

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Then he broke the loaves and
gave them to the disciples,



and the disciples gave them to
the crowds. And those who ate
were about five thousand men,

AS WE GATHER

Human law would expect that the physical descendants of Abraham and the people included in the nation of Israel would receive God's promised blessings, but God's covenant is based on His great grace. The covenant to David is for all people, whoever will listen to His gracious invitation. "Come to Me," the Lord says through Isaiah, "hear, that your soul may live" (Isaiah 55:3). In the Epistle, Paul laments that although the blessings of God came through the Jewish people, most have cut themselves off from the promise. His hope lies in the grace of God, which says "the children of the promise are counted as offspring" (Romans 9:8). And grace continues! Today God counts us worthy to serve His gracious plans, just as our Lord used even the doubting disciples to feed the 5,000 in the Gospel. Grace, indeed!

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 Father Welcomes *LSB 605 (favorite)*

Refrain: **Father Welcomes all His children
To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation,
Life forever has been won.**

**Little children, come to Me,
For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give,
Mercy for your sin. *Refrain***

**In the water, in the Word,
In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe
Shall be born again. *Refrain***

**Let us daily die to sin;
Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,
Live in the peace of God. *Refrain***

INVOCATION / CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

**Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways
of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in
us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.**

We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

**Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our
faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have
rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.**

We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.

**Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy
Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your
instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.**

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 186

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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 / PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and

without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy LSB 774

**Feed Thy children, God most holy;
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven,
Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav’nly splendor
At Thy feast due thanks we render.**

EPISTLE *Romans 9:1–13*

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah

shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm 78:25*

Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:13–21*

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“O Living Bread from Heaven” *LSB* 642

**O Living Bread from heaven,
How well You feed Your guest!
The gifts that You have given
Have filled my heart with rest.
Oh, wondrous food of blessing,
Oh, cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
With praises overflows.**

**My Lord, You here have led me
To this most holy place
And with Yourself have fed me
The treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given
What earth could never buy,
The bread of life from heaven,
That now I shall not die.**

**You gave me all I wanted;
This food can death destroy.
And You have freely granted
The cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
The favor You have shown,
And all my soul and spirit
Bow down before Your throne.**

**Lord, grant me then, thus strengthened
With heav'nly food, while here
My course on earth is lengthened,
To serve with holy fear.
And when You call my spirit
To leave this world below,
I enter, through Your merit,
Where joys unmingled flow.**

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: For those who have not truly heard the grace offered to all through the everlasting covenant given to David, but rely on the letter of the Law, expecting justice instead of mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Open their ears to hear and move people of faith to call them to turn to Your gracious invitation.

For the Holy Spirit's work through Word and Sacrament to instill and strengthen the faith of all who call out to God in hope and trust, let us praise the Lord.

Praise to You, heavenly Father, through Christ our Lord, for the gift of faith by the Holy Spirit.

With one another and our brothers and sisters around the world, for all God's promises, which endure forever, let us thank our gracious God.

Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your steadfast love.

For all who face this day with little or no food, with poor shelter and tattered clothes, without caring support or necessities, dealing with ongoing oppression and persecution, struggling through long-term ills and sudden man-made or natural disasters, [*including . . .*], that our gracious God would visit, relieve, strengthen, and surround them with caring people and the precious Gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear our prayers for them and the longing in their hearts, gracious Lord. Use us and our gifts to be part of Your answer to their fervent prayers.

We bring all these things to You in the name of Your Son, 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 us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and ☩ give us peace.

Amen.

HYMN Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread *LSB 625*

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving Bread,

May I in grace possess You.

Let me with holy food be fed,

In hunger I address You.

Prepare me well for You, O Lord,

And, humbly by my prayer implored,

Give me Your grace and mercy.

**To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,
To restful waters lead me;
Your table well for me provide,
Your wounded hand now feed me.
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,
Refuge in You alone I seek,
To share Your cup of healing.**

**O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,
For full and free remission
I come with prayer before Your sight
In sorrow and contrition.
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me
That I receive You worthily,
Assured of Your full pardon.**

**I do not merit favor, Lord,
My weight of sin would break me;
In all my guilty heart's discord,
O Lord, do not forsake me.
In my distress this comforts me
That You receive me graciously,
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 64

Communion: 54

Offering: \$2,864.00

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 stjcompassafterschool@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 musical based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney films, is a hilarious, contemporary update on an American classic in which a mother and daughter really see

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Pastor Tanney’s Mother who is in hospice; **Ruth Trauth** who is in the hospital; **Our Vicars (Nabin & Ratna); Our Field-Worker** Tristan (and family);
Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain, Carmen Hobson

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

August 6 – August 13

Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open 3:30pm Elders
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open 10:30am Arbor Hills Chapel
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Bible Study
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open 8am Bible Study 1pm Nepali Mother’s Prayer Service 4pm Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday	NO Food Pantry 10am Wedding 2pm Vicar Meeting
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 10:30am Bible Study/Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship