

# St. Johns Lutheran Church



St. Johns Lutheran Church      Anugraha Nepali Lutheran Church  
3738 Morganford Rd. St. Louis, Missouri 63116

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## AS WE GATHER

To the rest of the world, we are simply people with a different faith, but we have an identity that is unique: We are God's children, calling out to Him, "Abba! Father!" As He did with our forebears, we hear in the Old Testament Reading, He remembers His covenant. Even when danger threatens, as it did for the holy family, He is with us to protect and guide us. In fact, we are not only God's children; with Jesus, His only-begotten Son, we are also heirs of the promise, which He kept for us. That is merry news indeed!

## RINGING OF THE BELLS

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME** (Bienvenido, स्वागत छ, Chào mừng, 환영, ようこ, Bienvenue, Karibu, እንኳን ደህና መጡ, Baga nagaan dhufte) **ALL**

We're glad you are here! If you are visiting for the first time, please 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/>).

If you have a prayer request that you would like offered during the service, please grab one of the blue sheets of paper next to the bulletins and place it in the basket during offering.

**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, please see the pastor. You may come forward to the communion rail for a blessing. Please cross your hands to indicate you would like to receive a blessing.**

## PREPARATION

**INVOCATION** (*Stand as you are able*)

**(Pastor Wescoatt)** In the name of the Father  
and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**(Pastor Ratna)** Pita, Putra, ra Pabitra Aatma  
ko naam Ma.  
**Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** Romans 3:10-13, 23, Psalm 51:1-3, 7 भजनसंग्रह 51:1-3, 7

*(After each petition, we will respond together in Nepali and English)*

**(Pastor Wescoatt)** For all have sinned and  
fall short of the glory of God, *(Romans*  
*3:23)*

**(Pastor Ratna)** सबै मानिसहरूले पाप गरेका छन् अनि  
परमेश्वरको महिमासम्म पुग्न चुकेका छन्। *(रोमी 3:23)*

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy. (Respond in both languages)**

**(Pastor Wescoatt)** Have mercy on me, O  
God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out  
my transgressions. *(Psalm 51:1)*

**(Pastor Ratna)** हे परमेश्वर, मतर्फ कृपालु हुनुहोस्, किनभने  
तपाईंको दयालु कृपा-दृष्टिले, तपाईंको महान् अनुग्रहले मेरा सारा  
पापहरू मेटाई दिनुहोस्। *(भजनसंग्रह 51:1)*

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy. (Respond in both languages)**

**(Pastor Wescoatt)** Wash me thoroughly  
from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my  
sin! *(Psalm 51:2)*

**(Pastor Ratna)** परमेश्वर मेरो दोष धोएर मेटाई दिनुहोस् मेरा  
पापहरू धोइ-पखाली दिनुहोस्, मलाई फेरि एकपल्ट शुद्ध पारिदिनुहोस्।  
*(भजनसंग्रह 51:2)*

**Parmeshur le kripa garun. Lord have mercy. (Respond in both languages)**

**(Pastor Wescoatt)** Jesus Christ died for you,  
for His sake God the Father has had mercy  
on you and forgives you all of your sins in  
the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and  
of the Holy Spirit. He who calls you is  
faithful; He will surely do it. Be at peace.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**(Pastor Ratna)** येशुख्रिस्ट तपाईंकोलागि मर्नुभयो, उहाको  
खातिर परमेश्वर पिताले तपाईंलाई दया गर्नुभयो र तपाईंको सबै  
पाप क्षमा गर्नुहुन्छ परमेश्वर पिता, परमेश्वर पुत्र र परमेश्वर  
पबित्रआत्माको नाममा। उहा जसले तपाईंलाई बिस्वसनियातामा  
बोलाउनु हुन्। उहाले निश्चयनै बोलाउनुहुन्छ। सान्ति मा रहो।  
धन्यवाद प्रभु आमेन

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of  
reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

## HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

LSB 379 **(Sung together)**

**O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to  
Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him  
Born the king of angels;**

आऊ सबै विश्वासी, आनन्द गर्दै आऊ,  
आऊ सबैजना मिली बेथलेहेममा,  
जगत्को त्राता बालक भए हेर

aau sabai vishwaasi,  
aanand gardai aa-u,  
aau sabai-janaa mili  
bethl'hem-maa,  
jagat-ko traataa baalak  
bhave hera

