

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



## Joint Service

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
First Sunday in Advent

St. Louis, Missouri  
November 27th, 2022

### **AS WE GATHER**

Today you are in a most important waiting room—every church sanctuary or other holy space in which God’s people gather is, in its way, a waiting room. Together we are waiting for the greatest of all events—the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is the mountain of the house of the Lord, where two or three are gathered in His name. Here God dwells and is enthroned and reveals Himself to His people. Here we keep alert, joyfully anticipating the advent of our King.

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**  
**WELCOME / JAIMASHI**  
**& ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## WELCOME GUESTS

We're glad you are here! Make it a point to introduce yourself to us. 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

### OPENING HYMN

Hark the Glad Sound

LSB 349

**Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.**

**He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.**

**He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.**

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With Thy beloved name.**

### INVOCATION

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

Pita, Putra, ra Pabitra Aatma ko naam Ma.  
**Amen.**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

The four Sundays preceding Christmas, which is when Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, are recognized for four virtues. The candles on the Advent wreath symbolize **hope, love, joy and peace**. The candles are lit in that order, beginning today. (*One Advent candle is lit.*)

Let us pray. O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Psalm 51:1-3, 7 भजनसंग्रह 51:1-3, 7

(Alvaro will read in English then we will respond together in Nepali and English)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy.** (*Respond in both languages*)

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy.** (*Respond in both languages*)

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy.** (*Respond in both languages*)

Jesus Christ died for us, for His sake God the Father has had mercy on us and forgives us all of our sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who calls us is faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

हे परमेश्वर, मर्तर्फ कृपालु हुनुहोस्, किनभने तपाईंको दयालु कृपा-  
दृष्टिले, तपाईंको महान् अनुग्रहले मेरा सारा पापहरू मेटाई दिनुहोस्।  
परमेश्वर मेरो दोष धोएर मेटाई दिनुहोस्। मेरा पापहरू धोइ-पखाली  
दिनुहोस्, मलाई फेरि एकपल्ट शुद्ध पारिदिनुहोस्।

म जान्दछु मैले पाप गरेको। म सधैं ती पापहरू देख्दछु।

विधिपूर्वक हिसप झारले मस्काएर मलाई शुद्ध पार्नुहोस्। जबसम्म म  
हिउँ जस्तो सेतो हुन्न तबसम्म मलाई धोइ पखाल्नुहोस्।

यसुख्रिस्ट तपाईंकोलागि मर्नुभयो, उहाको खातिर परमेश्वर  
पिताले तपाईंलाई दया गर्नुभयो र तपाईंको सबै पाप क्षमा  
गर्नुहुन्छ परमेश्वर पिता, परमेश्वर पुत्र र परमेश्वर पवित्रआत्माको  
नाममा। उहा जसले तपाईंलाई बिस्वसनियातामा बोलाउनु  
हुन्। उहाले निश्चयनै बोलाउनुहुन्छ। सान्ति मा रहो।  
धन्यवाद प्रभु आमेन

## WORD

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *Martin Luther's Morning prayer*

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

**Amen.**

हे मेरो पिता, मलाई आजको राती मेरो सबै हानि र खतराबाट आफ्नो  
पुत्र यसुख्रिस्ट द्वारा सुरक्षित राख्नु भएकोमा म तपाईंलाई धन्यवाद  
दिन्छु। आजको दिनमा मलाई पापहरूबाट र प्रत्येक दुष्टबाट पर  
राख्नुहोस्। मैले गरेको हरेक कार्यले र मेरो जीवनले तपाईंलाई खुशी  
तुल्याओस्। तपाईंको हातमा म आफ्नो शरीर, आत्मा, र मेरो सर्वस्व  
सुम्पिन्छु। आफ्नो पवित्र स्वर्गदुतहरूलाई मसित हुन दिनु होस्। ताकी  
दुष्टको कुनै पनि शक्ति म माथि प्रबल नहोस्। आमेन।

### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 2:1-5 यशैया 2:1-5*

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. <sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against

nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

आमोसको छोरो यशैयाले यहूदा र यरूशलेमको विषयमा यो सन्देश देखे। <sup>2</sup> अन्तिम दिनहरूमा परमप्रभुको मन्दिर, सबै पर्वतहरू भन्दा उच्चमा हुनेछ। यो सबै पहाडहरू भन्दा-माथि हुनेछ। सबै जातिहरू त्यहाँ ओइरो लाग्नेछन्। <sup>3</sup> धेरै मानिसहरू त्यहाँ जानेछन् र तिनीहरूले भन्नेछन्, “आऊ! हामीमाथि परमप्रभुको पर्वत सम्म जाऊँ, माथि याकूबको परमेश्वरको मन्दिरमा। अनि परमेश्वरले हामीलाई जीउने विषयमा शिक्षा दिनु हुनेछ। अनि हामीले उहाँलाई पछ्याउनेछौं।” परमेश्वरका उपदेशहरू-परमप्रभुको अनि सन्देश यरूशलेम अन्तर्गत सियोन पर्वतमा हुनेछ र सम्पूर्ण संसारभरि नै फैलिएर जानेछ। <sup>4</sup> त्यसपछि परमेश्वर नै सबै जातिहरूकालागि न्यायाधिश हुनुहुनेछ। उहाँले विवादका कुराहरू मानिसहरूकै लागि अन्त गर्नुहुनेछ। ती मानिसहरूले लडाइँ गर्ने आफ्ना हात-हतियारहरू बन्द गर्नेछन्। तिनीहरूले आफ्ना तरवारबाट हलोको फाली बनाउनेछन्। अनि तिनीहरूका आफ्ना चलाउने भालाहरूबाट घाँस काट्ने हँसिया बनाउनेछन्। मानिसहरू एक अर्कोको विरुद्धमा लडाइँ लड्न छाड्ने छन्। मानिसहरूले फेरि कहिल्यै पनि युद्धकालागि तालिम लिने छैनन्। <sup>5</sup> याकूबको सन्तानहरू, तिमीहरूले परमप्रभुलाई पछ्याउनु नै पर्छ।

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

**HYMN** ल जाऊँ है सियोनसम्म (Let's Go Up To Zion – St. Johns will sing the refrain with the Nepalese)

*Verse 1:*

(ल जाऊँ है सियोनसम्म) ३

येशूको नगरमा

(la jaauñ hai siyon-samma) 3  
yeshuko nagar-maa

**Come let us go up to Zion  
In the city of Jesus**

हो ! (जय हल्लेलूयाह) ३  
आनन्द मनाऊँ ।

**Refrain: ho ! (jai halleluyaah) 3  
aanand manaaun**

*Verse 2:*

(सियोनको राजा येशू) ३

राज गर्दै जाऊँ

(siyon-ko raajaa yeshu) 3  
raaj gardai jaauñ

**Jesus King of Zion  
Keep reigning (Refrain)**

*Verse 3:*

(प्रेमी छन् सियोनमा) ३

प्रेम गर्दै जाऊँ

(premi chan siyon-maa) 3  
prem gardai jaauñ

**There are lovers in Zion  
Keep loving (Refrain)**

*Verse 4:*

(नाच्दै जाऊँ सियोनमा) ३

प्रेमी येशूकहाँ

(naacdai jaauñ siyon-maa) 3  
premi yeshu-ka'aañ

**Let's dance in Zion  
Lover of Jesus (Refrain)**

**EPISTLE**     *Romans 13:8–14*     रोमी 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**SONG** 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

**Bless the Lord O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship His Holy name  
Sing like never before  
O my soul  
I'll worship Your Holy name**

**The sun comes up  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes**

<sup>8</sup>तिमी कसैसँग ऋणी हुनु हुँदैन। तर तिमीहरू सधैं एका अर्कामा प्रेमको ऋणी हुनुपर्छ। जसले अरूलाई प्रेम गर्दछ उसले सम्पूर्ण व्यवस्था मान्दछ। <sup>9</sup>म यो किन भन्दैछु? किनभने व्यवस्थाले भन्दछ, “व्यभिचारको पाप नगर, हत्या नगर, कुनै कुरो नचोर, अरूको चीजको लोभ नगर।” यी सबै आदेशहरू र अन्य आदेशहरू एउटै आदेशमा समाहित छन् “आफूलाई प्रेम गरे जस्तै अरूलाई प्रेम गर।” <sup>10</sup>प्रेमले कसैलाई चोट पुर्याउँदैन। यसकारण प्रेम गर्नु नै सबै व्यवस्थाको पालन गर्नु हो। <sup>11</sup>मेरो भनाइको कारण यो हो कि हामी अप्ठ्यारो समयमा बाँचिरहेछौं। हो, अब निद्राबाट ब्यूँझिने तिम्रो समय आएको छ। किनभने जति बेला हामीले विश्वास गर्यौं त्यस बेला भन्दा अहिले हाम्रो मुक्ति हामी नजिक भएको छ। <sup>12</sup>“रात” प्रायः सिद्धिसक्यो “दिन” लगभग यहाँ आइसक्यो। यसर्थः हामीले अन्धकारको कामगर्न छोड्नु पर्छ, अनि उज्यालाको कामहरू गर्नु पर्छ। <sup>13</sup>दिनको मानिसहरू जस्तो हामीले स्वच्छतापूर्वक काम गर्नुपर्छ। हामी जङ्गली र खर्चिलो भोजमा भुलिनु हुँदैन। हामी दाखरसले मात्तिनु हुँदैन। हामीले व्यभिचारका पापहरू गर्नु हुँदैन र हामीले आफ्ना शरीरले कुनै पाप गर्नु हुँदैन। हामीले झगडा गर्नु हुँदैन र ईर्ष्या गर्नु हुँदैन। <sup>14</sup>त्यसको सट्टामा आफूले प्रभु येशू खीष्ट झैं होऊ। आफ्नो पापमय स्वभाव र पापमय इच्छाहरूलाई सन्तुष्टी नदेऊ।

मेरो मन धन्य भन  
ममा जो—जति छन्  
उनको पवित्र नाउँलाई  
सबले धन्य भन  
mero man dhanye bhan  
ma-maa jo-jati chan  
unko pavitra nauñ-laai  
sab-le dhanye bhan

**You're rich in love  
And You're slow to anger  
Your name is great  
And Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness  
I will keep on singing**

राजा हुन् राजाहरूका,  
प्रभु हुन् प्रभुहरूका  
राजा हुन् राजाहरूका,  
सधैं—सधैंको लागि ।  
raajaa hun raajaa-haru-kaa,  
prabhu hun prabhu-haru-kaa  
raajaa hun raajaa-haru-kaa,  
sadhain-sadhainko laagi

**Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find**

**And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing Your praise unending**

**Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore**

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Matthew 24:36–44*     मत्ती 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

<sup>36</sup>“त्यो घटना कहिले घट्नेछ भनेर कुनै मानिसले पनि त्यो समय र दिन जान्दैन। पुत्र आफैं र स्वर्गदूतहरूले पनि जान्दैनन्। तर पिताले मात्र जान्नुहुन्छ।

<sup>37</sup>“मानिसको पुत्र आउँदा, त्यसबेला त्यस्तै स्थिति हुनेछ जस्तो स्थिति नूहको समयमा भएको थियो। <sup>38</sup>त्यसबेला जल-प्रलय हुन अघि मानिसहरू खाइ पिइरहेका थिए। मानिसहरू विवाह गर्दै थिए र आफ्नो छोरा अनि छोरीहरूलाई विवाह गर्न दिइरहेका थिए। नूह जहाजभित्र नचढ्नुजेलसम्म मानिसहरूले यसो गरिरहेका थिए। <sup>39</sup>मानिसहरूले के भइरहेको छ भनी केही जानेका थिएनन्। तर त्यसैबेला जलप्रलय भयो अनि सबै नष्ट भयो।

“मानिसको पुत्रको आगमनको समयमा पनि यस्तै हुनेछ। <sup>40</sup>दुइजना मानिसहरू खेतमा काम गरिरहेका हुनेछन्। एकजनालाई उठाइने छ र अर्कोलाई छोडिनेछ। <sup>41</sup>दुइजना स्त्रीहरू जाँतोमा अन्न पिँधिरहेका हुनेछन्। एउटालाई लगिनेछ र अर्कोलाई छोडिनेछ। <sup>42</sup>“यसकारण सधैं तयार बस्। कतिबेला तिमीहरूका परमप्रभु आउनु हुनेछ भन्ने कुरा तिमीहरूलाई थाहा हुने छैन। <sup>43</sup>याद गर यदी घरको मालिकले चोर कतिबेला आउँछ भनेर थाहा पाएको भए

ऊ तयार भएर बस्ने थियो। ऊ सर्तक रहने थियो र चोरलाई धरभित्र पास दिदै न थियो। <sup>44</sup> यसकारण तिमीहरू पनि तयार बस। मानिसको पुत्र यस्तो समयमा आउनेछ जसको तिमीहरूले आशा गरेका हुने छैनौ।

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY** Jesus, Name Above All Names (*Sung in English then Nepali*)

**Jesus, name above all  
names, beautiful Savior,  
glorious Lord,  
Emmanuel, God is with  
us blessed Redeemer,  
living Word.**

येशू सर्वोत्तम नाउँ छ, शान्तिदाता प्रतापी  
प्रभु  
इममानुएल ईश्वर हामीसँग, धन्य उद्धारक,  
जिउँदो वचन ।

yeshu sarvottam naaun  
cha, shaanti-daataa  
prataapi prabhu,  
immaanuel, ishwor haami-  
saṅga, dhanye uddhaarak,  
jiuṅdo bacana

**SERMON**

**APOSTLE'S CREED** (*Said Together*)  
**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**

प्रेरितहरूको विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक परमेश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान् पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी  
सृष्टि गर्नुहुनेमाथि।

अनि उहाँका एकले पुत्र, हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि, जो पवित्र  
आत्माको शक्तिद्वारा गर्भ धारण हुनुभयो, कन्ये मरियमदेखि  
जन्मनुभयो, जसले पन्तियस पिलातसको अधीनमा दुःख  
भोग्नुभयो, जो क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो, स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो, अनि  
सर्वशक्तिमान् परमेश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नुभएको छ;  
जहाँदेखि उहाँ जिउँदा र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई फेरि  
आउनुहुनेछ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्मामाथि; पवित्र मण्डलीमाथि;  
पवित्रहरूको सङ्गतिमाथि; पाप मोचनमाथि; शरीरको  
पुनरुत्थानमाथि; र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि। अमिन्।

**OFFERING** Possible Nepali Song

**NEPALI & ST. JOHNS BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARIES** (*September -  
November*)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, we give You thanks for all the goodness and loving kindness You have blessed us with. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.** हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

Lord, Jesus Christ, thank you for giving us the gift of true repentance, faith, hope, and love by Your Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.** हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

Preserve those who call upon You in any need, that they may have patience and trust in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, be released from their afflictions [*especially* . . .].

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.** हाम्रो प्रार्थना सुन्नुहोस्

*Individual petitions may be added. Nepali prayers*

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Said together with Nepalese*)

**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.**

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)

प्रभु को प्राथर्ना

‘हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुने पिता,

तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र रहोस्।

तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,

तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा झैं यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।

आज दिनभरिको भोजन हामीलाई दिनुहोस्।

हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गरिदिनुहोस्।

जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।

हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,

तर हामीलाई दुष्टहरूबाट बचाउनु होस्।’

किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम सदासर्वदा तपाईंकै हुन्। आमेन।

## BENEDICTION

The Lord bless us and keep us.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and ✠ give us peace.

**Amen.**

परमप्रभुले तिमीहरूलाई आशीर्वाद दिऊन् र रक्षा गरून्।

परमप्रभुको मुहार (मुखारबिन्द) तिमीहरूमाथि चम्काऊन्,

अनि तिमीहरूमाथि अनुग्रह गरून्।

परमप्रभुले तिमीहरू माथि दया दृष्टि राखुन्,

अनि तिमीहरूमा शान्ति दिऊन्।



**SONG** This is the Day (*Sung together twice, then Nepalese will start and the Congregation will echo*)

**This is the day, this is the day.  
That the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
That the Lord has made.**

(आजको दिन) (२), (उनले सिर्जेका) (२)  
रमाउँदै जाऊँ, खुशी मनाऊँ, (र आनन्द गरौँ) (२)  
आजको दिन उनले सिर्जेका, रमाउँदै जाऊँ र खुसी मनाऊँ  
(आजको दिन) (२), उनले सिर्जेका

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## Announcements

### Saved to Share Called to Care

Attendance Sunday: 46  
Nepalese Attendance: 29

**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](mailto: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 on December 3rd. If interested, please send an email to [stjohnslcstl@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:Tickets@CMPShows.org) with questions or to arrange for seating for groups of 10 or more.

**BRICKWORKS THEATRE COMPANY** is performing *A Christmas Carol* this December. It opens in under two weeks on Dec. 3 and will run for three weekends. This new reader's theater adaptation offers fast paced thrills and non-stop comedy for the whole family to enjoy! Join us before the show for a free winter-themed family activity and light refreshments.

In order to serve our community best, our tickets are pay-what-you-can, with a suggested price of \$10 a ticket. Reserve your tickets ahead of time at [brickworkstheatre.org](http://brickworkstheatre.org) or day-of at our box office.

**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.

## Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

### November 27-December 4

Sunday	<b>9:00am Joint Worship</b> <u>10:30am Bible Study</u> / <u>12:30pm African Worship</u>
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am-3pm Counseling in Nursery 3pm-6pm Compass
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm Compass</u> / <u>7pm Seminary Students</u>
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm Compass</u> / <u>3:45pm Compass Chapel</u> <b>5:15pm Soup Supper</b> / <b>6pm Worship</b>
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Bible Study <u>3pm-6pm Compass</u> / <u>6:30pm Adult Confirmation</u>
Friday	<u>8am-12pm Office Open</u> / <u>8am Bible Study</u> 8am-3pm Counseling in Nursery 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	<u>8:30am Food Pantry</u> / <u>9am Confirmation</u> <u>10:30am Social Ministry</u> / <u>1pm Vicar Meeting</u> 5:30pm -7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepalese Worship 12:30pm African Worship

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –**Joan** for recovery from hip surgery; **Melba Fanger** as she continues to recover; **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

**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](http://LSlancers.org/events)