

St. Johns Lutheran Church



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AS WE GATHER

People often speak about a person’s calling in life. They are describing a unique purpose or vocation according to interests and talents. Often, trying to determine a person’s “calling” or “destiny” is defined by some innate ability or giftedness found within ourselves, something we were born with or somehow born to do.

Today we hear of God calling otherwise ordinary fishermen Andrew and his brother Simon Peter. They were called by God through John the Baptist to follow the Messiah, the Christ, Jesus of Nazareth. They were called to be disciples and eventually to be sent on Christ’s mission as apostles. The prophet Isaiah says even the Savior, the servant of the Lord, was called from the womb by God, “that Israel might be gathered to Him,” and called “as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth” (Isaiah 49:5–6). Saul of Tarsus was “called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus,” and Saul, now named Paul, reminds the church at Corinth and us that we are “called to be saints” (1 Corinthians 1:1–2). This calling differs from merely surveying interests or abilities within us; it comes to us from outside of ourselves, from the living God, our creator and Redeemer. This calling comes from God to everyone. It is the call of salvation, the divine call that transforms us from sinners into saints. Therefore, this calling depends not on anything within us but solely and totally on the grace and mercy and love of God.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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.

PREPARATION

HYMN “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.

INVOCATION (*Stand as you are able*)

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 1 Corinthians 6:11*

I will go to the altar of God,
to God my exceeding joy.
You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

CONFESSiON AND ABSOLUTiON *1 Corinthians 1:2*
Called by God “to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”, let us give rightful praise and honor God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by His Word and Spirit. Behold, the Lamb of God!

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, mercifully hear our confession. We are sinners and have sinned against You. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors with our whole heart. We cannot free ourselves from our sin. Hear our prayer of confession and let us hear Your call and gift of forgiveness, salvation, and life.
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, the Lamb, was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14 (Spoken)*

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.

Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them he has set a tent for the sun.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

KYRIE LSB 168

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Angels We Have Heard on High” *LSB 368*

**Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.**

Refrain:

**Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

**Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song? *[Refrain]***

**Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]**

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, You have called us and all who call upon You to be saints, called from the darkness of our sin to the light of holiness in You. By Your Word and Spirit, work in us true repentance and faith and the faithfulness and love that are ours in Christ Jesus, our Lord; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 49:1–7 (sit)*

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.” ⁵And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may

reach to the end of the earth.”⁷ Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8 (Spoken)*

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

bring an offering, and come into His courts!

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 1:29–42a*

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (*Sit*)

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

APOSTLE'S CREED (*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



OFFERING (*Sit*)

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OFFERTORY

LSB 176

**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 (*Stand as you are able*)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give You praise and thanks for all Your mercies to us and the whole world, especially for salvation and the call to restored holiness through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Make Your Gospel to sound forth throughout the world, causing many to turn to You in true repentance and faith for their eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless and defend Your whole church, providing pastors and ministers according to Your will, and make it perfect in love and all good works, established in the faith delivered to the saints.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Preserve our nation in spiritual righteousness and honor. Grant health and protection to all who bear office in our land, that they may know and obey Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity.

Guard and defend those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Give consolation to those who mourn. Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Remembering those who have served You in years past and who now rest from their labors, keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Special Petitions....Lord, in Your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

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* *LSB 183*

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 “Lamb of God” *LSB 550*

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.**

Refrain

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

**Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. *Refrain***

**I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. *Refrain***

Preacher	Pastor Idonis King
Liturgist	John Hansen
Lector	Earl Welch
Elder	Earl Welch
Organist	Suzanne Manelli
Children’s Message	Pastor Idonis King
Bible Class	John Hansen

Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love last Week:

9:00 Attendance/Communion/10:30 Attendance: 48/41/27

Offering: \$1,505.86

2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS & 2026 CALENDARS are available for pickup in the Narthex.

BEAUTIFICATION REQUEST

Thank you for the donations that helped purchase new wreaths and ribbons for he bows. Please consider donating again to the beautification fund to help replace items that are worn out.

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 at cstjcompass.afterschool@gmail.com For more information, contact Compass Director Jaylynn Mennel at (314)-791-5820.

STEPHEN MINISTRY COMMISSIONING

Hiroko and John Hansen completed their Stephen Ministry training this week and there is a commissioning ceremony at 2pm today, January 18th at Storyline Southwest church (6401 Scanlan Ave, 63139) with a reception to follow. They would like to invite the entire St Johns congregation to join them in this celebration. Hiroko and John hope to be placed at a congregation that has a Stephen Ministry program or interested in starting one.

GRIEFSHARE GROUPS Do you need help dealing with grief? GriefShare Grief & Loss Support Groups are here for you. To find the in person or online group that is best for you, visit griefshare.org/findagroup where you can register for groups and events.

SANCTUS WINDS UPCOMING CONCERT "Go, My Children"

Sunday, February 1, 2026 | 4:00pm Zion Lutheran Church (3866 Old Hwy 94 S, St Charles, MO 63304)

Works Include

Children's March – Percy Grainger

Watchmen Tell Us of the Night – Mark Camphouse

Seal Lullaby – Eric Whitacre

Third Suite – Rober Jager

Prayers

Prayers for Health –for President R. Lee Hagan, Richard, Bob, Jessica, Kate, Mary, and Cat; **Sandy Key** who has cancer;

Area Ministry – Lutheran Development Group

Shut Ins – 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 Gagan Gerung, Andrew Dinger, President Hagan, Matt Clark, Chau Vo, Geordie Denholm, Steve Miller, and Alan Buckman

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week January 18 – January 25

Sunday	<u>9:00am</u> Worship / <u>10am</u> Fellowship <u>10:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>10:30am</u> Nepali Worship NO 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 NO Ladies Exercise
Tuesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass
Wednesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass
Thursday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass <u>3:25pm</u> Compass Chapel
Friday	8am-12pm Office Open / <u>2pm-6pm</u> Compass
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry 6pm-8pm Abundant Grace Choir Practice 6pm-8pm Nepalese Volleyball
Next Sunday	<u>9:00am</u> Worship w/ Communion / <u>10am</u> Fellowship <u>10:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>NO</u> Nepali Worship NO Sunday School 12:30pm Abundant Grace Chapel Worship <u>1pm-4pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer Club / <u>6pm-8pm</u> Nepalese Volleyball