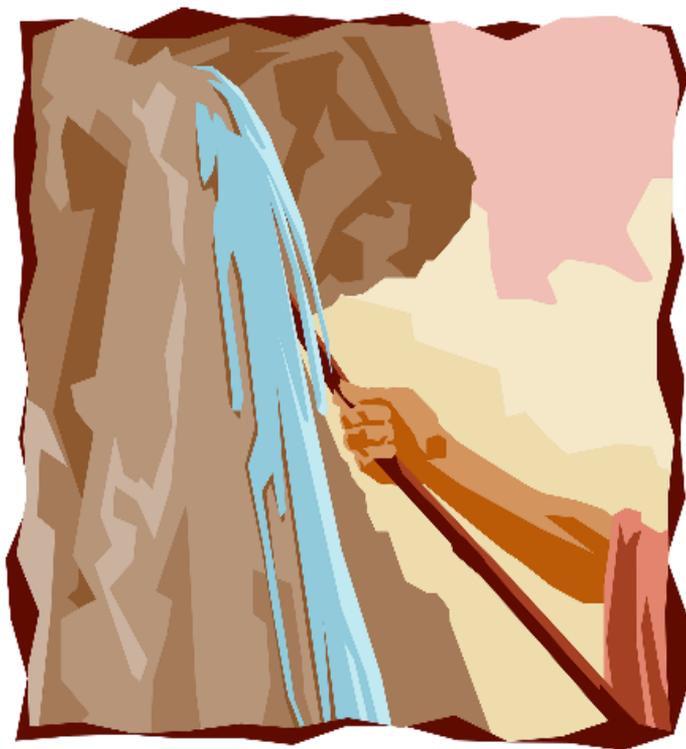


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AS WE GATHER

Christ is our rock and He alone gives to us the water of life. The children of Israel journeyed from the Red Sea through the wilderness toward the land of promise. Along the way they complained to the Lord about their lack of bread and meat and water. At every juncture, the Lord revealed His mercy and provided for His people. They did not realize that all of this was but a promise of the eternal care provided in Christ. He is the rock of their salvation, the bread of heaven come down to feed them until they want for nothing more, the Lamb of God who gives Himself as food for His people, and the living water that tastes of everlasting life. Israel's doubts and fears are warnings to us lest we fail to see how Christ answers all our needs even to eternal life.

RINGING OF THE BELLS WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

HYMN

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

LSB 542

**When I behold Jesus Christ,
True God who died for me,
I wonder much at His love
As He hung on the tree.**

Refrain

**What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there,
To me on Calvary.
What kind of love is this?
What kind of love is this?
You showed Your love, Jesus, there,
To me on Calvary.**

**For me You gave all Your love,
For me You suffered pain;
I find no words, nothing can
Your selflessness explain. *Refrain***

**You had no sin, holy Lord,
But You were tortured, tried;
On Golgotha there for all
My sins you bled and died. *Refrain***

**What love is this? Greater love
No one has ever known.
My life with God-this I owe
To You, and You alone. *Refrain***

INVOCATION (*Stand as you are able*)

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 84:4-5*

Blessed are those who dwell in Your house ever singing Your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

O almighty God, merciful Father,

I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ is 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.

KYRIE

LSB 186

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 17:1–7 (Sit)*

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 5:1–8*

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 4:5–30, 39–42*

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷Just then his disciples came

back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (*Sit*)

HYMN OF THE DAY “May God Bestow on Us His Grace” *LSB* 824

**May God bestow on us His grace,
With blessings rich provide us;
And may the brightness of His face
To life eternal guide us,
That we His saving health may know,
His gracious will and pleasure,
And also to the nations show
Christ's riches without measure
And unto God convert them.**

**Thine over all shall be the praise
And thanks of ev'ry nation;
And all the world with joy shall raise
The voice of exultation.
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,
Nor suffer sin to flourish;
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word
Their souls to feed and nourish,
In righteous paths to keep them.**

Stand

**O let the people praise Thy worth,
In all good works increasing;
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,
Thy Word is rich in blessing.
May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit bless us!
Let all the world praise Him alone,
Let solemn awe possess us.
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"**

SERMON (*Sit*)

NICENE CREED (*Stand as you are able*)

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 *(Sit)*



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OFFERTORY LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen**

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

Having been led through the wilderness and brought into the light of God's presence, let us not fail to pray for the church, for our nation, for all the needs of the people, and for ourselves.

That we long for the true and living water that is Jesus Christ and build our hopes upon Him who is the rock of our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we address all the peoples of every nation with the Word of Christ and that they know with us the blessing of forgiveness, the gift of life, and the joy of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the Lord visit with His mercy those of every need, relieving the suffering, giving peace to the dying, and consoling the grieving, [*especially . . .*], let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we be readied by the Spirit to receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood in this Sacrament and that we live lives worthy of our calling as the people of His promise and the recipients of His mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Special Petitions.... let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Having known the goodness of the Lord in providing what we neither deserve nor dare ask apart from Christ, let us rejoice in His blessing and follow where He leads to everlasting light, as we look forward to the blessed reunion with those whom we love that have departed this life in faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord, have mercy. Amen.

