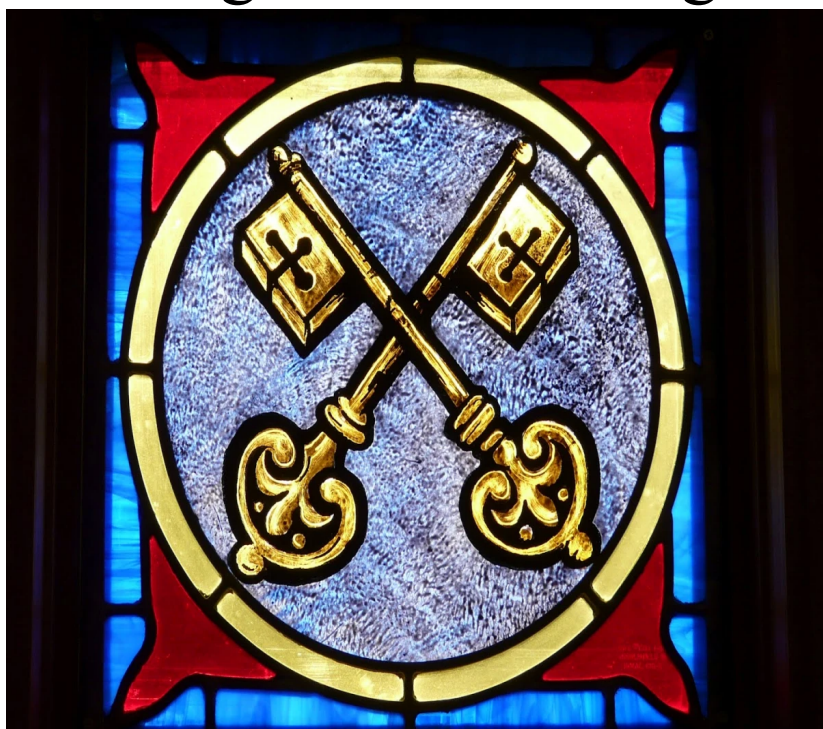


St. Johns Lutheran Church

To Forgive or Not Forgive



Office of the Keys

AS WE GATHER

There are no outsiders in this place. Whether Jew or Gentile, lifelong worshiper or newcomer, young or old, rich or poor—no matter who you are or where you have come from—the promises of God are for you! As you gather in this place, God offers His grace to you through His living and active Word. Through the shed blood of Jesus, His Son, our gracious Father includes you in His everlasting kingdom. This inclusive kingdom is His Church, the family He has claimed as His own, the people whom He has saved, delivered, and called to Himself in Christ. So don't stand on the outside looking in! The King invites you! Come to the feast!

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 When in the Hour of Deepest Need *LSB 615*

**When in the hour of deepest need
We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
No help or counsel yet have brought.**

**Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue from our misery.**

**For You have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.**

**And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.**

**O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.**

**So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.**

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost:

**As it was written in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.**

CONFESSION

I confess, I'm a sinner, Forgive me Lord

I confess, my sins have offended you. Forgive me Lord,

I only deserve your just punishment. Forgive me Lord,

Forgive us Lord, for shallow thankfulness.

Forgive us Lord, for being selfish, with words that don't match our behavior.

Forgive us Lord, for not being mindful of a broken brother's needs.

Forgive us Lord, for the things we enjoy yet starve our souls.

(We take a moment of silence self-examination)

But... I'm sorry, I repent,

and I believe - That You are a God of grace and mercy, that Jesus, Your Son died on the cross to save me from my sins. that His blood washed away my sins. That you will forgive me, that I will not perish with my sins and that I will have everlasting life.

Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

Yes.

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

ABSOLUTION *TLH 48*

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. God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

Amen.

Absolution is the ongoing work of Holy Baptism, in which our old, sinful nature in Adam is drowned and the new man in Christ arises. Through Holy Absolution we receive "the gift of God," which is

forgiveness of sins and “eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”
(*Romans 6:23*)

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Deliverance has come to you! Salvation is yours! The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS...Glory to God in the Highest LSB 187
Glory be to God on high:

and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

**Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have
mercy upon us.**

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

We give thanks and praise to You, O God, for making Your house a place of prayer for all peoples.

You have blessed us with Your grace and salvation!

Through the Gospel, make us voices of invitation to all people

that with us they may serve You with joy and gladness all our days.

We pray this 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

²⁰ 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, ²¹ 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 *Psalms 51*

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴ Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

⁵ Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶ Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place. ⁷ Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰ Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹ Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. ¹³ Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.

¹⁴ Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness.

¹⁵ Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

¹⁸ May it please you to prosper Zion, to build up the walls of Jerusalem. ¹⁹ Then you will delight in the sacrifices of the righteous, in burnt offerings offered whole; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

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 *Romans 6:3-11*

³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm 147:2-3*

Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 20: 19-23*

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY "As Surely as I Live," God Said *LSB 614*

**"As surely as I live," God said,
"I would not see the sinner dead.
I want him turned from error's ways,
Repentant, living endless days."**

**And so our Lord gave this command:
"Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;
Bestow on all My pard'ning grace
Who will repent and mend their ways.**

**"All those whose sins you thus remit
I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you will retain
Condemned and guilty shall remain.**

**"What you will bind, that bound shall be;
What you will loose, that shall be free;
To My dear Church the keys are giv'n
To open, close the gates of heav'n."**

**The words which absolution give
Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.**

**When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes
The purchase of His blood receives.**

**All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.**

Stand

**Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
World without end, eternally!**

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 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:

Creator and sustainer of life. From the womb to the tomb, and at every stage of life, Your hand is upon Your own, giving us all that we need to support our daily lives. United as one, we praise You, O Father. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Savior and redeemer of life. Your nail-scarred hands and pierced side give evidence of the lengths to which You have journeyed in order to seek and save the lost. Made right with You by the shedding of Your innocent blood, we are recipients of what we could never earn nor deserve. United as one, we praise You, Lord Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, we praise You as the restorer and renewer of life. You claim Your family through the outpouring of mercy that we experience in Holy Baptism. You enable our hearts to receive Your Word and our mouths to confess Your truth before our world.

United as one, we praise You, Holy Spirit. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Sovereign Lord, bless our families, our workplaces, our schools, and our church. Sustain the life of our community, and guide the leaders who labor among us for the blessing of all. Protect those in harm's way, especially the members of our military, that they may rest in Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Almighty Father, break down any barrier of heart and mind that would distract us from seeing Your work in our midst. Draw unto Yourself for restoration those who hunger and thirst, those in need of food and shelter, those who experience loss of employment, and all who struggle to find purpose in their lives.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Healing Physician, You stooped down from Your heavenly throne to dwell among us in Christ. As You continue to bind up the brokenhearted and heal their wounds, we pray for all who are sick and suffering in any way, [*especially . . .*]. Help these and all others whom we name in our hearts to know the love You have for all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.
Amen.

HYMN Chief of Sinners Though I Be *LSB 611*

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Jesus shed His blood for me.
Died that I might live on high,
Lived that I might never die.
As the branch is to the vine,
I am His and He is mine.**

**Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
Higher than the heav'ns above,
Deeper than the depths of sea,
Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me--wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.**

**Only Jesus can impart
Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n.
Faith and hope to walk with God
In the way that Enoch trod.**

**Chief of sinners though I be,
Christ is all in all to me.
All my wants to Him are known,
All my sorrows are His own.**

**He sustains the hidden life
Safe with Him from earthly strife.**

**O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Tristan Pilot
Elder	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	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/Communion: 32/31
Nepalese Attendance: 24
Offering: \$3,393.00

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 stjcompass.afterschool@gmail.com

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. between 3pm-6pm.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with Compass. We are especially looking for volunteers to help tutor.

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.

COACHES NEEDED Girls B Team Volleyball Coach

Our 5th and 6th girls volleyball team is in need of a coach. The season runs August 16th - October 5th. Practice days vary but take place right after school from 3:15 - 4:30 pm. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Casey Schmidt at cschmidt@wordoflifefschool.net or Mrs. Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244. **Cross Country - 1 Additional Coaches Needed**

The season runs August 21st - October 7th. The majority of responsibilities are practices that take place right after school from 3:15 - 4:15 and there are 4 meets typically on Saturday mornings. We need an additional coach to work with our K-1st and 2nd - 4th grade students. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Casey Schmidt at cschmidt@wordoflifefschool.net or Mrs. Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL will meet next Sunday, August 27th, at 11:30am

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Pastor Tanney’s Mother who is in hospice; **Ruth Trauth** as she recovers at home; **Carmon Hobson’s Family** as they grieve the passing of Carmen; **Pastor Lempe** and **Mt. Olive’s** congregation Fire; **New baby** born to Bijay and Susma “Isaiah”; **Wedding** of Michelle and Ricardo yesterday; **Alavaro’s** 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

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

August 20 – August 27

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open (first day of school) <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6pm</u> Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open 3pm-6pm Compass
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>8am</u> Bible Study 1pm Nepali Mother’s Prayer Service <u>2pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6:30pm</u> Faith Oakville
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>2pm</u> Vicar Meeting 5:30pm Young Adult Bible Study
Next Sunday	9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 11:30am Executive Council Meeting 12:30pm African Worship