

# Bible Studies This Week and Beyond

## Next Sunday's Preaching & Teaching - "Thriving in a Fast-Food Culture"

Next week's lesson we will study several passages: Proverbs 23:20-21; Daniel 1:8, 11-16; and Romans 13:12-14. How do we make sure we are aligned properly with Jesus Christ in our misaligned and upside down world?

## Walk Through the Bible Study – January 10<sup>th</sup>

**Our next class will not be until January 10<sup>th</sup>** from 1:30 until 3:00 p.m. and again from 7:00 until 8:30 pm, Pastor Jim will continue teaching on the Book of Genesis - Part 2. You will learn about four very special people: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and how they were used by God even though they were very human. Bottom line: God can and does use us even though we too come with many faults and issues. Since no one is perfect, God can only use imperfect people – just like us.

## Teaching Events in the New Year

### "Indescribable" – January 15<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Jim will show the DVD "Indescribable." The Psalmist says, "The Heavens declare the Glory of God." Hear Rev. Louis Giglio describe our God of unfathomable size and power. This God, who knows the names of every star also knows your name and mine and has orchestrated the most stunning rescue imaginable in His Son, Jesus Christ. Come and be amazed.

### "How Great is Our God?" – February 19<sup>th</sup>

On Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Jim will show the second DVD "How Great IS Our God?" The Bible tells us that our life is really a miracle of creation and the Creator knows us personally by name. This God is big enough to breath out the stars, and yet intricate enough to fashion together the trillions of cells that make up who you are. Hear Rev. Louis Giglio talk about our God who is intimately acquainted with you and promises to carry you through life.

**St. John Lutheran Church**  
**January 1, 2011 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**  
**Sunday Bookend Worship with Communion**

As the earth  
brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes  
what is sown to spring up,  
so the LORD GOD  
will cause righteousness  
and praise to spring up  
before all the nations.



Isaiah 61.11

## Angels from the Realms of Glory

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1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er  
2 Shep - herds in the field a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your  
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions



all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,  
flocks by night, God with us is now re - sid - ing,  
beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of na - tions,



Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.  
Yon - der shines the In - fant Light.  
Ye have seen His na - tal star.



*Refrain*  
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

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## The Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Song - *Holy Is The Lord*

We stand and lift up our hands,  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now;  
How great, how awesome is He! And together we sing...

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

We stand and lift up our hands,  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength.  
We bow down and worship Him now;  
How great, how awesome is He! And together we sing, everyone sing...

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

It is rising up all around,  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.  
It's rising up all around,  
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown. And together we sing, everyone sing.

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty,  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.  
The earth is filled with His glory.

"Holy is the Lord"  
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## Song - *Blessed Be Your Name*

Blessed be Your name, in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name.

Blessed be Your name, when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name, on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name. (Repeat)

You give and take away. You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name. (Repeat)

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your glorious name. (Repeat)

## A Time of Sharing

What in the message from today touched you in a special way?  
Which one of the Lesson's Truths made an impact in your life?

1. What is your Christmas Joy quotient this year? How truly joyful are you?
2. What does your Christmas Joy move you to do?
3. How do you ponder and "treasure up" the Joys and Mysteries of Christmas?

## A Time of Prayer and Share

## Angels from the Realms of Glory

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4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in  
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,  
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

## The Introit

Ps. 98:1-4; antiphon: Is. 52:10

- P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,  
C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.  
P Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!  
C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.  
P The LORD has made known his salvation;  
C he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
P He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.  
C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
P Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### Gloria Patri



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Antiphon

P The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

### Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

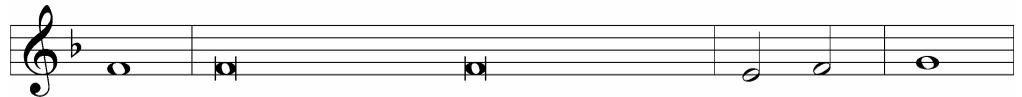


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

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.

C **Amen**

### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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

C **Amen.**

### Praise and Worship Continues

Pastor Jim will greet all worshipers and invite people forward for our contemporary portion of our worship. You may join in the singing our Transition Song.

### Song - Draw Me Close

Draw me close to You, never let me go.  
I lay it all down again  
To hear You say that I'm Your friend.

You are my desire, no one else will do,  
'Cause nothing else could take Your place;  
To feel the warmth of Your embrace.  
Help me find the way, bring me back to you.

You're all I want,  
You're all I ever needed.  
You're all I want—  
Help me know You are near. (To Beginning)

You're all I want,  
You're all I ever needed.  
You're all I want—  
Help me know You are near.

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P: For failing to show adequate Christian concern,

**C: O Lord, forgive us.**

P: Increase our faith by Your Holy Spirit

**C: that our Lord Jesus Christ may be for us a stepping-stone to further growth.**

P: Grant us strength and courage

**C: to acknowledge Him as our Lord and Savior in each day of our lives.**

*(Here special intercessions will be offered as needed.)*

P: Bless our witness

**C: that it may bring others to the Light of their salvation.**

P: This we ask in the name of and for the sake of

**C: our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen**

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

#### The Confession of Sin and Proclamation of Forgiveness

P Do you believe that your sin has offended God and deserves nothing by His punishment now and forever?

C Yes, I am a sinner and deserve God's punishment.

P Are you truly sorry for your sin and sincerely repent of them?

C Yes, I do heartily repent of my sin.

P Do you believe that Jesus has paid the debt of your sin on His cross and that by trusting in Jesus, you have full and free forgiveness?

C Yes, Jesus is my personal Savior from sin and Lord of my life.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Praise be to Jesus. Amen

### The Distribution of the Lord's Supper

#### Thanksgiving *[Following the Conclusion of the Lord's Supper]*

P Oh, give thanks unto the Lord.

C and His mercy endures forever.

P Let us pray.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.  
O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei

☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

## Seasonal Litany

P To us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
C **and the government will be on his shoulders.**

**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.**

## Preaching and Teaching: "Thriving in a Fast-Food Culture"

Sermon notes and outlines are provided on additional sheet. Please ready them for the preaching and teaching.

## Collection of Prayers

*During the offering, Pastor Jim will go amongst the congregation to collect any personal and individual prayers. Please have this written out for Pastor Jim.*

## Offering and Record of Fellowship

*During the offering, please fill out our Record of Fellowship Form. This is a good place to share with your Church Office any changes of address or telephone numbers. Thank you!*

## Prayer of the Church

P: We give thanks to You, O Lord,  
C: **for having sent redemption to Your people.**  
P: We praise You for keeping Your covenant  
C: **established with our forefathers and proclaimed by Your prophets.**  
P: We give thanks to You with our whole heart  
C: **and praise You for sending us salvation in the Babe of Bethlehem.**  
P: In spirit we kneel before His manger-throne,  
C: **for in it, You have revealed Your honor and majesty.**  
P: We confess, O Lord,  
C: **that our thankfulness for Your great salvation leaves much to be desired.**  
P: We have knelt at the manger,  
C: **yet we have failed to let His Word dwell in us richly.**  
P: Compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience  
C: **have not always permeated our spirits.**  
P: We have experienced the joy of Your forgiveness  
C: **but have often failed to forgive others.**  
P: The peace of Christ does not always rule our hearts,  
C: **and we have not done everything in His name.**  
P: We often treat those within our family and church  
C: **without demonstration of His love.**

### Daniel 1:8-20

<sup>8</sup> But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. <sup>9</sup> Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel, <sup>10</sup> but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you." <sup>11</sup> Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, <sup>12</sup> "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. <sup>13</sup> Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see." <sup>14</sup> So he agreed to this and tested them for ten days. <sup>15</sup> At the end of the ten days they looked healthier and better nourished than any of the young men who ate the royal food. <sup>16</sup> So the guard took away their choice food and the wine they were to drink and gave them vegetables instead. <sup>17</sup> To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning. And Daniel could understand visions and dreams of all kinds. <sup>18</sup> At the end of the time set by the king to bring them in, the chief official presented them to Nebuchadnezzar. <sup>19</sup> The king talked with them, and he found none equal to Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah; so they entered the king's service. <sup>20</sup> In every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king questioned them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters in his whole kingdom.

### Romans 13:12-14

<sup>12</sup> The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

### Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

P And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God;  
 C **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**  
 P Sing to the Lord a new song;  
 C **for he has done marvelous things.**

### Once He Came in Blessing

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1 Once He came in blessing, All our sins re -  
 2 Now He gently leads us; With Him - self He  
 3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
 4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -



dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
 feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
 pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
 lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,



Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
 Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
 And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
 That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -



save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
 nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
 shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
 fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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Of the Father's Love Begotten

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1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -  
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed, When the vir - gin,  
 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chant - ed of with  
 4 O ye heights of heav'n, a - dore Him; An - gel hosts, His  
 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Fa - ther, And, O Ho - ly



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 one ac - cord, Whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
 prais - es sing. Pow'rs, do - min - ions, bow be - fore Him  
 Ghost, to Thee Hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that  
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -  
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now He shines, the long - ex -  
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be  
 And un - end - ing prais - es be, Hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see  
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face  
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord  
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring  
 min - ion, And e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
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To Your Temple, Lord, I Come

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1 To Your tem - ple, Lord, I come, For it  
 2 I through Him am rec - on - ciled, I through  
 3 While Your glo - rious praise is sung, Touch my  
 4 While the prayers of saints as - cend, God of  
 5 While I lis - ten to Your Law, Fill my



is my wor - ship home. This earth has no  
 Him be - come Your child. Ab - ba, Fa - ther,  
 lips, un - loose my tongue That my joy - ful  
 love, to mine at - tend. Hear me, for Your  
 soul with hum - ble awe Till Your Gos - pel



bet - ter place, Here I see my Sav - ior's face.  
 give me grace In Your courts Your love to trace.  
 soul may bless Christ the Lord, my righ - teous - ness.  
 Spir - it pleads; Hear, for Je - sus in - ter - cedes.  
 bring to me Life and im - mor - tal - i - ty.

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Announcement & Greeting

The Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

The Reading of Scripture

P Our reading from the Scripture is from Proverbs 23:20-21; Daniel 1:8-20; and Romans 13:12-14

**Proverbs 23:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> Do not join those who drink too much wine or gorge themselves on meat, <sup>21</sup> for drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them in rags.