*Refrain:*

**O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!**

*Chorus:*

**(आऊ भजन गाउँदै पुर्जौं) ३  
ख्रीष्ट प्रभुलाई**

**(aau bhajan gaauñdai pujauñ) 3  
khrisT prabhu-laai**

Highest, most holy,  
 Light of Light eternal,  
 Born of a virgin, a mortal  
 He comes;  
 Son of the Father  
 Now in flesh appearing!  
*[Refrain]*

हे वचन सनातन, परमेश्वरको पुत्र,  
 प्रभु येशू हुन् ख्रीष्ट इमानुएल,  
 कन्याको गर्भदेखि, मान्छे जन्मेको

*he bacan sanaatan,  
 parmeshwor-ko putra,  
 prabhu yeshu hun khrist  
 immaanuyel,  
 kanyaa-ko garbha-dekhi,  
 maanche janmeko*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
 Sing in exultation,  
 Sing, all ye citizens of  
 heaven above!  
 Glory to God  
 In the highest: *[Refrain]*

हे सब स्वर्गदूत हो, जयजयकार गर्नु  
 परमेश्वरलाई होस् स्वर्गमा धन्यवाद  
 पृथ्वीमा कुशल मान्छेहरूमा मिलाप

he sab sworga-dut ho,  
 jaijai-kaara garnu,  
 parmeshwor-laaï hos  
 sworga-maa dhanyebaad  
 prith'vi-maa kushal  
 maanche-haru-maa milaap

Yea, Lord, we greet  
 Thee,  
 Born this happy  
 morning;  
 Jesus, to Thee be glory  
 giv'n!  
 Word of the Father  
 Now in flesh appearing!  
*[Refrain]*

आमिन प्रभु धन्य हाम्रोलागि जन्मे  
 येशू सदा तपाईंको नाम पुजिओस्  
 ईश्वरको वचन अब देही भएको

aamin prabhu dhanye  
 haamro-laagi janme  
 yeshu sadaa tapaañ-ko  
 naam puji-os  
 ishwor-ko bacan aba deh'  
 bhayeko

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY *Martin Luther's Morning Prayer* (Prayed Together)

I thank You, my heavenly Father,  
 through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that  
 You have kept me this night from all  
 harm and danger; and I pray that You  
 would keep me this day also from sin and  
 every evil, that all my doings and life may  
 please You. For into Your hands I  
 commend myself, my body and soul, and  
 all things. Let Your holy angel be with  
 me, that the evil foe may have no power  
 over me.  
 Amen.

हे मेरो पिता, मलाई आजको राती मेरो सबै हानि र खतराबाट  
 आफ्नो पुत्र येशुख्रिस्ट द्वारा सुरक्षित राख्नु भएकोमा म तपाईंलाई  
 धन्यवाद दिन्छु। आजको दिनमा मलाई पापहरूबाट र प्रत्येक  
 दुष्टबाट पर राख्नुहोस्। मैले गरेको हरेक कार्यले र मेरो जीवनले  
 तपाईंलाई खुशी तुल्याओस्। तपाईंको हातमा म आफ्नो शारीर,  
 आत्मा, र मेरो सबैस्व सुम्पिन्छु। आफ्नो पबित्र स्वर्गदुतहरूलाई  
 मसित हुन दिनु होस्। ताकी दुष्टको कुनै पनि शक्ति म माथि  
 प्रबल नहोस्। आमेन।

## WORD

#### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 63:7-14 यशैया 63:7-14* (Read in English)

<sup>7</sup>I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. <sup>8</sup>For he said, “Surely they are my people, children who will not deal falsely.” And he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In

all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old. <sup>10</sup>But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. <sup>11</sup>Then he remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people. Where is he who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? Where is he who put in the midst of them his Holy Spirit, <sup>12</sup>who caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, who divided the waters before them to make for himself an everlasting name, <sup>13</sup>who led them through the depths? Like a horse in the desert, they did not stumble. <sup>14</sup>Like livestock that go down into the valley, the Spirit of the Lord gave them rest. So you led your people, to make for yourself a glorious name.

<sup>7</sup> मैले परमप्रभुका दयापूर्ण कर्महरू सोचिरहेकोछु। म परमप्रभुको स्तुति गर्न सोचिरहेकोछु। परमप्रभुले इस्राएलका मानिसहरूलाई धेरै राम्रो चीजहरू दिनु भयो। परमप्रभु हाम्रो निम्ति साह्रै दयालु हुनुहुन्छ। परमप्रभुले हामीलाई दया देखाउनु भयो। <sup>8</sup> परमप्रभुले भन्नुभयो, “तिनीहरू नै मेरा मानिसहरू हुन्। तिनीहरू मेरा खास मानिसहरू हुन्।” यसकारण परमप्रभुले ती मानिसहरूलाई बचाउनु भयो। <sup>9</sup> मानिसहरूसँग धेरै कष्टहरू थिए, तर परमप्रभु उनीहरूका विरुद्ध थिएनन्। परमप्रभुले मानिसहरूलाई प्रेम गर्नुभयो। अनि उनीहरू प्रति दुःखी हुनुभयो। यसकारण परमप्रभुले उनीहरूलाई बचाउनु भयो, उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई बचाउनु आफ्ना खास स्वर्गदूतलाई पठाउनु भयो। उहाँले तिनीहरूलाई उठाउनु भयो र बोक्नु भयो, अनि तिनीहरूलाई सदा-सर्वदा हेरचाह गर्नु भयो। <sup>10</sup> तर मानिसहरू परमप्रभुको विरुद्ध उठे। तिनीहरूले पवित्र आत्मालाई दुःखित बनाए। यसकारण उनीहरू परमप्रभुको शत्रु भए। परमप्रभुले ती मानिसहरू विरुद्ध लडाईँ गर्नु भयो। <sup>11</sup> तर धेरै वर्ष अघि के भएको थियो परमप्रभु अझै सोच्नु हुन्छ। उहाँ मोशा र मानिसहरूको बारेमा सोच्नु हुन्छ। परमप्रभु नै एकजना हुनुहुन्छ जसले मानिसहरूलाई समुद्रबाट ल्याउनु भयो। परमप्रभुले आफ्ना भेंडाहरू डोर्याउन आफ्नो गोठाला प्रयोग गर्नु भयो। तर परमप्रभु, जसले आफ्नो आत्मा तिनीहरूमा स्थापित गर्नु भयो, अहिले कहाँ हुनुहुन्छ? <sup>12</sup> परमप्रभुले मोशालाई दाहिने हातले डोर्याउनु भयो। मोशालाई डोर्याउनकोलागि परमप्रभुले आफ्नो अद्भुत शक्ति प्रयोग गर्नभयो। परमप्रभुले पानीलाई दुइ भागमा विभाजन गर्नु भयो ताकि मानिसहरू समुद्रबाट हिँड्न सक्न्। त्यस्ता महान कुराहरू गरेर परमप्रभुले आफ्नो नाउँ प्रख्यात पार्नुभयो। <sup>13</sup> परमप्रभुले गहिरो समुद्रहरूबाट मानिसहरूलाई डोर्याउनु भयो। मानिसहरू नडुबीकन पानीमाथि हिँडे जसरी एउटा घोडा जङ्गलमा हिँडीरहेछ। <sup>14</sup> एउटा गाई खेतमा हिँड्दा सजिलै लड्दैन। यस्तै प्रकारले समुद्रमा हिँड्दा मानिसहरू लडेनन्। परमप्रभुको आत्माले मानिसहरूलाई विश्रामको ठाउँमा लार्दै थियो। सब समय मानिसहरू सुरक्षित थिए। परमप्रभु त्यही नै बाटो हो तपाईंले मानिसहरूलाई डोर्याउनु भयो अनि तपाईंको प्रशंसायोग्य नाउँ महिमीत पार्नुभयो।

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

यो परमप्रभुको वचन हो।  
परमेश्वर को धन्यवाद।

**EPISTLE** Galatians 4:4–7 गलाती 4:4-7

**(Read in English)**

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

<sup>4</sup> तर उचित समयमा परमेश्वरले आफ्नो पुत्र पठाउनु भयो। परमेश्वरका पुत्रले एउटी स्त्रीको कोखमा जन्म लिनुभयो। उहाँ पनि व्यवस्थाको अधिनमा बस्नु भयो। <sup>5</sup> परमेश्वरले यसो गर्नुको कारण व्यवस्थाका अधीनमा बस्नेहरूलाई मुक्ति दिनु थियो। हामीलाई आफ्ना बालक बनाउने परमेश्वरको इच्छा थियो। <sup>6</sup> तिमीहरू परमेश्वरका छोरा-छोरीहरू हो। त्यसैकारण परमेश्वरले आफ्ना पुत्रको आत्मा तिमीहरूको हृदयमा हाली दिनु भयो त्यही आत्मा ले पुकार्छ, “अब्बा, पिता।” <sup>7</sup> यसैकारण, अब तिमीहरू अघि जस्तो कमारा छैनौ। तिमीहरू परमेश्वरको पुत्र हो। आफूले गरेको प्रतिज्ञा परमेश्वरले पूरा गर्नुहुनेछ किनभने तिमी उहाँको पुत्र हो।

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

यो परमप्रभुको वचन हो।  
परमेश्वर को धन्यवाद।

**HOLY GOSPEL**     *Matthew 2:13–23*     मत्ती 2:13-23

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,  
the second chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**(Pastor Nabin)** <sup>13</sup>When [the wise men] had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” <sup>14</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed to Egypt <sup>15</sup>and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Out of Egypt I called my son.” <sup>16</sup>Then Herod, when he saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, became furious, and he sent and killed all the male children in Bethlehem and in all that region who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had ascertained from the wise men. <sup>17</sup>Then was fulfilled what was spoken by the prophet Jeremiah: <sup>18</sup>“A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be comforted, because they are no more.” <sup>19</sup>But when Herod died, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, <sup>20</sup>saying, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” <sup>21</sup>And he rose and took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. <sup>22</sup>But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he withdrew to the district of Galilee. <sup>23</sup>And he went and lived in a city called Nazareth, that what was spoken by the prophets might be fulfilled: “He shall be called a Nazarene.”

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

**(read in English, then Nepali)**

सेन्ट म्याथ्यूको अनुसार पवित्र सुसमाचार, दोस्रो अध्याय।

हे प्रभु, तपाईंको महिमा होस्।

**(Pastor Nabin)** <sup>13</sup>ज्योतिषीहरू गएपछि, परमप्रभुको एउटा दूत सपनामा यूसुफकहाँ देखा परे। दूतले भने, “उठ, साना बालक र उहाँकी आमालाई साथमा लिएर मिश्रदेशमा जाऊ। हेरोदले साना बालकहरूलाई खोज्न लागि रहेकोछ। उसले सानो बालकलाई मार्न चाहन्छ। मैले नभनेसम्म तिमी त्यही बस्नु।” <sup>14</sup>अनि यूसुफ उठेर सानो बालक र उनकी आमालाई साथमा लिएर त्यसै बखत मिश्रदेश तर्फ लागे। तिनीहरूले रातीनै घर छोडे। <sup>15</sup>हेरोदको मृत्यु नभएसम्म यूसुफ मिश्रदेशमा नै बसे अगमवक्ताद्वारा परमेश्वरले भन्नु भएको वचन यसरी पूरा भयो। परमेश्वरले भन्नुभयो, “मैले आफ्नो पुत्रलाई मिश्र देशबाट बोलाएँ।” <sup>16</sup>ज्योतिषीहरूबाट हेरोदले धोका पाएको थाहा पाएपछि तिनी साह्रै रिसाए। अनि बेतलेहेम र त्यसका छेउछाउमा भेट्टाएका सबै स-साना बालकहरूलाई मार्ने आदेश दिए। ज्योतिषीहरूबाटै हेरोदले बालक जन्मेको समय पत्ता लगाएका थिए। त्यस बेलादेखि अहिलेसम्म दुई वर्षको अवधि बितेको थियो। अनि हेरोदले दुई वर्षर त्यसदेखि मुनिका सबै बालकहरूलाई मार्न लगाएका थिए। <sup>17</sup>तब यर्मिया अगमवक्ताद्वारा परमेश्वरले भन्नुभएको वचन सत्य भयो: <sup>18</sup>“रामामा एउटा स्वर सुनियो, रूवाबासी र आलाप-विलापको। राहेलले आफ्ना बालकहरूको लागि विलाप गरिरहेकी थिइन, शान्त बन्न तिनले अस्वीकार गरिन्, किनकि तिनका बालकहरू अब जीवित थिएनन्।” <sup>19</sup>हेरोद मरेपछि, परमप्रभुका एकजना दूत यूसुफकहाँ सपनामा देखा परे। यो घटना त्यसबेला भयो जब यूसुफ मिश्रदेशमा नै थिए। <sup>20</sup>स्वर्गदूतले यसो भने, “उठ, साना बालक र उहाँकी आमालाई लिएर इस्राएल जाऊ। बालकलाई मार्न चाहने ती मानिस अहिले मरिसकेका छन्।” <sup>21</sup>त्यसपछि यूसुफ उठे, बालक र उहाँकी आमालाई लिएर इस्राएल तर्फ आए। <sup>22</sup>तर यूसुफले यहूदियामा त्यसबेला अखिल्लाउस राजा भएको कुरो सुने। आफ्ना बाबु हेरोदको मृत्युपछि अखिल्लाउस राजा भए। यसकारण यूसुफ त्यहाँ जान डराए। सपनामा पनि तिनलाई चेताउनी भयो। त्यसपछि तिनले त्यो ठाउँ छाडे अनि गालीलको इलाकामा गए। <sup>23</sup>यूसुफ नासरत भन्ने ठाउँमा पुगे र त्यही बस्न थाले। यसरी अगमनक्ताद्वारा बोलिएको वचन सत्य भयो। परमेश्वरले भन्नुभएको थियो कि “ख्रीष्टलाई नासरी भनिनेछ।”

यो परमप्रभुको सुसमाचार हो।

हे ख्रीष्ट, तपाईंको प्रशंसा गर्नुहोस्।

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Readings**      Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 2:4-7

**Hymn**            Away in the Manger    LSB 364 (Children sing first stanza)

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky--looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**

**Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.**

**Reading**        Luke 2:8-14

**Hymn**            Hark! The Herald Angels Sing      LSB 380 (Children sing first stanza)

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

*Refrain:*

**Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

**Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel! [Refrain]**

**Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Ris'n with healing in His wings.  
Mild He lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth. [Refrain]**

**Readings**      Luke 2:15-20, Matthew 2:1-2

**Song**            खुशी-खुशी मनाओं (Khusi Khusi Manau)    (Lyrics just for reference)

खुशी-खुशी मनाओं, खुशी-खुशी मनाओं (२)  
भन-भन, प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टको जय (२)  
मेरोलागि आए, मेरोलागि जिए (२)  
मेरोलागि येशूले दुःख उठाए (२)  
मेरोलागि मारिएथे, मेरोलागि गाडिएथे (२)  
मेरोलागि बौरी उठे, मेरो हुन् येशू  
म येशूको हुँ, हामी येशूका हौं ।  
खुशी-खुशी मनाओं, खुशी-खुशी मनाओं (२)  
भन-भन, प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टको जय (२)

Let us rejoice, let us rejoice (*repeat*)  
Say, praise the Lord Jesus Christ  
(*repeat*)  
He came for me, he lived for me  
(*repeat*)  
Jesus suffered for me (*repeat*)  
He was killed for me, he was buried  
for me (*repeat*)  
He rose for me, Jesus is mine  
I belong to Jesus, we belong to Jesus.  
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice (*repeat*)  
Say, praise the Lord Jesus Christ  
(*repeat*)

**Reading**      Galatians 4:4-5

**Hymn**            Go Tell It on the Mountain    LSB 388  
(Kids sing Refrain by themselves the first time)

*Refrain:*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

**While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light. [Refrain]**

**The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo, above the earth**



**Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]**

**Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]**

**APOSTLE'S CREED** *(Said Together – led by Pastor Ratna)* *(Stand as you are able)*

**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**

प्रेरितहरूको विश्वासको सार

म विश्वास गर्दछु एक परमेश्वर सर्वशक्तिमान् पिता, स्वर्ग र पृथ्वी  
सृष्टि गर्नुहुनेमाथि।

अनि उहाँका एकले पुत्र, हाम्रा प्रभु येशू ख्रीष्टमाथि, जो पवित्र  
आत्माको शक्तिद्वारा गर्भ धारण हुनुभयो, कन्ये मरियमदेखि  
जन्मनुभयो, जसले पन्तियस पिलातसको अधीनमा दुःख  
भोग्नुभयो, जो क्रूसमा टाँगिनुभयो, स्वर्गमा चढिजानुभयो, अनि  
सर्वशक्तिमान् परमेश्वर पिताको दाहिने हातपट्टि बस्नुभएको छ;  
जहाँदेखि उहाँ जिउँदा र मरेकाहरूको न्याय गर्नलाई फेरि  
आउनुहुनेछ।

म विश्वास गर्दछु पवित्र आत्मामाथि; पवित्र मण्डलीमाथि;  
पवित्रहरूको सङ्गतिमाथि; पाप मोचनमाथि; शरीरको  
पुनरुत्थानमाथि; र अजम्मरी जीवनमाथि। आमिन्।

**OFFERING** *Nepali Song (Sit)*



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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Stand as you are able)*

Response following each petition.

*Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy. Congregation: Hear our prayer.*

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

**Amen.**

**SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE** *John 6:51, 54*



**(Pastor Wescoatt)** <sup>51</sup> [Jesus said] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” <sup>54</sup>  
 “Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day”.

**(Pastor Nabin)** <sup>51</sup> “म जिउँदो रोटी हुँ जो स्वर्गबाट आएको हो। जो मानिसले त्यो रोटी खाँदछ ऊ अनन्त सम्म बाँच्दछ। यो रोटी मेरो शरीर हो। म दिनेछु ताकि संसारका मानिसहरूले जीवन पाउनेछन्।” <sup>54</sup> “तर जसले मेरो शरीर खान्छ र रगत पिउँछ उसको जीवन अनन्त हुन्छ। अन्त्यको दिनमा म उसलाई उठाउनेछु।”

## SANCTUS *(sung together)*

**Hosanna, hosanna,  
 hosanna in the highest  
 Hosanna, hosanna,  
 hosanna in the highest  
 Lord, we lift up Your  
 name,  
 With hearts full of  
 praise;  
 Be exalted, O Lord, my  
 God,  
 Hosanna in the highest**

(होसन्ना, होसन्ना,  
 होसन्ना येशू राजालाई) २  
 उहाँको नाउँ उचालौं  
 र प्रशंसा चढाऔं,  
 हाम्रो प्रभुलाई स्तुति होस्,  
 होसन्ना येशू राजालाई

(hosannaa, hosannaa,  
 hosannaa yeshu raajaa-  
 laai) 2  
 uhaañ-ko naauñ ucaalauñ  
 ra prashaañsaa caRhaauñ,  
 haamro prabhu-laii stuti  
 hos  
 hosanna yeshu raajaa-laii.

**Glory, glory, glory to the  
 King of kings  
 Glory, glory, glory to the  
 King of kings  
 Lord, we lift up Your  
 name,  
 With hearts full of  
 praise;  
 Be exalted, O Lord, my  
 God,  
 Hosanna in the highest.**

(महिमा, महिमा,  
 महिमा येशू राजालाई) २  
 उहाँको नाउँ उचालौं  
 र प्रशंसा चढाऔं,  
 हाम्रो प्रभुलाई स्तुति होस्,  
 महिमा येशू राजालाई

(mahimaa, mahimaa,  
 mahimaa yeshu raajaa-laii)  
 2  
 uhaañ-ko naauñ ucaalauñ  
 ra prashaañsaa caRhaauñ,  
 haamro prabhu-laii stuti  
 hos  
 mahimaa yeshu raajaa-laii.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *(spoken first in English, then Nepali)*

**(Pastor Wescoatt)** 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.

1 कोरिन्थी 11:23-25

**(Pastor Nabin)** 23 तिमीहरूलाई म त्यही शिक्षा दिँदैछु जुन मैले प्रभुबाट पाएँ त्यो रात जब येशू पक्राउ पर्नुभयो, उहाँले रोटी लिनुभयो। 24 र त्यसको निम्ति धन्यवाद दिनुभयो। अनि उहाँले रोटी भाँच्नु भयो र भन्नुभयो, “यो मेरो शरीर हो, यो तिमीहरूको लागि हो। यो मेरो समझना को निम्ति गरा”

**(Pastor Wescoatt)** 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 † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**LORD'S PRAYER** *(Prayed Together – led by Pastor Nabin)*

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.**

**PAX DOMINI** *(Read in both languages)*

**(Pastor Nabin)** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** *(sit)*

“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child”

“Now Sing We, Now Rejoice”

LSB 374

LSB 386

**(Pastor Nabin) FINAL DISMISSAL**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in Peace. Amen.

**POST-COMMUNION** LSB 805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *(Sung together)*

**Praise God, from whom  
all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures  
here below;  
Praise Him above, ye  
heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and  
Holy Ghost. Amen**

पिता, पुत्र र आत्माको  
जगत् र स्वर्गमा धन्य होस्  
दूतगण र मान्छे सबै भई  
उनैको स्तुति होस् सधैं

pitaa, putra ra aatmaa-ko  
jagat ra sworga-maa  
dhanye hos  
dutgaN ra maanche sabai  
bhai  
unai-ko stuti hos sadhaiñ.

**(Pastor Nabin)** 25 उसरी नै उनीहरूले खाए पछि येशूले दाखरसको कचौरा लिनुभयो। येशूले भन्नुभयो, “यो दाखरस परमेश्वरबाट आफ्ना मानिसलाई नयाँ करार हो। यो नयाँ करार मेरो रगतसित शुरू हुँदछ। जहिले पनि तिमीहरू यो पिउँछौ मेरो सम्झनामा गर्ने गर

प्रभुले सिकाउनुभएको प्रार्थना (मत्ती ६:९-१३)

प्रभु को प्रार्थना

‘हे हाम्रा स्वर्गमा बस्नुहुने पिता,

तपाईंको नाउँ पवित्र रहोस्।

तपाईंको राज्य आओस्,

तपाईंको इच्छा स्वर्गमा झैं यस पृथ्वीमा पूरा होस्।

आज दिनभरिको भोजन हामीलाई दिनुहोस्।

हाम्रा अपराधहरू क्षमा गरिदिनुहोस्।

जसरी हामीले पनि आफ्ना अपराधीहरूलाई क्षमा गरेका छौं।

हामीलाई परीक्षामा पर्न नदिनुहोस्,

तर हामीलाई दुष्टहरूबाट बचाउनु होस्।’

किनभने राज्य, पराक्रम सदासबदा तपाईंकै हुन्। आमेन।

प्रभुको शान्ति सधैं तिमीहरूसँग रहोस्।

आमेन

**BENEDICTION** *(Read in English, Then Nepali)***(Pastor Wescoatt)** 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.****(Pastor Nabin)** परमप्रभुले तिमिहरूलाई आशीर्वाद दिनुहोस् र तिमिहरूलाई सुरक्षित राख्नुहोस्।

परमप्रभुले आफ्नो अनुहार तिमिहरूमाथि चम्काउनुहुन्छ र तिमिहरूप्रति अनुग्रहकारी बन्नुहुन्छ।

परमप्रभुले तिमिहरूलाई अनुग्रहको दृष्टिले हेर्नुहुन्छ र तिमिहरूलाई शान्ति दिनुहोस्।

**आमीना****HYMN Joy to the World** LSB 387 *(sung together)*

**Joy to the world, the  
Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her  
King:  
Let ev'ry heart prepare  
Him room  
And heav'n and nature  
sing,  
And heav'n and nature  
sing,  
And heav'n and nature  
sing.**

दुनियाँ रमाऊ, ग्रहण गर  
ख्रीष्ट प्रभु राजालाई  
तर मनमा होस् उहाँलाई घर  
(संसार गरोस् बधाइ) २  
संसार, संसार गरोस् बधाइ।

duniyaañ ramaau, grahaN  
gara  
khrisT prabhu raajaa-laai  
tar man-maa hos uhaaÑ-  
laai ghar  
(sansaar garos badhaai) 2  
sansaar, sansaar garos  
badhaai

**Joy to the earth, the  
Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs  
employ,  
While fields and floods,  
rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy.**

दुनियाँको ज्योति उनै हुन्  
पाप क्षमा दिनेछन्  
उनले हाम्रा दुःख दूर गर्छन्  
(र आशिष् दिनेछन्) २  
र आशिष्, र आशिष् दिनेछन्।

duniyaañ-ko jyoti unai hun  
paap chyemaa dine-chan  
un-le haamraa dukh dur  
garchan  
(ra aashis dine-chan) 2  
ra aashis, ra aashis dine-  
chan

**No more let sins and  
sorrows grow  
Nor thorns infest the  
ground;  
He comes to make His  
blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found.**

खुशी मनाऊ ख्रीष्ट राजा हुन्  
सब जन र सबै प्राण  
समुद्र, पहाड, खोला र मैदान  
(गाऊ स्तुतिको गीत गान) २  
गाऊ स्तुति, गाऊ स्तुतिको गीत गान।

khushi manaau khrisT  
raajaa hun  
sab jan ra sabai praaN  
samundra, pahaaD, kholaa  
ra maidaan  
(gaau stuti-ko git gaan) 2  
gaau stuti, gaau stuti-ko git  
gaan

**He rules the world with  
truth and grace  
And makes the nations  
prove  
The glories of His  
righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love.**

उनले विश्वास र दयाले  
राज्य फैलाउँदछन्  
आफ्नो दृढ सत्य विभवका बाटोले  
(अमोल प्रेम गर्दछन्) २  
अमोल, अमोल प्रेम गर्दछन्।

un-le bishwaas ra dayaa-le  
raajye failaaunda-chan  
aafno driDh satye bibhab-  
kaa baaTo-le  
(amol prem garda-chan) 2  
amol, amol prem garda-  
chan

Preacher	Children
Liturgist	Pastor Ben Wescoatt/Pastor Nabin Samal/Pastor Ratna Mangar
Lector	Earl Welch/Pastor Nabin Samal
Elder	Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Sunday School	N/A
Bible Class	Pastor Ben Wescoatt

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The Poinsettia's gracing the Chancel were placed to the Glory of God and in the memory of loved ones by:

Diane Schwab	Henry & Hazel Schwab
	Jacob & Noah Flynn
	Denny, Patsy, & Sally Schwab

## **Announcements**

### **Saved to Share Called to Care**

#### **Our Response to God's Love last Week:**

9:00 Attendance/ /10:30 Attendance: 38/54

Offering: \$1,935.00

**2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES & CALENDARS** are available for pickup in the Narthex.

#### **ORGAN FUND REQUEST**

Our Organ Fund is in need of a boost. This fund is used to repair the organ and for yearly tunings. We have more repair work that needs to be done. Please consider giving a donation to this fund so that we can continue to keep our organ in its best condition. Thank you for your help.

#### **SUBSTITUTE GROUP MENTOR POSITION**

Compass is looking to hire a part time substitute group mentor. The substitute would fill in for a mentor if he/she is absent. Whenever possible, advance notice will be given when services are needed. Requirements for this position include creating a safe space for children, and implementing the lesson plans that the mentor has created. If you are interested, please email your resume to Jaylynn Mennel [atcstjcompass.afterschool@gmail.com](mailto:atcstjcompass.afterschool@gmail.com) For more information, contact Compass Director Jaylynn Mennel at (314)-791-5820.

#### **WOL POSITION AVAILABLE FOR 2026-2027**

WOL is pleased to announce the launch of a new Summer Camp program within our school ministry. Our goal is to offer a Christ-centered, nurturing day camp experience for both our students and families in the surrounding community.

To support this initiative, WOL is adding a full-time, 12-month Assistant Principal position. This individual will provide leadership for the Summer Camp program and oversee our Early Childhood classrooms.

For a full job description, additional information, or to apply, please contact Principal Melissa Bergholt at 314-832-1244 ext. 111

or [mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net](mailto:mbergholt@wordoflifeschool.net).

**SOMETHING NEW FOR THE NEW YEAR?** Are you a Special Education Teacher looking for a new calling and challenge? Are you a retired Special Education Teacher seeking to use your gifts and experience in a ministry setting? Consider working for LASE Specialized Education. LASE (Lutheran Association for Special Education) has part-time and full-time Educational Specialist positions available working in our Lutheran Schools to share Jesus' love and provide excellent services to children with unique learning needs. Contact Rev. John Jameson (LASE Executive Director) at 636-515-0501 (text/call) or Dr. BJ Wiemer (Program Administrator) at 314-952-4251 (text/call) for more information.

## Prayers

Prayers for Health –for President R. Lee Hagan, Richard, Bob, Jessica, Kate, Mary, and Cat; **Sandy Key** who has cancer; **Greg** for successful surgery; **Phuong Do** for healing from a car accident

Area Ministry – Humanitri

Shut Ins – Bobbie Kepford (Arbor Hills), Debra Frerichs, Carolyn Dickhoener, and Ruth Trauth (Sherbrooke)

Special Prayer Petitions –**For** those displaced from home and church; **Melba** that her walking ability may improve so that she can return to church; **Evangelist** Idonis King; **Compass Director** Jaylynn Mennel; **Our Associate Pastors** Nabin & Ratna; **Momentum Academy and All Schools; The Food Pantry and those who receive food: Compass; Our Field-Workers** Michael and John; **For** those traveling; **Missionaries** Zach Barz (for life & ministry) and Erin Mackenzie; South City Circuit Prayers Erik Johnson, Seminary Field Workers, Stanish Stanley, LCMS partner churches around the world and their presidents/bishops, David Dittmar, Josh Hatcher, Randy Asburry, and Ben Wescoatt

### Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week

**December 28 – January 4**

Sunday	<b><u>10:00am</u> Worship w/ Communion / <u>11am</u> Fellowship</b> <b><u>11:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>NO</u> Nepali Worship</b> <u>NO</u> Sunday School 12:30pm Abundant Grace Chapel Worship <u>1pm-4pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer Club / <u>6pm-8pm</u> Nepalese Volleyball
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
Wednesday	Office Closed / <u>NO</u> Compass
Thursday	Office Closed / <u>NO</u> Compass <u>NO</u> Compass Chapel
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open / <u>NO</u> Compass
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry 6pm-8pm Abundant Grace Choir Practice 6pm-8pm Nepalese Volleyball
Next Sunday	<b><u>9:00am</u> Worship / <u>10am</u> Fellowship</b> <b><u>10:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>10:30am</u> Nepali Worship</b> <u>NO</u> Sunday School 12:30pm Abundant Grace Chapel Worship <u>1pm-4pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer Club / <u>6pm-8pm</u> Nepalese Volleyball