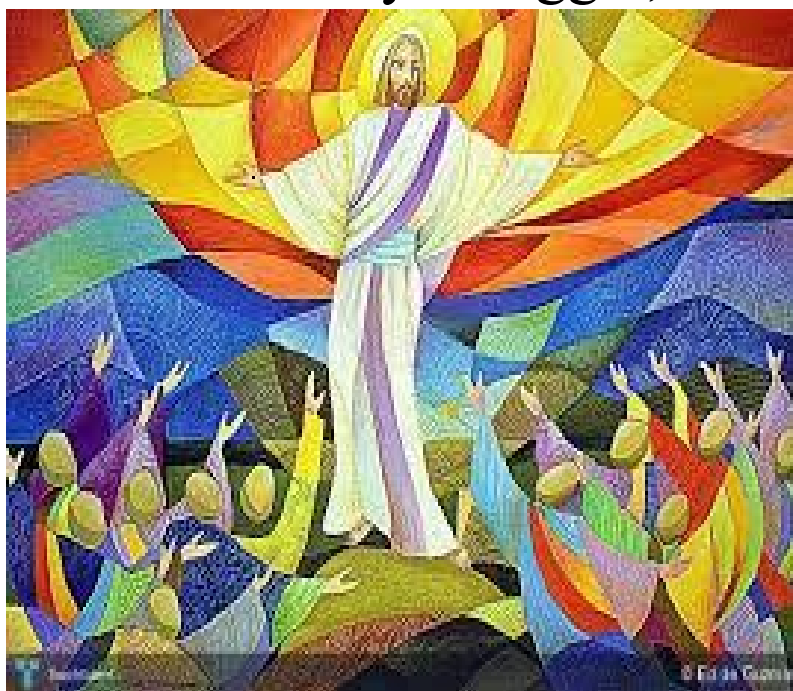


St. Johns Lutheran Church

“Oh Blest Communion,
Fellowship Divine!
We Feebly Struggle,



They in Glory Shine;
Yet All are One in Thee,
For All are Thine. Alleluia!”

AS WE GATHER

Today is bittersweet. Bitter, because some of us will be remembering someone we love who died recently, and we are still grieving. Yet sweet, because that loved one was also loved by God, redeemed by Jesus, and lives in that place Jesus went ahead to prepare. We grieve, as Paul says, but not “as others do who have no hope” (1 Thessalonians 4:13). We also hear the words of Jesus in the Beatitudes, where Jesus blesses people not usually considered blessed: the poor in spirit, the mourning, the meek, peacemakers, the persecuted. The broken circumstances of your life do not define you entirely; Jesus defines you as blessed because He has taken hold of you in love and mercy and will never let you go. Blessed are you.

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

Alabare - I *LSB 799*

Refrain:

Alabare alabare alabare a mi Señor.

Alabare alabare alabare a mi Señor.

John saw the number of all those redeemed,

**And all were singing praises to the Lord.
Thousands were praying,
Ten thousands rejoicing,
And all were singing praises to the Lord. [Refrain]**

**Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain,
Whose blood has set us free from ev'ry sin.
Power and riches,
And wisdom and strength
And honor and all blessing shall be His. [Refrain]**

**Sing with the people, the people of God,
And join creation in a joyful hymn.
Blessing and honor
And glory and might
To God and to the Lamb be without end. [Refrain]**

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Lord, on this All Saints' Day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.

We remember the ones we love—ones loved also by You.

We remember how You embraced them, showed them grace, and filled them with faith.

We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.

We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in and through Jesus.

We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.

We rejoice that You are God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who will never leave us nor forsake us.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *1 John 3:1*

In Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.

We confess, good Lord, that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. Forgive us, O God, for the sake of Jesus, our Brother.

Today we hear these beautiful words from John: “See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.”

As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God for our Baptism into Christ!

