

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



“Lord, save me.”

## AS WE GATHER

When children cannot understand why they can't do something, the answer is often, "Because I said so." As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus' walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, "Truly You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, "Why?" Even within the Church at times doubts arise about our Lord's care and control. As Peter needed to cling to Jesus amid the stormy seas, so our faith must reach beyond recognizing God's rule over creation in general. He has destroyed death itself in Jesus' resurrection. And we already live in His eternal kingdom. Thanks be to God! and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God's reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ's resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That's why!

## 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

**To Thee, omniscient Lord of all,  
In grief and shame I humbly call;  
I see my sins against Thee, Lord,  
The sins of thought and deed and word.  
They press me sore; I cry to Thee:  
O God, be merciful to me!**

**O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray;  
O cast me not in wrath away!  
Let Thy good Spirit ne'er depart,  
But let Him draw to Thee my heart  
That truly penitent I be:  
O God, be merciful to me!**

**O Jesus, let Thy precious blood  
Be to my soul a cleansing flood.  
Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest away,  
But grant that justified I may  
Go to my house, at peace with Thee:  
O God, be merciful to me!**

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **OPENING SENTENCES TLH 46**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

**A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.**

### **CONFESSORIAL ADDRESS & ABSOLUTION TLH 47-48**

Dearly beloved: it becometh us diligently to examine ourselves, But if we thus examine ourselves, we shall find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we can in no wise set ourselves free. Therefore our Lord Jesus Christ hath had mercy on us and hath taken upon Himself our nature, that so He might fulfill for us the whole will and Law of God and

for us and for our deliverance suffer death and all that we by our sins have deserved. And to the end that we should the more confidently believe this and be strengthened by our faith in a cheerful obedience to His holy will.

Having now heard the Word of God, let us make confession of our sins: 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.**

And now I ask you before God, who searcheth the heart:

1) Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

Verily, you should confess; for Holy Scripture declares: "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

2) Do you heartily repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

Verily, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful women; the prodigal son; and others.

3) Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

Verily, you should so believe, for Holy Scripture declares: "God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

4) Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Ghost you will henceforth amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

Verily, you should so promise, for Christ, the Lord, says: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

5) Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

As you believe, even so may it be unto you.

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 Ghost.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### **COLLECT** *“God gives His people strength” sung by Pastor Tanney*

God gives his people strength.

If we believe in his way, He's swift to repay

All those who bear the burden of the day

God gives his people strength.

God gives his people hope.

If we but trust in His word, our prayers are always heard

He warmly welcomes anyone who's erred

God gives his people hope.

God gives his people love.

If we but open up our hearts, He's sure to do His part

He's always the first to make a start

God gives his people love.

God gives his people peace.

When sorrow fill us to the brim, and courage grows dim

He lays to rest our restlessness in Him

God gives his people peace.

## MEMORIZED WORD

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 9:3-7, 19*

<sup>3</sup> Then I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and pleas for mercy with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. <sup>4</sup> I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, “O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, <sup>5</sup> we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments

and rules.<sup>6</sup> We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.<sup>7</sup> To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame, as at this day, to the men of Judah, to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you....<sup>19</sup> O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL**    *Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, \* you His saints,  
**for those who fear Him lack \* nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the \* righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out \* of them all.**

**EPISTLE**    *Acts 3:11-20*

<sup>11</sup> While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's.<sup>12</sup> And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: “Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?<sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him.<sup>14</sup> But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,<sup>15</sup> and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.<sup>16</sup> And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.<sup>17</sup> “And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.<sup>18</sup> But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled.<sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out,<sup>20</sup> that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Matthew 14:27*

Alleluia. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying,

**“Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 14:22–33*

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

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** I Lay My Sins on Jesus *LSB 606*

**I lay my sins on Jesus,  
The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us**

**From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus  
To wash my crimson stains  
Clean in His blood most precious  
Till not a spot remains.**

**I lay my wants on Jesus;  
All fulness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases;  
My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus,  
My burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases;  
He all my sorrows shares.**

**I rest my soul on Jesus,  
This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces;  
I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus,  
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes  
His name abroad is poured.**

## **SERMON**

### **NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance  
with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and  
for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the  
Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified  
also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And  
the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended  
into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will**

**come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY LSB 192**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence,  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Let us pray, For the Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, that she proclaim the Gospel in the face of turmoil and oppression; for leaders and laity alike, that the Spirit give them courage in their mission to speak the Gospel that many may hear and come to faith; and for all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that we find the unity to which our Lord calls us, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who serve in governmental and social positions, that they zealously promote justice and the common good; for those who work in industry and commerce, that their efforts be a blessing to all people; and for favorable weather that harvests be bountiful, famine be alleviated, and praise resound to our Creator, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who are unemployed, those who deal with social injustice and discrimination, and those who are hungry and homeless, that they seek God's strength and rely on Him to meet their needs of body, soul, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

### **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those near and dear to us who call out for relief, renewal, and health, [including . . .], that God would hear their prayers and answer according to His great love for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Grant us our requests, heavenly Father, for we lift our voices in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT

### **PREFACE** (*sung*)

*LSB 194*

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who answered our deepest need by destroying the power of death itself by His glorious resurrection.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

**“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!”**

### **SANCTUS**

*LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;**

**heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He  
that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### **THE LORD’S PRAYER** (*sung*)

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.**

### **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  $\mathfrak{C}$  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  $\mathfrak{C}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PAX DOMINI** (*sung*)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

*LSB 198*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,  
that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace.**

**Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**Jesus Sinners Doth Receive** *LSB 609 v. 1-4*

**Jesus Sinners Doth Receive** *LSB 609 v. 5-7*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON**

*LSB 199*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace**

**According to Thy word,**

**For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,**

**Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,**

**a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING (*sung*)**

**O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth forever.**

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION TLH 49**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

**Amen.**

**HYMN**      **O Lord, We Praise Thee**      **LSB 617**

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish:  
O Lord, have mercy! May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,  
That our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead  
In all Trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

**Thy holy body in to death was given,  
Life to win for us in heaven.  
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;  
May this feast there of remind us!  
O Lord, have mercy! Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee  
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.  
All our debt Thou hast paid;**

**Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!**

**May God bestow on us His grace and favor  
That we follow Christ our Savior  
And live together here in love and union  
Nor despise this blest Communion!  
O Lord, have mercy! Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;  
Grant that heav'ly minded He make us;  
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see  
Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!**

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# Announcements

## Saved to Share Called to Care

### Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 42

Nepalese Attendance: 32

Offering: \$1,703.00

#### **COMPASS IS HIRING:**

We are looking for people to fill different roles for our Compass After School Program. The available positions are listed below.

If you are interested, please contact Veronica McCowen at 314-399-2883 or [sticompass.afterschool@gmail.com](mailto:sticompass.afterschool@gmail.com)

Group leader- providing care for a group of up to 16 children, assisting with homework, planning and implementing activities.

Hours: 3pm-6pm

Rate of pay: 15/hr

Front desk attendant- responsible for greeting parents and ensuring that each child is being signed in and out on a daily basis, may have to collect tuition.

Hours: 3pm-6pm

Rate of pay: 15/hr

Religious group leader - responsible for implementing religious curriculum to groups of scholars.

Hours: 3pm-6pm

Rate of pay: 15/hr

Food preparation - responsible for preparing the scholars snacks , doing the meal count, cleaning up the kitchen and the cafeteria once all scholars are done with snack.

Hours: 3pm-6pm

rate of pay: 15/hr

#### **ST. LUCAS LUTHERAN CHURCH RECYCLING EVENT**

What do you have sitting around the house with a cord or battery that is getting in your way of clearing out to make room for new stuff? You know you have accumulated items since our last event which was in 2021! Put everything in a pile and bring it to our Recycling Event, 7100 Morganford, scheduled for Saturday, August 26 from 9 to 11. Most items will be taken at no charge. A list of items appears on the church's website (<https://www.stlucaslcms.org/>) so you can see what kind of things they will accept. Go to the church calendar and click on August 26 to view.

#### **FREAKY FRIDAY A NEW MUSICAL:**

When an overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again before mom's big wedding. Freaky Friday, a new

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –**Pastor Tanney's Mother** who is in hospice; **Ruth Trauth** as she recovers at home; **Jerry Schmaltz** who is in the hospital; **Pastor Lempe** and **Mt. Olive's** congregation Fire; **New baby** born to BiJay and Susma "Isaiah"; **Wedding** of Michelle and Ricardo yesterday; **Alavaros** upcoming Ordination and Installation; **Momentum Academy** and **Compass** As classes will begin soon for staff, students; **Ethelmae** as she recovers from leg surgery; **Our Vicars (Nabin & Ratna)**; **Our Field-Worker** Tristan (and family) as he goes through the orientation to become chief petty officer; **Shut Ins** – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Carmen Hobson

### Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

**August 13 – August 20**

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open 6:00pm Evangelism
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm-6pm School Orientation Compass table
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Bible Study
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 1pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>2pm</u> Vicar Meeting 5:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship