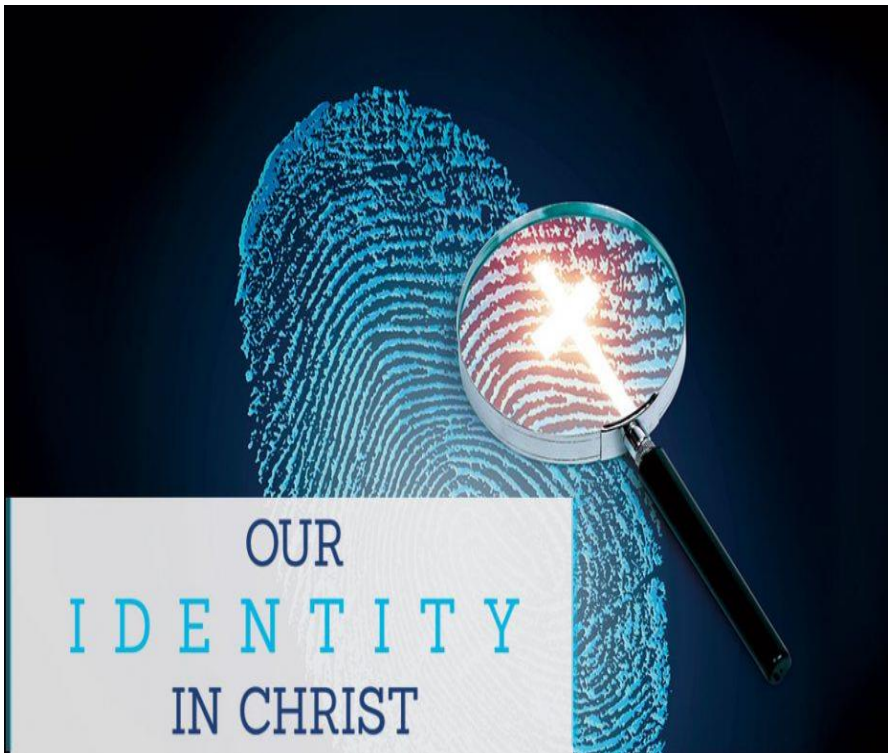


# St. Johns Lutheran Church



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## **AS WE GATHER**

Everyone is trying to figure out who they are, to identify themselves to everyone around them, and to promote that identity. Our Lord knows exactly who He is and what He has come to accomplish. He opens our eyes so that we may come to know and define ourselves not according to the whims of time or the dictates of emotion but in Him. Sin must give way to His forgiveness, unrighteousness to His righteousness, and death to His life. We are not competing with the world for a reward but serving others as Christ has served us. Our identity in Christ will not be taken from us and as long as we live in this identity, we are free. That liberty is primarily shown by our willingness to serve.

## **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**                      Praise to the Lord, the Almighty                      *LSB 790*

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.**

**Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?**

**Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.**

**What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**

**Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.**

**Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!**

**Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore him!**

## **INVOCATION**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *Psalm 13:5; 147:6*

**I have trusted in Your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.  
The LORD lifts up the humble;  
He casts the wicked to the ground.**

*Silence for reflection.*

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

*LSB 154*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Merciful Lord, You have granted us a new identity and life in Christ, our Lord. Keep us, we pray, in this faith and life in Christ that we may know with confidence we belong to You and live secure in this knowledge both now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with You and the Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **MEMORIZED WORD**

<sup>12</sup> Declares the Lord, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; <sup>13</sup> and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; Joel 2:12-13

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Isaiah 40:21–31*

<sup>21</sup>Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. <sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. <sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing. <sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup>Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *Psalm 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 9:16–27*

<sup>16</sup>If I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners

compete, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE**        *Mark 1:39*

**Alleluia. [Jesus] went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**        *Mark 1:29–39*

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>Immediately [Jesus] left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" *LSB* 398

**Hail to the Lord's anointed,  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail, in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
To set the captive free,  
To take away transgression  
And rule in equity.**

**He comes with rescue speedy  
To those who suffer wrong,  
To help the poor and needy  
And bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing,  
Their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying,  
Were precious in His sight.**

**He shall come down like showers  
Upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
Spring in His path to birth.  
Before Him on the mountains  
Shall peace, the herald, go;  
And righteousness in fountains  
From hill to valley flow.**



**Kings shall fall down before Him  
And gold and incense bring;  
All nations shall adore Him,  
His praise all people sing.  
To Him shall prayer unceasing  
And daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing,  
A kingdom without end.**

**O'er ev'ry foe victorious,  
He on His throne shall rest,  
From age to age more glorious,  
All blessing and all-blest.  
The tide of time shall never  
His covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever—  
That name to us is Love.**

## **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 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

Let us pray: Lord God of mercy, You showed Your great love for us by sending Your Son to save and redeem us. Give to Your Church courage to proclaim with boldness this Gospel to all people by all means. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord God of power, You hold all things in Your hand. Raise up good and honest leaders who will defend our liberty and inspire our service, following the wisdom of Your Word in the cause of justice and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord God of unity, strengthen the unity of the Church in doctrine and practice. Raise up faithful pastors and church workers to build us up in this holy faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord God of peace, You give hope to the weary and comfort to those troubled in mind. Give hope to those who despair, comfort to those in pain, and courage to those who grow faint, that we may finish the race and receive the crown of everlasting life.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord God of truth, You have given us life that we may treasure Your mercy and manifest in words and deeds Your goodness and love to the world. With our songs of praise, accept the tithes and offerings we bring with our gratitude and praise.

Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Additional petitions may be inserted here.*

Gracious Lord, with confidence in Your mercy we come before You with the prayers and petitions of Your Church, praying You to provide for us all things as are good, wholesome, and beneficial and to keep from us all things as are harmful, that we may be preserved from evil and kept to everlasting life through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD’S PRAYER**

So 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**      The People That in Darkness Sat      *LSB 412*

**The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long  
In shades of death have been,  
In shades of death have been.**

**To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,  
The gath'ring nations come;  
They joy as when the reapers bear  
Their harvest treasures home,  
Their harvest treasures home.**

**To us a Child of hope is born,  
To us a Son is giv'n,  
And on His shoulder ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n,  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored,  
The God by all adored.**

**His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.**

*Stand*

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us Thine alone,  
Who with the Father ever art  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.**

Preacher	Pastor Michael Tanney
Liturgist	Pastor Michael Tanney
Lector	Pastor Michael Tanney
Elder	Earl Welch
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### **LENT 2024 SERIES “WORDS THAT LAST FOREVER”**

This classic series focuses on how Christ mapped out his way of suffering with seven famous last words—final phrases that served as tiny touchstones along his path to salvation for us.

Join us for the “Words That Last Forever” special Ash Wednesday service on February 14<sup>th</sup>, as we listen to Jesus say from the cross, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,” and we ponder the meaning of these words.

# Announcements

## Saved to Share Called to Care

### Our Response to God's Love Last Week

Attendance Sunday: 55

Communion: 42

Offering: \$1,405.00

**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.

**DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING** will be April 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> at the Lake of the Ozarks. It costs \$115 per person. If you are interested, contact the church office.

**SAUSAGE DINNER** Salem wanted to invite us and our friends to join them for their ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SAUSAGE DINNER, hosted by Salem Men's Club on Sunday, February 4, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. It all takes place in the cafeteria of Salem Lutheran School, 5025 Lakewood Ave., Affton, MO 63123. More information is available at <https://slcas.org/church/mens-club/mens-club-sausage-supper/>.

**WOL RESTAURANT NIGHT** for February will be at Pietro's on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**WOL TRIVIA NIGHT** This trivia night will be on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (doors open at 6pm). Tickets are \$25 each or \$160 for a table of 8. There will be a silent auction, games, and trivia. The theme is decades. Get your table into the decade theme! There will be prizes for the best dressed and best decorated tables. Sign up at [wordoflifeschool.net](http://wordoflifeschool.net) at <https://slcas.org/church/mens-club/mens-club-sausage-supper/>.

**MCN SUNDAY** Mission of Christ Network invites churches to come together and celebrate MCN Sunday with a service of mission and witness using provided resources for worship and education. Share stories of what God is doing around the world and encourage your congregation to see their role in God's work to seek and save the lost!

## Prayers

**Special Prayer Petitions** – **Debbie Frerichs** who is in the hospital; **Marsha Jackson's Sister-in-Law** who is in rehab; **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; **Thanksgiving** that our boiler system is working properly; **Confirmation Class** that the Gospel be confirmed in their hearts; **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

**February 4 – February 11**

Sunday	<b>9:00am Worship</b> 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study / Nepali Worship 12:30pm African Worship
Monday	8am-12pm Office Open 3:30pm Elders <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass / <u>6pm</u> 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 9:30am Nepali Confirmation 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 w/ Communion</b> 9:00am Mount Olive 10:30am Bible Study 12:30pm African Worship