

St. Johns Lutheran Church

“How do you know me



‘I saw you under the fig tree,’

AS WE GATHER

Since the beginning of creation, God has spoken. He spoke into being our universe and our very selves as the crown of His creation; He spoke when seeking out Adam and Eve in a fallen world; He spoke many times and many ways through the prophets; and He spoke by the very words that came from the mouth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. From Him came words of instructing, healing, forgiving, and of invitation to follow Him as we hear today with Philip and Nathanael. The Lord still speaks to us today in His Word, as His Spirit spoke instruction and encouragement of the use of bodies through Paul in his letter to the church of Corinth. Through all He speaks, we are called to listen to that Word to guide and direct, and to hear His continued words of forgiveness, peace, hope, and joy as “in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:2).

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

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825

Rise, shine you people!
Christ the Lord has entered Our human story;
God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
Now are forgiven.

Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
Of Jesus' glory.

Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
His new creation.

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9*

O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Speak, LORD,

for Your servant hears.

CONFESSION *Psalm 145:18; 50:15; Isaiah 55:6; 1 Samuel 3:9*

As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

Silence for meditation.

We confess,

Heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us. We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us. We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us. Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.

ABSOLUTION

Now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine. Hear, the Lord of the Lord, As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

WORD

KYRIE *LSB 152*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of
God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let
us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

THIS IS THE FEAST

LSB 155

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain***

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,
blessing, and glory are His. *Refrain***

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain***

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. *Alleluia Refrain***

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on
earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your
peace through all our days;

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 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Samuel 3:1–10*

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. ⁶And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8*

Praise the LORD, all * nations!

Extol Him, all * peoples!

**For great is His steadfast * love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for * ever.**

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory * due His name;
bring an offering, and come in * to His courts!**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 6:12–20*

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Isaiah 49:3*

**Alleluia. You are My servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.
Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:43–51*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!”

⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Only Son from Heaven"

LSB 402

**The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,
In human form appears.
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.**

**O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed,
The Christ, the virgin-born,
Grim death to vanquish for us,
To open heav'n before us
And bring us life again.**

**O Lord, our hearts awaken
To know and love You more,
In faith to stand unshaken,
In spirit to adore,
That we, through this world moving,
Each glimpse of heaven proving,
May reap its fullness there.**

Stand

**O Father, here before You
With God the Holy Ghost
And Jesus, we adore You,
O pride of angel host:
Before You mortals lowly
Cry, "Holy, holy, holy,
O blessed Trinity!"**

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

OFFERTORY

LSB 159

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *Hebrews 1:1-2*

We praise You, heavenly Father, for calling us to faith through Your Spirit. As Your Body of believers, called to follow You, enable us to proclaim Your Word of salvation in all truth and purity. Soften the hearts and open the minds of all people, that they may know You have called them as Your own in grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As Samuel heard Your call to faithful service, let us also heed Your call to serve You and serve others in joy. For those whom You have called to serve as church workers, bless their ministry, protect their health and well-being both mentally and physically, Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As Paul calls believers to flee from immorality, give to Your people steadfast faith and the ability to resist temptation. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As Jesus called His disciples to follow Him, so also help us heed His call and follow in faith. Even amid troubles and trials faced in body and soul, keep faith steadfast and firm with trust in Your presence, Your promises, and Your peace. Be especially with those who have requested our prayers, [*including . . .*]. As they call out to You, speak to them Your comfort, compassion, and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 161*

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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 ✠ 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 **X** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD’S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens *LSB 589*

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared *LSB 622*

THANK THE LORD *LSB 164*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He

recalls His promises and leads His people forth in Joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake *LSB 688*

"Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,

"All in My way abiding;

Deny yourselves, the world forsake,

ObeY My call and guiding.

O bear the cross, whate'er betide,

Take my example for your guide.

"I am the Light, I light the way,

A godly life displaying;

I bid you walk as in the day;

I keep your feet from straying.

I am the way, and well I show

How you must sojourn here below.

"My heart abounds in lowliness,

My soul with love is glowing;

And gracious words My lips express,

With meekness overflowing.

My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,

To God I yield, on Him I call.

**"I teach you how to shun and flee
What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free,
From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,
And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word,
In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Pastor Michael Tanney
Elder	Earl Welch
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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: 32

Nepalese Attendance: 29

Offering: \$1,892.00

2023 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are available for pickup in the Narthex.

LHSA HISTORY St. Johns has been gifted a book from the Lutheran High School Association that documents the history of Lutheran North and Lutheran South. If you are interested in looking at this, you may check the book out and take it home for a week. The book can be found in front of the office window.

TRIVIA NIGHT Please mark your calendars for the annual Lutheran South Basketball trivia night on Saturday, January 20, 2024. Doors open at 6:30 and games begin at 7 p.m. \$200 for tables of 8. Silent auction, games and prizes will take place throughout the evening. Bring your own food and beverages. (Adult beverages allowed.) Sign up at LSlancers.org/events

MUSIC IN A SACRED SPACE Hope Ev. Lutheran Church in St. Louis invites you to join them on Sunday, January 21st at 3pm for Organ Vespers for the Transfiguration. Join St. Louis organist Justin Knabach as he leads the congregation and presents musical meditations. Justin serves as organist and music director at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in St. Louis. Hope Ev. Lutheran is located at 5218 Neosho St. in St. Louis, MO. Visit hopelutheranstl.org for more information.

E2 CONFERENCE is a conference designed to equip and encourage leaders, congregations, and their ministries. The conference is on February 3rd from 9am-12:15pm at ST. Johns Arnold Lutheran Church. Everyone is invited to attend and light refreshments and coffee will be served.

MEN'S RETREAT will be February 2nd-3rd at Camp Wartburg. It starts at 6pm on the 2nd and finishes at 2:30pm on the 3rd. It is \$65 per person and the theme is "Blessed is the Man".

DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING will be April 5th-7th at the Lake of the Ozarks. It costs \$115 per person.

MEMORIES OF STEVE BAIN Pastor Tanney is asking for any memories you may have of Steve in the church and some of the things that he has done in and for our church. You can send him and email at tanney722@aol.com or call/text him at 314-616-2762

Prayers

Special Prayer Petitions –Bohannon Family for strength during the upcoming trial for Tamarris; **Marsha Jackson’s Sister** who is in a coma; **Jan Trosper** for healing from endometrial cancer; **Ruth Trauth** for adapting to her new assisted living situation; **Pastor Lempe’s** health and **Mt. Olive’s** congregation; **Our Vicars** (Nabin & Ratna); **Momentum Academy, Compass Staff & Volunteers; Our Field-Worker** Adane Erjabo; **Missionaries** Zach Barz and Jerry Mays; **Shut Ins** – Bobbie Kepford, Ethelmae Leuther, and Ruth Trauth

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

January 14 – January 21

Sunday	9:00am Worship w/ Communion 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	Office Closed NO Compass
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 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship 1:00pm Steve Bain Memorial 2:00pm Luncheon