

# St. Johns Lutheran Church

The Bridegroom Came,  
and Those Who Were Ready



Went in with Him to the  
Marriage Feast,

## AS WE GATHER

What do you do when you wait? What do others do? Whether sitting in the lobby of a doctor's office, or stuck behind a mile of cars in traffic, or counting down the days until an exciting event—what is done while waiting? Some seek distraction through technology to pass the time, others watch the time slowly pass, and still others wait impatiently, made known through verbal and nonverbal ways. How about when it comes to Jesus? What do we do while we wait for Him? Rather than seeking distractions to pass the time or feverishly looking at a clock while growing impatient, we are instead called to wait for Him in faith. We do not know the day nor the hour, but we wait in faith with more than oil in our lamps—faith in our hearts and on our lips until we meet the Bridegroom at the marriage 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/>). **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

**HYMN** O Lord, How Shall I Meet You *LSB 334 (with the Choir)*

*Choir: O Lord, how shall I meet You,  
How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You,*

*My hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,  
Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please You best.*

**Your Zion strews before You  
Green boughs and fairest palms;  
And I too will adore You  
With joyous songs and psalms.  
My heart shall bloom forever  
For You with praises new  
And from Your name shall never  
Withhold the honor due.**

**I lay in fetters, groaning;  
You came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
You came to honor me.  
A glorious crown You give me,  
A treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me  
As earthly riches fly.**

*Choir: Love caused Your incarnation;  
Love brought You down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
Oh, love behond all telling,  
That led You to embrace  
In love, all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race.*

**Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Cannot His love erase;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for you procuring  
The peace of sin forgiv'n,**

**His children thus securing  
Eternal life in heav'n.**

**He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations  
And blessed hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Your beams so cheering,  
And guide us safely home.**

### **INVOCATION / OPENING SENTENCES**

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

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?

**Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?**

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

**For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God.**

At midnight there was a cry, “Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.”

**The bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut.**

### **CONFESSİON AND ABSOLUTİON**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. Merciful Lord, as we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient as we wait.

**We become distracted by the things of this world that do not last, and have given our attention and even devotion to things not beneficial to our faith. Forgive us.**

As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with others.

**We have sinned against others and You in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart, nor loved our  
neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.**

As we await the day to come when Christ returns, we grow impatient with You.

**We come to think the day will never come when You make all things new, and have let our earthly circumstances cause faith to waiver, despair to increase, and doubts to arise. Forgive us.**

But let justice roll down like waters,  
**and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

And so we will always be with the Lord.

**Therefore encourage one another with these words.**

In His parable, Jesus reminds His people to “watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” In our watch and in our waiting, the Lord remains faithful to His promises of provision, and assurance of grace and forgiveness. 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

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS...** Glory to God in the Highest

LSB 204

**To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Good-will from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing-  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heavenly King.**

**To You, O sole begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;**

**O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us , Jesus;  
Receive our heart-felt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high.**

**For you a-lone are holy;  
You only are the Lord,  
For-ever and for-ever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
“Amen!” our glad re-ply.**

### **SALUTATION / PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His Bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **MEMORIZED WORD**

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” Revelation 7:17

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Amos 5:18–24*

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, <sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. <sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? <sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. <sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened

animals, I will not look upon them. <sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. <sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

**These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.**

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood \* of the Lamb.**

**Blessed are those whose strength is \* in You,  
in whose heart are the highways to \* Zion.**

**EPISTLE** *I Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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**VERSE** *Matthew 25:13*

**Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.  
Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 25:1–13*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.  
**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” *LSB 516*

“Wake, awake, for night is flying,”  
The watchmen on the heights are crying;  
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices;  
“Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lamps with gladness take!  
Allelujah!  
With bridal care  
Yourselves prepare  
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”

Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
And all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.

For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;  
Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
Now come, Thou Blessed One,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,  
Hail! Hosanna!  
We enter all  
The wedding hall  
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,  
Let saints and angels sing before Thee  
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, joining with the choir immortal,  
We gather round Thy radiant throne.  
No eye has seen the light,  
No ear has heard the might  
Of Thy glory;  
Therefore will we  
Eternally  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

## 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** “*My Lord, What a Morning*” Sung by the Choir

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *Revelation 22:20*

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, grant to us all things needful and dissuade us from all things harmful. Fill the oil in our lamps, strengthen and nourish our faith, that united, together we as Your Church and as Your people confidently and courageously shine Your light to our neighbors, our community, and the world. Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Heavenly Father, keep us ready in our waiting for the promised day to come when the door is opened and we are welcomed to the wedding feast. In our wait, keep us from earthly distractions that would lead us away from You. By Your Holy Spirit, keep us prepared to welcome Jesus when He comes in all His glory at the hour and the day You have set, as we remain trusting in Your promises made, promises fulfilled, and promises to come. Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Heavenly Father, You have already called faithful servants from this life as they are in Your glorious care and await the resurrection. For we who remain on this earth, give comfort and hope to those who grieve, [especially . . .]. For those who struggle with health of mind or sickness of body, grant healing according to Your will and lasting peace in light of affliction, [especially . . .]. For all those whose needs are known only to You and for all who face the afflictions of this life while awaiting the Last Day at Your time, grant patience. Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Heavenly Father, as we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus,” awaiting His return, we know that in the meantime He even comes to us now through Your Word and Means of Grace. In the body and blood given and shed for us in, with, and under the bread and wine given and received, forgive us our

sins and nourish our faith in our waiting that our hearts and lives be reflective of the grace You freely give. Amen.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

*Additional petitions may be added.*

Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**                    LSB 208

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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, who alone knows the day and the hour of the last day to once and for all redeem Your creation through Jesus Christ, our Lord. As we wait on Him, we receive Him now as He comes to us in His body and blood, for He has prepared this feast through His death and resurrection and will prepare the eternal wedding feast when the Son of Man comes. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**SANCTUS**                    LSB 208

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

**Heaven and earth with full acclaim**

**shout the glory of Your Name.**

**Sing Hosanna in the highest,**

**Sing hosanna to the Lord;**

**Truly blest is He who comes**

**In the name of the Lord!**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **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 (The Peace of the Lord)**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** (Lamb of God) *LSB 210*  
**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,**  
**You take the sin of the world away;**  
**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,**  
**Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,**  
**You take the sin of the world away;**  
**Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,**  
**And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray *LSB 663*  
O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee *LSB 632*

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (Song of Simeon) *LSB 211*

**O Lord, now let Your servant**  
**Depart in heav'ly peace,**  
**For I have seen the glory**  
**Of Your redeeming grace;**  
**A light to lead the Gentiles**  
**Unto Your holy hill,**  
**The glory of Your people,**  
**Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,**  
**All glory to the Son,**  
**All glory to the Spirit,**  
**Forever Three in One;**  
**For as in the beginning,**  
**Is now, shall ever be,**  
**God's triune name resounding**  
**Through all eternity.**

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,  
**for His steadfast love endures forever.**

We give thanks to You, gracious Father, that in our waiting upon You, we have been gathered together in fellowship at Your Table with sins

forgiven and faith nourished. We thank You for the foretaste of the wedding feast to come when the Son of Man comes and we will live with You who lives and reigns Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**      *Numbers 6:24–26*

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**      The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us      *LSB 514*

**The Bridegroom soon will call us,  
“Come to the wedding feast.”  
May slumber not befall us  
Nor watchfulness decrease.  
May all our lamps be burning  
With oil enough and more  
That we, with Him returning,  
May find an open door!**

**There shall we see in glory  
Our dear Redeemer's face;  
The long-awaited story  
Of heav'nly joy takes place;  
The patriarchs shall meet us,  
The prophets' holy band;  
Apostles, martyrs greet us  
In that celestial land.**

**There God shall from all evil  
Forever make us free,  
From sin and from the devil,  
From all adversity,  
From sickness, pain, and sadness,  
From troubles, cares, and fears,  
And grant us heav'nly gladness  
And wipe away our tears.**

**In that fair home shall never  
Be silent music's voice;  
With hearts and lips forever  
We shall in God rejoice.  
While angel hosts are raising  
With saints from great to least  
A mighty hymn for praising  
The Giver of the feast.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Adane Erjabo
Lector	Allen Dass
Elder	Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Ushers	John Benwell, Patrick Benwell, William Gebhart, and Roger Schmidt
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Acolytes/Screen	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: 36

Nepalese Attendance: 30

Offering: \$2,630.00

**ST. JOHNS ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** Our annual food drive will begin on November 5<sup>th</sup>-November 26<sup>th</sup>. We are collecting: non-perishable food, coats, blankets, socks, underwear, gloves, and scarves. Sponsored by the St. Johns Social Ministry Board..

**ORGAN CONCERT** Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Chesterfield will present an Organ Concert on Sunday, November 12th at 4:00 P.M., featuring Mr. Matthew Gerhardt. This concert will feature sacred and classical organ works by Bach, Franck, and Vierne on our 23 rank Martin Ott organ, as well as hymn singing and narratives by the artist. A reception will follow. No tickets or reservations are needed, but a freewill offering will be received. Lord of Life Lutheran Church is located at 15750 Baxter Road in Chesterfield. For more information, visit: [www.lordoflifelcms.org](http://www.lordoflifelcms.org).

**IMMANUEL BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL** The 35<sup>th</sup> Boar's Head Festival, will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 8th, 9th and 10th. There will be a 7:30 performance each evening with afternoon performances at 4:00 pm both Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets will be available on a first come, first served basis starting at 8:00 am on Wednesday, November 1 by calling the church office at 636-946-2656. There is no charge for the tickets, but there is a limit of 5 per person.

**LASE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION IS HIRING!** LASE is seeking to a hire part-time special educator for an immediate opening. Must have a Missouri teaching certification in special education. If you are passionate about serving children with special learning needs and working with a collaborative team, please send your resume to [karen.wittmayer@lutheranspecialed.org](mailto:karen.wittmayer@lutheranspecialed.org). Thank you!

**WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT** will be on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Louis Bread Co on Chippewa from 4pm-8pm. A flyer is needed or use the code FUND4U.

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** –Ruth Evers as she goes through rehab; Pastor Tanney's Mother who is in hospice; Sharon Sieber for recovery; Pastor Lempe and Mt. Olive's congregation who worships here; Our Vicars (Nabin & Ratna); Momentum Academy for endurance and patience for the staff, Compass Staff & Volunteers; Our Field-Workers Allen Dass and Adane Erjabo;  
**Shut Ins** – Bobbie Kepford and Steve Bain

## Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

November 12 – November 19

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship w/ Communion</b> 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>NQ</u> Ladies Exercise
Tuesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass 5:30pm Lutheran Foundation Delegate Meeting 6pm Seminary Students
Wednesday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>3:45pm</u> Compass Chapel
Thursday	8am-12pm Office Open 2pm Ridgewood Bible Study 3pm-6pm Compass
Friday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>8am</u> Bible Study 12pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service 2pm-6pm Compass
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> 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship