service will help us to see that Paul’s certainty was not based upon his strength of faith or his works of ministry; no, it was based solely on God’s faithfulness to him in Jesus Christ, the Crucified! Through His Word and Spirit, God provides such confidence and certainty to us also as we gather in His presence and are received by Him as members of His heavenly kingdom. “To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen” (2 Timothy 4:18b).

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

Fight the Good Fight

LSB 664

**Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove
Christ is your life and Christ your love.**

**Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.**

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are adopted as God's sons and daughters and drawn into His kingdom. By means of His Word and Supper, we gather to receive our Savior's mercy and then respond to Him in thanksgiving and praise. Because of our sins of thought, word, and action, we are unworthy of the grace we receive. Therefore, at our Lord's invitation, let us come before our heavenly Father in humility and faith, seeking His pardon for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

SONG Lord, I Need You by Matt Maher
(We will sing the refrain together)

Lord, I come, I confess; bowing here I find my rest. Without You I fall apart; You're the One that guides my heart.

***Refrain:* Lord, I need you, oh, I need You; every hour I need You. My one defense, my righteousness; oh, God, how I need You.**

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more; where grace is found is where You are. Where You are, Lord, I am free; holiness is Christ in me. *(refrain)*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You are always more ready to hear than we to pray and always ready to give more than we either desire or deserve. Strengthen us in the certainty of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting in Your heavenly kingdom, that, as Your children, we may love and trust in You all our days; through Jesus Christ, 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 4:1–15*

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.” ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” ⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?” ¹⁰And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

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 4:6–8, 16–18*

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . . ¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

VERSE *Song: Change My Heart, Oh God by Eddie Espinosa*

**Change my heart, oh God.
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, oh God.
May I be like You.**

**You are the potter;
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me;
this is what I pray. 2x**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 18:9–17*

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY “In God, My Faithful God” *LSB 745*

**In God, my faithful God,
I trust when dark my road;
Great woes may overtake me,
Yet He will not forsake me.
My troubles He can alter;
His hand lets nothing falter.**

**My sins fill me with care,
Yet I will not despair.
I build on Christ, who loves me;
From this rock nothing moves me.
To Him I will surrender,
To Him, my soul's defender.**

**If death my portion be,
It brings great gain to me;
It speeds my life's endeavor
To live with Christ forever.
He gives me joy in sorrow,
Come death now or tomorrow.**

**O Jesus Christ, my Lord,
So meek in deed and word,
You suffered death to save us
Because Your love would have us
Be heirs of heav'nly gladness
When ends this life of sadness.**

**"So be it," then, I say
With all my heart each day.
Dear Lord, we all adore You,
We sing for joy before You.
Guide us while here we wander
Until we praise You yonder.**

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 Create in Me a Clean Heart Oh God (*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, oh 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

Let us pray:

Father in Heaven you rescued us and made us children of God, members of Your heavenly kingdom, may we experience the certainty of Your promises and blessings in our lives.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear Your children pray!

Inspire in us a dedication to the priorities of Your kingdom, O Lord, that we may dedicate ourselves to worshiping You and to making Your love known to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear Your children pray!

Renew us, dear Jesus, by the Word that we have heard this day and by the Supper we will soon receive. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear Your children pray!

Remind us of Your forgiveness for our trespasses and restoration for our brokenness that, with hearts and hands lifted to You, we rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is Your will for Your children.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear Your children pray!

Bring heaven's touch to many who were afflicted with pain and suffering. Who are sick, hurting, and undergoing procedures, we ask for Your special care and healing touch to be extended. [*Today we pray especially for . . .*]. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear Your children pray!

Into Your hands of mercy, faithful Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Him who invites us to experience the certainty of faith that belongs to members of His heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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

We give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin. Because He is now risen from the dead and reigning at Your right hand, we have certainty that You, O Lord, will rescue us from every evil and bring us safely into Your heavenly kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(Lamb of God)* *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

“Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior” *LSB 619*

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence *LSB 621*

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.

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 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways *LSB 707*

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace

To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word

And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord,

But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,

A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget Thy way,

Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands--

'Tis a delightful road--

Nor let my head or heart or hands

Offend against my God.

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Lector	Isaac Hedstrom
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
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

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 43

Nepalese Attendance: 36

Offering: \$2,703.00

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 stjohnslcstl@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 November will be on Tuesday, November 8th At JJ Twiggs on Hampton. 10% of Sales will benefit WOL! No flyer is needed for Word of Life to get credit.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Melba Fanger for a quick recovery; Carmen Hobson for patience in waiting for 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 23-October 30

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship (Pastor leave for conference)
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open (Pastor gone on Conference) <u>8am-3pm</u> Counseling in Nursery / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open (Pastor gone on Conference) 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 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 6pm Faith Oakville Small Group
Saturday	8:30am Food Pantry 9am Confirmation 2pm Vicar Meeting 5:30pm-7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion <u>10:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>12:30pm</u> African Worship