SACRAMENT

PREFACE (*sung*)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

Almighty Father, everlasting God, it is truly good, right, and fitting that we praise Your goodness forevermore, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is the rock from whom the living water flows to grant us forgiveness, life, and salvation. As He has brought forth this saving water in Baptism and kept us in Your Word, grant that we may feast upon this foretaste of eternity in His flesh for the life of the world and His blood that cleanses us from sin. With the angels and archangels, with all those who have loved His appearing, and with the saints who dwell in Your nearer presence, we join our voices, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 195

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He
that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Taught by our Lord, and trusting His promises, we are bold 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *(sung)*

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

PAX DOMINI *(sung)*

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God,
that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace.**

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"Draw Near and Take the body of the Lord" *LSB 637*

NUNC DIMITTIS...SONG OF SIMEON

LSB 199

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,**

**Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING (*sung*)

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth forever.

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.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS (*sung*)

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION (*Sung*)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

HYMN

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

LSB 648

**Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed you for His own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
You may smile at all your foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply your sons and daughters
And all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
Ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which God gives them on their way.**

**Savior, since of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in Your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
All their boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasures
None but Zion's children know.**

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Liturgist	John Hansen
Lector	Ray Gluesenkamp
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Organist	Suzanne Manelli
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Announcements

Saved to Share Called to Care

Our Response to God's Love last Week:

9:00 Attendance/10:30 Attendance: 45/56

Offering: \$2,779.11

SCHOLARSHIP CHALLENGE

We have an opportunity to receive matching dollars for our Scholarship Fund. Donations to this fund that are given through Easter Sunday will be matched dollar for dollar (up to a total of \$5,000). Please help our congregation take advantage of this opportunity to support our students who attend Lutheran Schools in our area. Special envelopes will be available on the tables in the front and back of church. Thank you for helping

VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY CHORALE AND CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Valparaiso University Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform music by J.S. Bach, Emma Lou Diemer, Palestrina, Philip Stopford, and Eric Whitacre in churches and schools during their March 6-11 tour. The program will feature two pieces for choir and orchestra: J.S. Bach's *Der Herr denket an uns*, BWV 196 and Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs*. The concerts are free and open to the public.

Sunday, March 8 at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Des Peres, 12345 Manchester Road, MO 63131.

Monday, March 9

at 7:00 PM at Lutheran High School South

Duesenberg Theater,

9515 Tesson Ferry Rd. St. Louis, MO 63123.

The LHSS Concert Choir will also perform.

YOUTH SUPPORT support the youth of St. Johns going to the Missouri District Youth Gathering on April 17-19, 2026 at the Cross Pointe Retreat Center. Please use the special fund envelope and mark or write youth.

EASTER LILIES Get your Easter Lilies on order to enhance the Easter Sunday worship service. Once service is over, you can take them home. The cost is \$12. Use the special envelope at church (available in the narthex) or just mail the request. Please make checks out to St. Johns.

LASE SPECIALIZED EDUCATION - IMMEDIATE BOARD

POSITION NEEDED Do you love numbers and love kids? Then maybe LASE Specialized Education has a spot for you! LASE (Lutheran Association for Special Education) is seeking a mission-minded financial expert to serve as Treasurer on its Board of Directors. This is a volunteer position working with 6 to 12 other mission-minded and passionate Christ-followers to further the mission of LASE Specialized Education. For further information, check out the LASE website (www.lutheranspecialied.org) and/or contact LASE's Executive Director, John Jameson, at 636-505-0501 (text/call) or john.jameson@lutheranspecialied.org.

Prayers

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

Area Ministry – Compass Afterschool Program

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 Tim Staffeld, Matt Miller, Miguel Torneire, Bruce Cameron, Ratna Mangar, Jonathan Kerr, Josh Hatcher, Stanish Stanley, David Lewis, President Harriosen and all Synod Leaders, Erik Johnson, Matt Kosby, and Andrew Dinger

Opportunities to Love and Serve Christ this Week March 8 – March 15

Sunday	<u>9:00am</u> Worship w/ Communion / <u>10am</u> Fellowship <u>10:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>10:30am</u> Nepali Worship 12:30pm Abundant Grace Chapel Worship <u>1pm-4pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer Club / <u>6pm-8pm</u> Nepalese Volleyball
Monday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass <u>6pm</u> Ladies Exercise / <u>6:15pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer
Tuesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass
Wednesday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>9am</u> Midweek Bible Study <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass <u>5:30pm</u> Soup Supper / <u>6:30pm</u> Lent Worship
Thursday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>3pm-6pm</u> Compass <u>3:25pm</u> Compass Chapel / <u>6:15pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer
Friday	<u>8am-12pm</u> Office Open / <u>2pm-6pm</u> Compass
Saturday	<u>8:30am</u> Food Pantry / <u>1pm-4pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer 6pm-8pm Abundant Grace Choir Practice 6pm-8pm Nepalese Volleyball
Next Sunday	<u>9:00am</u> Worship / <u>10am</u> Fellowship <u>10:30am</u> Bible Study / <u>10:30am</u> Nepali Worship 12:30pm Abundant Grace Chapel Worship <u>1pm-4pm</u> Tower Grove Soccer Club / <u>6pm-8pm</u> Nepalese Volleyball