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. Lord God, You sustained those who have gone before us in faith, You showed them grace, and in their lives You have shown us examples of good works that are the fruit of faith in Christ. So sustain us in faith and grace, that we bear the fruit of faith with perseverance and joy; 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

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

FIRST READING *Revelation 7: 9–17*

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the

throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “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. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For 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.”

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 John 3:1–3*

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Hebrews 12:1a, 2a*

Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.
Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 5:1–12*

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

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses *LSB 667*

**Saints, see the cloud of witnesses surround us;
Their lives of faith encourage and astound us.
Hear how the Master praised their faith so fervent:
“Well done, My servant!”**

**These saints of old received God’s commendation;
They lived as pilgrim heirs of His salvation.
Through faith they conquered flame and sword and gallows,
God’s name to hallow.**

**They call to us, “Your timid footsteps lengthen;
Throw off sin’s weight, your halting weakness strengthen.
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were martyred;
Our lives we bartered.”**

**Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suffered,
He faced the cross, His sinless life He offered;
He scorned the shame, He died, our death enduring,
Our hope securing.**

**Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us-
With grace precede us.**

**You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future- You, the same forever-
You fail us never!**

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

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFULLY DEPARTED

Today, as we celebrate All Saints' Day, we are given three reasons for honoring the saints in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession. ***First, is thanksgiving*** as we remember the saints, we thank God for giving faithful servants to His Church.

Second, is the strengthening of our faith as we see the mercy that God extended to His saints of old. And also, these saints are examples by which we may imitate both their faith and their holy living according to our calling in life.

Third, is imitating their faith. for all those who have gone before us for the mercy they showed us, for the examples they gave us, for the joy they brought to our lives, we give thanks.

[At this time individual members who have died since last All Saints' Day may be remembered by name. Eileen Wehrheim and Carmen Hobson, As each name is read, a bell will toll, a candle is lit, and Scripture read, as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.]

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray: For the Church, called from death to life by our Lord Jesus, would follow in the footsteps of all the saints who by God's grace were agents of Christ's life-giving service in the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the leaders of the world and of this nation; for all voters and for those elected, that they will respect the truth of the God-given dignity of every man, woman, and child; Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For all those in any kind of need, those whom we have named and whom we name silently before You. [*Time of silence*]. Bring peace to the dying and comfort the bereaved.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Additional prayers may be added.

For all the households of this congregation, that they be havens of peace and lively places of faith in Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For this holy assembly, that, setting our hope on Christ, we live to the praise of His glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With thanks and praise, along with heavy hearts, we remember these loved ones. Having hope in Christ, we await the day we shall sing our praise reunited with the faithful, gathered before the throne of God. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear us when we call upon You, most merciful Father, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to Your unfailing love, 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 *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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

LSB 821

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget His promise:
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
Flee to You from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea**

**Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
Earth Your footstool, heav'n Your throne.
As within the veil You entered,
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest,
Here on earth both priest and victim
In the eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 50

Communion: 40

Offering: \$1,279.00

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.

HELP NEEDED Social Ministry is asking for help with sorting and packaging food on Sunday, November 5th, at 12:30pm.

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.

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.

WOL ANNOUNCEMENT Mrs. Davis, our current Administrative Assistant, has accepted a new position at Lutheran Hour Ministries. WOL is now accepting resumes to fill the position in the coming weeks. This role plays a primary part in supporting our school culture as well as making students, families and guests feel welcome. The position is full-time and 10 months. For more information, please visit the school website or contact the

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –**Ruth Evers** as she goes through rehab; **Pastor Tanney's Mother** who is in hospice; **Sharon Sieber** for recovery; **Jerry Schmaltz** who is in rehab; **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, Jerry Schmaltz, Steve Bain

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

November 5 – November 12

Sunday	9:00am Worship 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>3:30pm</u> Elders 5:30pm Evangelism 6pm Ladies Exercise
Tuesday	8am-12pm Office Open <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6pm</u> 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
Next Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study