

St. Johns Lutheran Church

We had hoped that Jesus was the one
to redeem Israel.



“Did not our hearts burn within us while
he talked to us on the road, while he
opened to us the Scriptures?”

AS WE GATHER

A question arises from today's Epistle in 1 Peter: How do we attain eternal life? Oftentimes the world encourages us to look to ourselves and our own deeds to see if we will inherit eternal life, but that is not where Scripture points us. Scripture points us to Jesus and His deeds on our behalf—His death and His resurrection for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

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 Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow *LSB 476*

**Who are you who walk in sorrow
Down Emmaus' barren road,
Hearts distraught and hope defeated,
Bent beneath grief's crushing load?
Nameless mourners, we will join you,
We who also mourn our dead;
We have stood by graves unyielding,
Eaten death's bare, bitter bread.**

**Who is this who joins our journey,
Walking with us stride by stride?**

**Unknown Stranger, can You fathom
Depths of grief for one who died?
Then the wonder! When we told You
How our dreams to dust have turned,
Then You opened wide the Scriptures
Till our hearts within us burned.**

**Who are You? Our hearts are opened
In the breaking of the bread
Christ the victim, now the victor
Living, risen from the dead!
Great companion on our journey,
Still surprise us with Your grace!
Make each day a new Emmaus;
On our hearts Your image trace!**

**Who are we who travel with You
On our way through life to death?
Women, men, the young, the aging,
Wakened by the Spirit's breath!
At the font You claim and name us,
Born of water and the Word;
At the table still You feed us,
Host us as our risen Lord!**

**“Alleluia! Alleluia!”
Is the Easter hymn we sing!
Take our life, our joy, our worship
As the gift of love we bring.
You have formed us all one people
Called from ev'ry land and race.
Make the Church Your servant body,
Sent to share Your healing grace!**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God raised Jesus from the dead

and gave Him honor and glory.

We place our faith in Him,

and we place our hope in His resurrection.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 Peter 1:24–25*

As human beings, we inherited futile ways and deeds. We were born in sin, and we daily sin much. Though we may try to do what is right, we always fall short, burdened by mistakes and the weight of sin. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to draw near, confess our sins, and long to hear His living and abiding Word.

Silence for reflection.

Heavenly Father,

we have not been pure of heart and mind and soul. We have not obeyed Your truth. We have not loved one another as we should. Forgive us for our futility, renew us by Your resurrection, and lead us back to the lives You want for us, on account of Jesus. Amen. We are purified because of the precious blood of Jesus.

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 152*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church
of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and
praise let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *LSB 154*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You gave Yourself for us as an unblemished
sacrifice in order to ransom us from our sins. Strengthen us to let
go of our own futile deeds, and cling to Your deeds of death and
resurrection for us and our salvation; for You live and reign with
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

MEMORIZED WORD

He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. Isaiah 25:8

FIRST READING *Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . ³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” ³⁷Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” ⁴⁰And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” ⁴¹So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Christ has risen * from the dead.

**[God the Father] has crowned him with
glory and * honor.**

**He has given him dominion over the works * of his hands;
he has put all things un * der his feet.**

EPISTLE *1 Peter 1:17–25*

¹⁷If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things

such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. ²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:13–35*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem

who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”¹⁹ And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened.²² Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning,²³ and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive.²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.”²⁵ And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?”²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.²⁸ So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther,²⁹ but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them.³⁰ When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them.³¹ And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight.³² They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?”³³ And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together,³⁴ saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!”³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483

**With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ,
Our salvation. To set us free Forever, He is risen and sends
To all earth's ends Good news to save every nation.**

**True God, He first From death has burst
Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth Vanquished lie;
His death has been death's undoing.
“And yours shall be Like victory
O'er death and grave,” Saith He, who gave
His life for us, life renewing.**

**Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring
To Christ Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed
To every land, every nation.
So shall His love Give us above,
From misery And death set free,
All joy and full consolation.
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 *“Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus” sung by the Choir*

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

we bring to God our prayer and praise.

For all who find their identity in anything other than Jesus, that they may see the deeds of Jesus and cling to His cross alone.

Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

we bring to God our prayer and praise.

For the Word of God to spread to all people from every nation, people, and language, that each person on earth might come to understand that though everything is fleeting and fading, the Word of the Lord endures forever.

Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

we bring to God our prayer and praise.

Lord, You have borne our griefs and shared in our sorrows. Bring Your comfort to all those who are suffering in grief, [*especially . . . Ruth and Eunice whose cousin died in a fire*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus.

Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

we bring to God our prayer and praise.

For all of those who are single, whether by choice or circumstance, we pray that the Lord would surround them with friends and

community, so that they might know the joys of fellowship and be kept from the agony of loneliness. Equip us as the Church on earth to do better to care for those who are single.

Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

we bring to God our prayer and praise.

For those who feel shame and impurity because of abuse, that the Lord would rescue them, comfort them, and remind them of the victory they have in Jesus' resurrection.

Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

we bring to God our prayer and praise.

For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . . Sharon as she goes through Chemo for her Kidney*]. We ask for the Lord's mercy and healing. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

we bring to God our prayer and praise.

For all those who are celebrating this week, with birthdays, anniversaries, and other moments of joy, we give thanks to the Lord. Our hearts to heaven and voices raised,

we bring to God our prayer and praise. 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 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

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia *LSB 466*

Christ has arisen, alleluia.

Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

**For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

Refrain

**Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

**For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show.**

Refrain

**The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there." *Refrain***

**"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won."**

Refrain

**Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King.**

Refrain

Preacher	Pastor Stanish Stanley
Liturgist	Tristan Pilot
Lector	Alvaro Witt Duarte
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 Stanish Stanley
Acolytes/Screen	Tra-Mi and Thao-Vy
Bible Class	Pastor Stanish Stanley

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 44

Nepalese Attendance: 31

Offering: \$2,543.00

LUTHERAN SOUTH BAND EVENT The Lutheran South music department is proud to present its spring concert series. On Friday, April 28 the Jazz Band and Concert Choir will present their spring pops concert in the Kuhlmann Center at 7:00 pm. Guests will be seated around tables and snacks are encouraged. The Jazz Band will present two sets of big band music and the Concert Choir will sing several light-hearted selections. On Sunday, April 30 the Wind Symphony, Concert Band, and Junior Winds will present their spring programs at Concordia Lutheran in Kirkwood at 4:00 pm. Selections include *Pixar Movie Magic* arranged by Michael Brown, *Invocation and Jubilo* by Claude Smith, *Ruckus* by Randall Standridge, and *Pastime* by Jack Stamp.

LUTHERAN DAY AT THE BALLPARK Join us at Lutheran Day at the Ballpark on Sunday, May 7 for an interleague matchup between the Cardinals and the Detroit Tigers at Busch Stadium. We will honor legendary coach Roy Pfund before the game. Coach Pfund will throw the first pitch at 12:30 p.m. The Cardinal game begins at 1:15 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each (\$10 for alumni) and include a jumbo hot dog and soda. Stick around to watch Lutheran South battle Lutheran North following the Cardinal game. Tickets can be purchased at LSlancers.org/events

SHRED EVENT Come join us at Timothy Lutheran Church on April 29th from 9am to 12 pm to have your paper securely shredded on-site and have your old electronics recycled in an environmentally friendly way. Open to the whole community. There is a \$20 charge for old tube TVs.

LUTHERAN SOUTH CENTER OF THE ARTS Lutheran South is pleased to announce the groundbreaking for the school's \$18 million Center for the Arts. Please join us on Wednesday, May 3 when the festivities will begin with a chapel service at 11:00 a.m. in the gym followed by the official groundbreaking ceremony outside. Please join us for this momentous occasion! RSVP >> bit.ly/LuSoGroundbreaking

VOTER'S MEETING There will be a Voter's Meeting next Sunday, April 30th in the Sanctuary at 11:30am following Bible Class.

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Sharon Sieber for healing of cancer on her kidney; **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, and Isaac
Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Carmen Hobson

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

April 23 – April 30

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass 6pm 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
Thursday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>2pm</u> Ridgewood Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service NO Compass 6:30pm-7:30pm Faith Oakville Small Group
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 Joint Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 11:30am Voter's Meeting 12:30pm African Worship