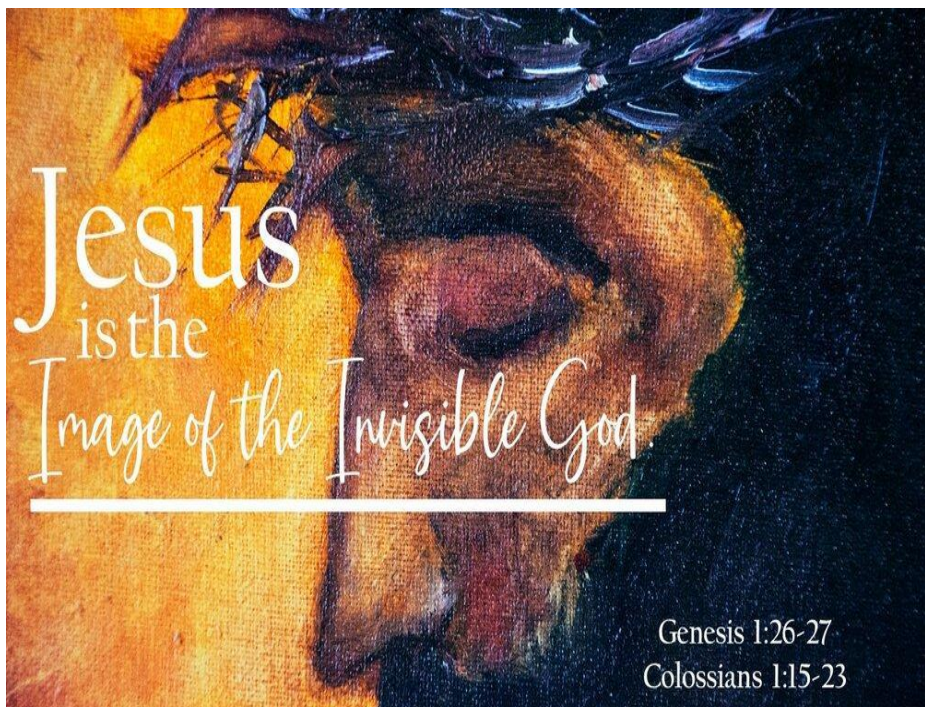


St. Johns Lutheran Church



Making Peace by the Blood
of his Cross

AS WE GATHER

“For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross” (Colossians 1:19–20). On the cross, Jesus died for the sins of the world. On the cross, Jesus comforted one of the criminals crucified with Him. On the cross, Jesus interceded even for those who crucified Him. On the cross, Jesus makes peace by His blood.

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

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 (favorite)

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. [Refrain]**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. [Refrain]**

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. [Refrain]**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be;
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Though darkness surrounds us,

Christ shines His light upon us.

Though our world is full of war and violence,

Christ is our peace.

Though our relationships are strained and broken,

Christ brings reconciliation and redemption.

Though we fail to remember Jesus,

He always remembers us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In our lives, we often ask ourselves, “Who am I?” We seek to define ourselves by our jobs, relationships, finances, skills, and most devastatingly of all, our failures. Yet ultimately, who we are resides in none of these things. Our identity is in Jesus and what He has done for us. As we come before our heavenly Father, we confess everything we have elevated above Jesus, and we ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Heavenly Father,
**we have sinned against You in thoughts, words, and deeds.
Forgive us, renew us, and point us back to Jesus. Amen.**

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

KYRIE LSB 204

**Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS **LSB 204**

**To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing-
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us , Jesus;
Receive our heart-felt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high.**

**For you a-lone are holy;
You only are the Lord,
For-ever and for-ever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad re-ply.**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Malachi 3:13–18*

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts?’ ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.” ¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.

¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu * lation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood * of the Lamb.**

**Blessèd are those whose strength is * in You,
in whose heart are the highways to * Zion.**

EPISTLE *Colossians 1:13–20*

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 23:27–43*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor” *LSB 534*

**Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor,
First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender,
Lifting up Your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus, true and living bread!
Jesus, true and living bread!**

**Though the lowliest form now veil You
As of old in Bethlehem,
Here as there Your angels hail You,
Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
We in worship join with them;
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, Your off'ring, finished
Once for all when You were slain,
In its fullness undiminished
Shall forevermore remain.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;
Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.**

**Life imparting heav'nly manna,
Stricken rock with streaming side,
Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna
Worship You, the Lamb who died.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!
Ris'n, ascended, glorified!**

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

LSB 574 "Before the Throne of God Above" Sung by the Choir

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Mauren Rehmer 9/4/38

Roger Schmidt 9/4/60

Robert Rehmer 9/20/36

Gavin Schmidt 9/21/03

Doris Seevers 10/30/30

Marsha Jackson 11/6/49

Carmen Hobson 11/12/78

Cyan Evers 11/20/16

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray: Lord Jesus Christ, You defeat all the powers of evil and darkness. Strengthen us to resist the temptations of Satan.

Surround us with Your truth and light.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

be our strong defender.

Lord, we live in a world torn apart by war and violence. All human-made peace is only temporary, but You have made eternal peace by the blood of Your cross. Encourage us by Your peace, which passes all understanding.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

be our strong defender.

Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially* . . .]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

be our strong defender.

Lord, strengthen all those who struggle with addictions. Break their bondage and lead them to get the help they need. Give them the courage to ask for help.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

be our strong defender.

Lord, aid all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church. Embolden them as they bring Your Word to Your people so that more and more people may see Your light. Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

be our strong defender.

Lord, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially* . . .]. Have mercy upon them and restore them to health according to Your wisdom.

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor,

be our strong defender.

Lord Jesus, we commend all these people and situations to Your infinite wisdom and power, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us.

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

The Lord look upon us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

Amen.

HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful**

**Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."**

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	Patrick Benwell, Jayvon Evers, Joan Potvin, William Gebhart, and Roger Schmidt
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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: 41

Communion: 34

Nepalese: 33

Offering: \$1,212.00

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 in December 3rd. If interested, please send an email to stjohnslcstl@gmail.com to be added to the GroupMe.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR ADVENT If you have a used Christmas tree you could donate for this year, please leave it with the church office or call so that we can pick it up. Thank you.

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS With the abundance of food received on November 12th (PRAISE GOD), we are no longer collecting food for our food drive. What we do need are gifts to give to needy people for Christmas (popcorn tins, boxes or bags of cookies, candy, and socks and underwear for men, women, boys, and girls). Collection dates are from now through Wednesday, December 14th.

CHURCH DECORATING You are invited to help us decorate the church for Advent/Christmas on Saturday, November 26th, starting around 10am. We hope to see you there.

A SONG FOR CHRISTMAS Christ Memorial Productions is pleased to present A Song for Christmas on Friday December 2 and Saturday December 3 at 7:30 pm, and Sunday December 4 at 2:30 pm. Performances will take place at Christ Memorial Lutheran, 5252 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri 63126.

A Song for Christmas is a FREE concert featuring live performances of a selection of wonderful Christmas songs, including such classics as O Holy Night, I'll be Home for Christmas and Silent Night. The concert will be presented by talented vocalists, many who have performed with CMP in the past, and a live orchestra. The concert will be directed by Kevin Jones. Seating will be general admission, tickets will not be issued. Call 314-223-3163 or email Tickets@CMPShows.org with questions or to arrange for seating for groups of 10 or more.

SUPPORT OUR LCMS SCHOOLS The Missouri District has been approved as an Educational Assistance Organization under the State of Missouri – Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Tax Credit Program. Under this program, taxpayers will be able to direct qualified dollars to the scholarship program at no extra cost and receive tax credits for their participation. These funds will then be used to provide scholarships for selected students at LCMS schools throughout the state of Missouri. [See the flyers around Church for more info.](#)

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE The Gateway Ringers will present handbell music for the Christmas season at Hope Ev. Lutheran in St. Louis on Sunday, December 18th at 4pm. Come visit the sanctuary of Hope Lutheran church, decked out in Christmas splendor. Hope Ev. Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO.

ADVENT 2022 The theme for this year's Advent is "A Tale of Trees". Each Wednesday ([Starting on November 30th](#)) will begin with a soup supper at [5:15pm](#), then there will be a project, and will conclude with a church service in the Sanctuary at [6:00pm](#). The Compass Christmas Program will be Wednesday, [December 21st at 6pm](#). The Christmas Eve service will be on [December 24th at 5pm](#). The Christmas Day service will be at [9am](#) and will not be a Joint service.

BIG BAND SWING The Lutheran South bands will host *Big Band Swing* on Friday, January 13 from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. The night will feature the local professional big band "The Ambassadors of Swing." Tickets are available for \$30 each and include beer, wine, and hors d'oeuvres. Free swing dance lessons will be offered at 6:30 p.m. It is sure to be a fun evening as we raise money for the band to go on tour this spring! Register at LSlancers.org/events

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –**Joan** for recovery from hip surgery; **Melba Fanger** for a quick recovery; **Maureen Rehmer** for healing of her hip; **Carmen Hobson** for patience in waiting for the news for heart surgery; **Bobbie** who is back in the nursing home, but suffering; **Confirmation Class** for the Lord to mature their faith; **Our Vicars** as they continue to take classes at the Seminary; **Our Field-Workers** Tristan (and family), Alvaro and, Isaac; **St. Johns** as we look for the funding for two new AC units.

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

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week November 20-November 27

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>8am-3pm</u> Counseling in Nursery 3pm-6pm Compass
Tuesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>NO</u> Compass / <u>NO</u> Compass Chapel 6:00pm Choir
Thursday	Office Closed 9am Thanksgiving Worship
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open NO Bible Study NO Counseling in Nursery 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service NO Compass
Saturday	NO Food Pantry NO Confirmation <u>NO</u> Vicar Meeting 10:00am Church Christmas decorating
Next Sunday	9:00am Joint Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship