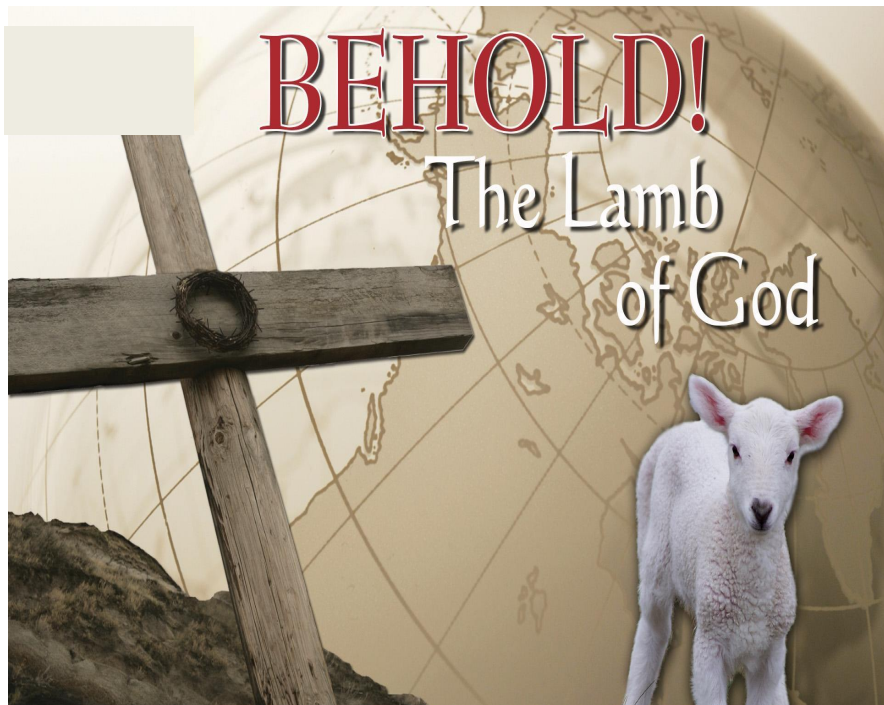


St. Johns Lutheran Church



That Takes Away the Sin
of the World

AS WE GATHER

Prayer is a conversation with God, beginning with His Good News and followed by our response. John first identified Jesus as “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29) and then the disciples asked where He was staying. Although first called to be a prophet, Isaiah thought his warning had been in vain. But God raised his sight to see in Israel a light for the whole world. And when the faithful people in Corinth seemed plagued with problems, Paul reminded them that they lacked no spiritual gift as they awaited our Lord’s return. Today is a day to hear the Gospel and respond not in our own strength, but out of confidence in what God has already said to us, through prophets and apostles, in print and, of course, in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

O God, My Faithful God

LSB 696

**O God, my faithful God,
True fountain ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is,
All perfect gifts bestowing:
Give me a healthy frame,**

**And may I have within
A conscience free from blame,
A soul unstained by sin.**

**Grant me the strength to do
With ready heart and willing
Whatever You command,
My calling here fulfilling;
That I do what I should
While trusting You to bless
The outcome for my good,
For You must give success.**

**Keep me from saying words
That later need recalling;
Guard me lest idle speech
May from my lips be falling;
But when within my place
I must and ought to speak,
Then to my words give grace
Lest I offend the weak.**

**Lord, let me win my foes
With kindly words and actions,
And let me find good friends
For counsel and correction.
Help me, as You have taught,
To love both great and small
And by Your Spirit's might
To live in peace with all.**

(Continued on page 4)

**Let me depart this life
Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
That it may live forever;
And let my body have
A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
And let it sleep in peace.**

**And on that final day
When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
With those who love Your name.**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalms 40:1, 3a; Isaiah 49:6*

I waited patiently for the LORD;

He inclined to me and heard my cry.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

It is too light a thing that You should be

My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob.

I will make You as a light for the nations.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We have been called into the fellowship of His Son and been given the gift of faith. Let us confess our sins, confident of God's forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, and before almighty God, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and deeds. I have sought my own power, gain, and acclaim, and have left

undone what God would have me do. My best efforts are of no avail. I ask God's forgiveness and strength.

The almighty and merciful God strengthen you in your faith, forgive you all your sins, and give you opportunity to be light in this dark world. May God sustain you to the end. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WORD

KYRIE - II (LORD, HAVE MERCY) LSB 944

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN OF PRAISE All Glory Be To God on High LSB 947

**All glory be to God on high And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill
All strife at last has ended.**

**We praise and laud and worship You;
We give you thanks forever, O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never. With boundless pow'r,
Your mighty reign Fulfills whatever You ordain,
Lord, grant us ev'ry blessing!**

**O Jesus Christ, the only Son Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry, Have mercy on us, amen!**

**O Holy Spirit, our delight And source of consolation.
Protect us from the devil's might Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree Has rescued us from misery;
To this we hold forever.**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
Psalm 46:1-3

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 49:1–7*

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— ⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the

nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered LSB 404 v. 1-2

**Jesus, once with sinners numbered,
Had no blemish of His own;
In the waters of the Jordan
His true worth and work were shown:
Heaven opened and the Spirit
There descended like a dove,
As the Father’s voice resounded,
“Hear My Son, the One I love.”**

**John confessed Him as the Savior
“Look, the sinless Lamb of God!”
Yet he dared not loose the sandals
Of the One God’s love had shod.
Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus,
Bringing news of peace to us,
Christ, the herald of salvation,
Preaching mercy from the cross:**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 1:29b*

Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

HYMN OF THE DAY “The Only Son from Heaven” *LSB 402*

**The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,
In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.**

**O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed,
The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.**

**O Lord, our hearts awaken
To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken,
In spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.**

Stand

**O Father, here before You
With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You,
O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!"**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:29–42a*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them,

“What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?”

³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED (We All Believe In One True God) LSB 953

**We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.**

**We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.**

**We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH LSB 215

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that **Your holy name be hallowed** by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned.

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

May **Your kingdom come to us** and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to **Your will be done**, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [names] and all who are in need, Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. (*Especially...*), Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles.

Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

And lastly, O heavenly Father, **deliver us from all evil** of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; **For Thine is the kingdom, power and glory,** through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Amen.

HYMN Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus *LSB 531*

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!

Hail, Thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us;

Thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, Thou universal Savior,

Bearer of our sin and shame!

By Thy merit we find favor;

Life is given through Thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,

All our sins on Thee were laid;

By almighty love anointed,

Thou hast full atonement made.

All Thy people are forgiven

Through the virtue of Thy blood;

Opened is the gate of heaven,

Reconciled are we with God.

**Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,
There forever to abide;
All the heav'nly host adore Thee,
Seated at Thy Father's side.
There for sinners Thou art pleading;
There Thou dost our place prepare,
Ever for us interceding
Till in glory we appear.**

**Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
Thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing,
Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
All your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits,
Help to chant Immanuel's praise!**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Tristan Pilot
Elders	Al Bohannon & Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	Cameron Hampel, John Benwell, Patrick Benwell, Jayvon Evers, Joan Potvin, William Gebhart, and Roger Schmidt
Children's Message	Pastor Michael Tanney
Acolytes/Screen	Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Pastor Michael Tanney

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS: Parts of this worship folder are copyrighted. Permission for reprint has been received from Concordia Publishing House. The Fellowship Publications, and C.C.L.I. copyright license #386077 & C.C.L.I. Streaming license #20825510 Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series A, Quarter 1. Copyright © 2022 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday/Communion: 35/30

Nepalese Attendance: 28

Offering: \$1,934.80

FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY will now be going over the book of Galatians at 8am on Fridays.

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available to be picked up in the Narthex.

SAVE THE DATE! Word of Life will be hosting their auction on Friday, May 12th. More information to come soon!

MEN'S RETREAT There will be a men's retreat at Camp Wartburg on February 3rd-4th. The cost is \$60 per person. For more information about the retreat, there is a flyer up outside Jonah's Office. If anyone is interested in going, Pastor Tanney will go with you.

2023 MEETING DATES

EC: January 29th, March 26th, May 28th, August 27th, October 29th

Voters: February 26th, April 30th, July 30th (Budget), September 24th, November 26th

WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT for the month of January will be on Tuesday, January 17th at Pietro's (3801 Watson). No flyer is needed, WOL will receive a percentage of all sales throughout the day/evening.

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE Hope Ev. Lutheran in St. Louis will host the hymn festival featuring the works of Lisa Clark, hymnwriter and author, on Sunday, February 5th at 4pm. Lisa is a St. Louis native, alum of Hope Lutheran School, and serves as Senior Editor at Concordia Publishing House. The hymn festival will feature hymn texts written as part of her Ph.D. studies at the University of Bristol, England. The festival will be led by organist Jacob Weber and the combined choirs of Hope and Ascension Lutheran Churches. Hope Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Thanksgiving that Joan, Maureen, and Melba have been able to worship with us again; **Family & Friends** of Eileen Wehrheim who are mourning her passing; **Carmen Hobson** who is enduring pain, stability, and weakness with no surgery in sight; **Bobbie** who is suffering with mental issues; **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;
Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Carmen Hobson

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week January 15-January 22

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	Office Closed NO Counseling in Nursery NO Compass
Tuesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass 7pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>3:45pm</u> Compass Chapel 6pm Choir
Thursday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>2pm</u> Ridgewood Bible Study <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6:30pm</u> Adult Confirmation
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>8am</u> Bible Study / <u>8am-3pm</u> Counseling in Nursery 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service 2pm-6pm Compass
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>9am</u> Confirmation 2pm Vicar Meeting 5:30pm-7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship