

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



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## **AS WE GATHER**

You know the Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. But do you really know it? “I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment” (Matthew 5:22). You know the Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. But “everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matthew 5:28). Because the heart of the matter is deeper, we need to hear, read, mark, learn, and take the Scriptures to heart again and again. For though God’s Word doesn’t change, we do. The changes and chances of life should drive us to discover anew every day the wisdom of God revealed by His Spirit through His eternal Word.

## **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/>). **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.**

### **PREPARATION**

**HYMN**

The People That in Darkness Sat

*LSB 412*

**The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.**

To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
The gath'ring nations come;  
They joy as when the reapers bear  
Their harvest treasures home,  
Their harvest treasures home.

To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored,  
The God by all adored.

His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

*Stand*

Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

#### **INVOCATION / CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

I Said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.*

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus 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 Alone”    LSB 948**

**All glory be to God alone, Forever more the highest one,  
Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among us may His gracious will All hearts with deep thanksgiving  
fill.**

**We praise You God; Your name we bless  
And worship You in humbleness;  
From day to day we glorify The everlasting God on high.  
Of Your great glory do we sing,  
And to Your throne our thanks we bring.**

**Lord God, our King on heaven's throne,  
Our Father, the Almighty One.**

**O Lord, the sole begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's Son,  
True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.**

**You take the whole world's sin away;  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
You take the whole world's sin away;  
O Lord, receive our prayer this day.  
From God' right hand Your mercy send,  
To all the world Your grace extend.**

**You only are the Holy One And over all are Lord alone.  
O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;  
With Him You ever more shall be One in the Father's majesty.**

### **SALUTATION**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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**

You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. Leviticus 19:18

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Deuteronomy 30:15–20*

<sup>15</sup>“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you today, by loving the Lord your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to

enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

**Praise the Lord, all \* nations!**

**Extol him, all \* peoples!**

**For great is his steadfast \* love toward us,**

**and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for \* ever.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory \* due his name;**

**bring an offering, and come in \* to his courts!**

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 3:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? <sup>4</sup>For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? <sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.

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

**VERSE** *Ephesians 5:2*

**Alleluia. Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. Alleluia.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” *LSB 394*

Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar,  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In Thy birth at Bethlehem:  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana wedding guest  
In Thy Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole  
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;  
Manifest in valiant fight,  
Quelling all the devil's might;  
Manifest in gracious will,  
Ever bringing good from ill;  
Anthems be to Thee addressed,  
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,  
Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee;  
Christ will then like lightning shine,  
All will see His glorious sign;  
All will then the trumpet hear,  
All will see the Judge appear;  
Thou by all wilt be confessed,  
God in man made manifest.  
Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,  
Present in Thy holy Word—  
Grace to imitate Thee now  
And be pure, as pure art Thou;

**That we might become like Thee  
At Thy great epiphany  
And may praise Thee, ever blest,  
God in man made manifest.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *Matthew 5:21–37*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>[Jesus said:] “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. <sup>31</sup>“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. <sup>33</sup>“Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

## **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CREED** We Believe by The Newsboys (video) *The Congregation is invited to sing the bold parts*

In this time of desperation  
When all we know is doubt and fear  
There is only one foundation  
**We believe, We believe**

In this broken generation  
When all is dark, You help us see  
There is only one salvation

*Refrain:* **We believe, We believe**  
**We believe in God the Father**  
**We believe in Jesus Christ**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit**  
**And He's given us new life**  
**We believe in the crucifixion**  
**We believe that He conquered death**  
**We believe in the resurrection**  
**And He's comin' back again**  
**We believe**

So, let our faith be more than anthems  
Greater than the songs we sing  
And in our weakness and temptations *Refrain*

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised  
In the here and now, let love invade  
Let the church live loud, our God, we'll say  
**"We believe, we believe"**  
And the gates of hell will not prevail  
For the power of God has torn the veil  
Now we know Your love will never fail *Refrain*  
He's comin' back again, He's comin' back again  
**We believe, We believe**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## SERMON

**OFFERING** The Only Son from Heaven *Sung by the Choir*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God of grace and God of glory, we give thanks to You this day that You do not leave us in silence but continually comfort, defend, and strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour.**

Bless Your holy Church throughout the world and guide and direct all nations and kingdoms among men.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days.**

In the forgiveness of our sins and as Your own children by our Baptism into Christ, give to all in need healing for the sick, restoration to the broken, confidence to those without hope, and peace to all in trouble.

*(Especially we remember...)* Lord, in your mercy.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.**

Remembering all who have gone before us with the sign of faith, especially the prophets and apostles and martyrs of old as well as those nearer to us whom we name before You in our hearts, help us to continue walking in faith to Your glory and our salvation.

**Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving You whom we adore.**

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

**Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift,

guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.**

In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His Testament:

### **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."

**SANCTUS** Holy, Holy, Holy LSB 507 v. 2

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.**

### **PAX DOMINI**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** *Lamb of God*

*LSB 550*

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.**

*Refrain*

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your Gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:  
The humble King they named a fraud,  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain***

**I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod,  
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain***

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

O Savior, Precious Savior *LSB 527*

You Are the Way; through You Alone *LSB 526*

**POST-COMMUNION** In Peace and Joy I Now Depart *LSB 938*

**In peace and joy I now depart  
Since God so wills it.  
Serene and confident my heart;  
Stillness fills it.  
For the Lord has promised me  
That death is but a slumber.**

**Christ Jesus brought this gift to me,  
My faithful Savior,  
Whom You have made my eyes to see  
By Your favor.  
Now I know He is my life,**

**My friend when I am dying.**

**You sent the people of the earth  
Their great salvation;  
Your invitation summons forth  
Ev'ry nation  
By Your holy, precious Word,  
In ev'ry place resounding.**

**Christ is the hope and saving light  
Of those in blindness;  
He guides and comforts those in night  
By His kindness.  
For Your people Israel  
In Him find joy and glory.**

#### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### **BENEDICTION**

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**

May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

*LSB 698*

**May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill  
And do on earth our Father's will  
As angels do above;  
Still walk in Christ, the living way,  
With all Thy children and obey  
The law of Christian love.**

**So may we join Thy name to bless,  
Thy grace adore, Thy pow'r confess,  
From sin and strife to flee.  
One is our calling, one our name,  
The end of all our hopes the same,  
A crown of life with Thee.**

**Spirit of life, of love and peace,  
Unite our hearts, our joy increase,  
Thy gracious help supply.  
To each of us the blessing give  
In Christian fellowship to live,  
In joyful hope to die.**

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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
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Acolytes/Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
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: 34

Nepalese: 35

Offering: \$2,126.00

**WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT** will be at the South County Freddy's 5479 Southfield Center from 4:00 - 8:00 pm on February 21<sup>st</sup>. For WOL to get credit: Enter code GIVEBACK for Digital Order, or Mention WOL or provide the flyer in the restaurant.

**CFNA TRIVIA AND SILENT AUCTION EVENT** Please consider registering, sponsoring a round, and/or donating an item, service, or gift certificate for our sixteenth annual Trivia and Silent Auction to benefit CFNA. This event helps fund the many programs CFNA offers to assist refugees and immigrants in the St. Louis area including After School Tutoring, ESL, Driver's Education, Sewing Classes, Employment Support, Friend a Family Support Groups, and more. **When:** Saturday, April 1, 2023 **Doors open** 5:45 pm, Trivia begins at 6:30 pm **Where:** Lutheran Church of Webster Gardens 8749 Watson Rd, Webster Groves, MO

**Cost:** \$30 per person, \$200 for a table of 8

Bring snacks and non-alcoholic drinks!

Contact Kerry Pozaric at [kpozaric@cfna-stl.org](mailto:kpozaric@cfna-stl.org) with questions or for more information.

### SUBSTITUTE LUNCH COOK

WOL has an in-house lunch program. We are looking for someone with cooking experience who would be willing to be a substitute cook on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays should our daily cook be out sick. Please contact the school office at 314-832-1244 if you might have an interest and ability in helping WOL in this way.

### TEACHER OPENINGS 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

WOL is seeking to fill two full time positions for next school year. One is for our Preschool 3/4 year old classroom at the St. Lucas campus and the other is for Middle School Mathematics. Applicants should have a Bachelor's degree in education and be a licensed teacher. Resumes can be sent to [mbergholt@wordoflifeschol.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschol.net).

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** – **Carmen Hobson** who is enduring pain, stability, and weakness with no surgery in sight; **Bobbie** who is suffering with mental issues; **Jerry Schmaltz** for good health; **Confirmation Class** for the Lord to help them finish what they have begun; **Our Vicars** as they continue to take classes at the Seminary; **Our Field-Workers** Tristan (and family), Alvaro (who is still in Brazil), and Isaac (as he begins his mission track); **Shut Ins** – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Carmen Hobson

### *Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week February 12-February 19*

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6pm</u> Ladies Exercise
Tuesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass 6pm 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 8am Bible Study 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service NO Compass
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>9am</u> Confirmation 2pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship