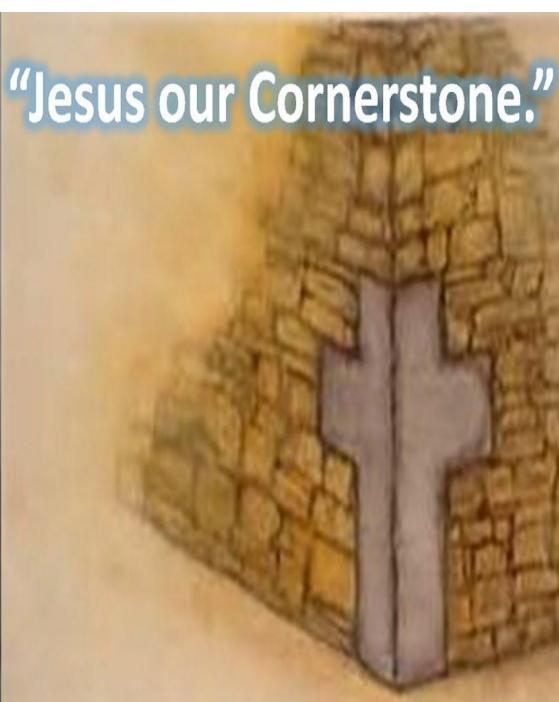


# St. Johns Lutheran Church

Whoever Believes in Him



“Jesus our Cornerstone.”

Will Not be Put to Shame.

## AS WE GATHER

We continue to focus our attention on Jesus' resurrection. We see that Jesus is the stone that was rejected by the religious leaders. He was crucified and killed by them. Yet God raised Jesus from the dead, making Him the cornerstone, the foundational stone upon which all the other stones in the building are aligned and built. As we build upon the foundation and cornerstone of Jesus, we are conformed and aligned to Him.

## 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**      The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done      *LSB 464*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the victor's triumph won;  
Now be the song of praise begun.  
Alleluia!**

**The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!**

**The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!**

**He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

### **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!**  
Christ is our cornerstone;  
**on Him alone we build.**  
In Him we are a newborn, chosen, priestly people.  
**We are called to proclaim His excellencies to the world.**

## **CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTION**

Though Christ is our cornerstone and has changed our identity to be His chosen people, we often build upon things other than Jesus. Such building crumbles to the ground, for unless we build on Christ, we labor in vain. Still, our heavenly Father is merciful, and He invites us to draw near to His throne in confidence to ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

Heavenly Father,

**though we are Your chosen people, we have acted in accordance with the world rather than Your Word. We have proclaimed hatred and violence rather than Your excellencies. Forgive us, renew us, and restore as Your newborn, chosen, priestly people, on account of 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.

**We are forgiven. We are a newborn, chosen, priestly people. 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.**

## THIS IS THE FEAST

*LSB 155*

*Refrain*

**This is the feast of victory for our God**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.** *Refrain*

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,  
blessing, and glory are His.** *Refrain*

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.** *Refrain*

**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun His reign. Alleluia** *Refrain*

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the cornerstone and  
foundation upon which Your Church is built. Tear down all that we  
have built that was built apart from You, and tether us upon  
Yourself, our Rock and our Redeemer, for You live and reign with  
the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## MEMORIZED WORD

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:4

## FIRST READING *Acts 6:1–9; 7:2a, 51–60*

<sup>1</sup>Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. <sup>2</sup>And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. <sup>3</sup>Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. <sup>4</sup>But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” <sup>5</sup>And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup>These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them. <sup>7</sup>And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. <sup>8</sup>And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great wonders and signs among the people. <sup>9</sup>Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and disputed with Stephen. . . . <sup>2</sup>And Stephen said: “Brothers and fathers, hear me. . . . <sup>51</sup>You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. <sup>52</sup>Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? And they killed those who announced beforehand the coming of the Righteous One, whom you have now betrayed and murdered, <sup>53</sup>you who received the law as delivered by angels and did not keep it.” <sup>54</sup>Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. <sup>55</sup>But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven

and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup>And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” <sup>57</sup>But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. <sup>58</sup>Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup>And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup>And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

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 2:2–10***

<sup>2</sup>Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—<sup>3</sup>if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup>As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, <sup>5</sup>you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup>For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup>So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” <sup>8</sup>and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. <sup>9</sup>But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup>Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**      *Romans 6:9; John 14:23*

Alleluia.

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

If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. Alleluia.

**HOLY GOSPEL**      *John 14:1-14*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going.” <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup>If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” <sup>8</sup>Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ <sup>10</sup>Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup>Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in

me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup>“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup>Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup>If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing      *LSB 633*

**At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
Praise to our victorious King,  
Who has washed us in the tide  
Flowing from His piercèd side.  
Alleluia!**

**Praise we Him, whose love divine  
Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
Gives His Body for the feast--  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
Alleluia!**

**Where the paschal blood is poured,  
Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
Through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Alleluia!**

**Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
With sincerity and love  
Eat we manna from above.  
Alleluia!**

**Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!**

**Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!**

**Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!**

*Stand*  
**Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days;  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!**

## **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**

### **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**

*Incorporating LSB 912:1*

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus Christ, we bring before You all those who have built their lives on something other than You. We pray that You would draw them to Yourself that they may build on a sure foundation.

Christ is our cornerstone,  
**on Him alone we build.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all those who have trouble in this world, including for the homeless, the poor, the lonely, the unemployed, those who are abused, and those who are taken advantage of. Lead each of these to steadier situations, so that their lives may evermore be built on You. Christ is our cornerstone,  
**on Him alone we build.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for all those struggling with relationships, friends, family, neighbors, or anything else. We pray that You would bring reconciliation in the midst of such struggle. Christ is our cornerstone,  
**on Him alone we build.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for our nation and its leaders. For our president and vice president and their staffs, for Congress and all lawmakers, for the Supreme Court and all judges, we pray that You would shine Your wisdom upon these, Your servants. Guide them to perform their tasks with justice and equity.

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**on Him alone we build.**

Lord Jesus Christ, 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.

Christ is our cornerstone,  
**on Him alone we build.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend all these people and situations into Your hands, for You have promised to hear our prayers and intercede for us and 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 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.**

**"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.**

**Love's redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened Paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the Resurrection Thou!**

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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: 58

Communion: 48

Offering: \$2,109.00

**SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE** It's time to pack up all of your unwanted household items, clothing, shoes, and other miscellaneous items for donation to our Ladies Guild Spring Rummage and Bake Sale that takes place in the Fellowship Hall of Salem Lutheran Church, 8343 Gravois Road in Affton on Wednesday, May 10th from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and again on Thursday, May 11th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

Donated items will be accepted during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday – Friday beginning April 24th through May 10th. All donations should be placed on or in front of the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Do not plan on bringing rummage in on Tuesdays during Bible study in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT** will be at Panera on Chippewa on May 18th, 4:00 - 8:00 pm. You Must show the flyer or order online with code FUND4U for WOL to benefit from the sale.

**SAVE THE DATE** Evangelism will be holding a Prayer Breakfast on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>, after the worship service. This will take the place of our Bible Study. Stay tuned for more details.

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN SCHOOL IN OLIVETTE** is currently seeking two teachers for the 2023-2024 school year. These positions are for preschool and 8th grade. Candidates must have a teaching certificate and have a passion for Lutheran education. Please submit your resume to [teachercall@ilsolvette.org](mailto:teachercall@ilsolvette.org). We look forward to hearing from you. Check out our website to learn more about us at [ilsolvette.org](http://ilsolvette.org).

**MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE** Hope Ev. Lutheran in St. Louis will host a season closing Organ Vespers on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm to celebrate the Holy Trinity. Guest musicians for the service will be organist Janet Muth and the school choir of St. Paul Lutheran in Hamel, IL. Rev. Benjamin Ball will serve as guest preacher. Hope Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in ST. Louis, MO. Visit [hopelutheranstl.org](http://hopelutheranstl.org) for more information.

**CHURCH PICNIC** will be on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am (with lunch following) at the Old Carriage Pavilion in Tower Grove Park.

## 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

May 7 – May 14

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 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 5:30pm Mother's Day Celebration
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 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	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion (Mother's Day)</b> 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship