

St. Johns Lutheran Church

The Day of the Lord



A Message Of Terror and Hope

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AS WE GATHER

This Sunday and next we will consider how we should live between now and the Last Day. Our preparation for it is not a matter of simply believing correctly, for that would make our faith to be a good work. Rather, we are living in the end times, and by grace the Lord has already consecrated His guests. A Gospel-centered life means letting the Good News affect how we live in love today. Paul says we should “encourage one another and build one another up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11). We are very much like the servants in the Gospel, using the treasure our master has entrusted to us. We dare not keep our talents hidden, for they belong to God and should be invested! The Good News—that our Savior will return on that Day—is reason enough to take risks, investing our faith in loving the people around us.

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/>).

HYMN

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

LSB 733

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home:**

**Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.**

**O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last
And our eternal home!**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

**The LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated His guests.**

**Encourage one another
and build one another up.**

**To everyone who has will more be given,
and he will have an abundance.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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 in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins.

The Lord has consecrated His guests,

but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

Build one another up,

but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

To everyone who has will more be given,

but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

KYRIE LSB 204

Lord, have mercy;

Christ, have mercy;

Lord, have mercy

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

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father, Your Son died for the sins of the whole world.
Embolden us to share His love with everyone we meet until the
day we hear His gracious blessing, "Well done, good and faithful
servant"; 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 *Zephaniah 1:7–16*

⁷Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. ⁸And on the day of the Lord’s sacrifice— “I will punish the officials and the king’s sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. ⁹On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master’s house with violence and fraud. ¹⁰“On that day,” declares the Lord, “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. ¹¹Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, ‘The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.’ ¹³Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.” ¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. ¹⁵A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

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 tribu * lation.

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 *1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Matthew 25:29a*

Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 25:14–30*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property.

¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Day Is Surely Drawing Near” *LSB 508*

**The day is surely drawing near
When Jesus, God's anointed,
In all His power shall appear
As judge whom God appointed.
Then fright shall banish idle mirth,
And flames on flames shall ravage earth
As Scripture long has warned us.**

**The final trumpet then shall sound
And all the earth be shaken,
And all who rest beneath the ground
Shall from their sleep awaken.
But all who live will in that hour,
By God's almighty, boundless pow'r,
Be changed at His commanding.**

**The books are opened then to all,
A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small,
When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,
And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.**

**Then woe to those who scorned the Lord
And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised His precious Word
And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand
And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.**

**My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!**

**May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.**

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay,
But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way
In fear and tribulation.
O hear and grant our fervent plea;
Come, mighty judge, and make us free
From death and ev'ry evil.**

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

Guide and protect Your Church, Lord Jesus, as it endeavors to share the Gospel in the many circumstances of this sin-ridden world.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Embolden leaders to speak Your Word with conviction, open the ears of those who hear the Good News in all circumstances, and grant increase of faith and numbers wherever people gather around Your Word.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen this congregation so that we are a beacon of Your gracious love, calling one and all to join us to celebrate the Good News shining in this darkened world.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Lord over all, guide and protect the officers of nations; armed forces deployed and police at home; leaders of large corporations; those who work in the media; those who grow, tend, and distribute food; and all who respond in emergencies, that together they work for the common good.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

Heavenly Father, grant peace and love in families, give wisdom to parents and willingness to learn to children, and provide faithful congregations, caring friends, and extended relatives to support them through all the changes in life.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and

all for whom we pray.

Lord our God, hear the prayers of Your people near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], as well as those known only to You. As fits Your gracious plans for them, give healing, relief, and comfort, so that they may live out each day in peace and joy.

Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.

These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake 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 *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

All You Works Of God, Bless The Lord *LSB 930 (Choir sings v. 1,4)*

Choir: All you works of God, bless the Lord!

All you angels, now bless the Lord;

Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be,

Praise the Lord and His majesty:

Refrain

**Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!**

**Sing, you sun and you moon above,
Stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,
Heat and fire, you ice and snow:**

Refrain

**Frost of winter with song so cold,
All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells,
Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales:**

Refrain

*Choir: Hills and mountains, now sing His worth,
All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells,
Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales; Refrain*

**Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest:**

Refrain

Stand

**Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore!**

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| Preacher | Pastor Michael Tanney |
| Liturgist | Pastor Michael Tanney |
| Lector | Pastor Michael Tanney |
| Elder | Earl Welch |
| Organist | Suzanne Manelli |
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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday/Communion: 33/31

Nepalese Attendance: 30

Offering: \$3,075.00

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

VOTER'S MEETING Next Sunday, November 26th, there will be a Voter's Meeting after Bible Class at 11:30am.

CHURCH DECORATING Next Sunday, November 26th, you are invited to help us decorate the church for Christmas. We will do this following the Voter's Meeting

THANKSGIVING DINNER Mount Olive has invited us to join them for a Thanksgiving dinner today at 11:30am, in the fellowship hall following Bible Class. All are invited!

SOUP SUPPER You are invited to join us for a soup supper before our midweek advent services at 5:30pm on December 6th and December 13th.

IMMANUEL BOAR'S HEAD FESTIVAL The 35th Boar's Head Festival, will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in St. Charles, December 7th, 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@lutheranspecialized.org. Thank you!

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –**Family of Steve Bain** as they grieve their loss; **Ruth Evers** as she goes through rehab; **Ruth Trauth** who is in the hospital; **Pastor Tanney's Mother** who is in hospice; **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

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

November 19 – November 26

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| Sunday | 9:00am Worship 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship |
| Monday | 8am-12pm Office Open <u>NO</u> Compass / <u>NO</u> Ladies Exercise |
| Tuesday | <u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>NO</u> Compass 6pm Seminary Students |
| Wednesday | 8am-12pm Office Open <u>NO</u> Compass / <u>NO</u> Compass Chapel |
| Thursday | Office Closed 9am Worship 3pm-6pm Compass |
| Friday | Office Closed / <u>NO</u> Bible Study 12pm Nepali Mother's Prayer Service NO Compass |
| Saturday | <u>NO</u> Food Pantry / <u>NO</u> Vicar Meeting |
| Next Sunday | 9:00am Joint Worship w/ Communion 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study 11:30am Voter's Meeting 12:30pm African Worship 1:00pm Church Decorating |