

Divine Service

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Stories of God @ Work

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are women of faith, empowered for active service in Jesus' name and bold support of missions through Mite Box offerings. As Christians, our faith propels us all into God's mission and gives us confidence that God's amazing grace will supply our needs and move His mission forward.

Preparation of the Heart

Opening Hymn

"With Joy We Come Together"

[Tune: LSB 527]

Text: Hansen Kammerer

With joy we come together, Our hearts of one accord,
Rejoicing in the blessings Of serving You, O Lord.
The gifts that You have given Make us a mighty throng.
With thankfulness we raise up Our praise to You in song.

We celebrate the women, Who've served You through the years,
Sustaining one another Through vict'ry, trials, and fears.
We follow now their service, Devoted, Christ, to You.
No matter what Your errand, We'll strive to follow through.

Through ministries supported, We've seen Your love outpoured.
With mites that You've provided, We've learned to trust You, Lord.
Our many hands have served You, Yet much is left undone.
Your mission must continue In reaching everyone.

Lord, with Your love and guidance, We'll serve You faithfully.
Wherever You should lead us, We'll follow willingly.
May we be bold in witness So others see Your grace.
That we may one day worship Together face to face.

The Preparation of our Hearts to Hear

[Psalm 130 & 106]

- L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
L: Lord, if you kept an account of our wrongdoings, who could stand?
C: **But with you there is forgiveness, so that you may be revered.**

(time for personal reflection)

- L: Out of the depths we call to you, Lord!
C: **O Lord, hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our plea for mercy. Both we and our families have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.**
L: Blessed be the Lord, our God, from everlasting to everlasting. He has remembered his covenant, and sent Jesus to pay for our sins, and the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
L: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord

Anthem

"The Lord Is My Salvation"

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The Service of the Word

The Reading of Holy Scripture

2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴**As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy.** ⁵**I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that**

dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Verse

(all rise)

[BOTB 3, vs. 1]

A simple word of grace is all I need, flowing from a cross, a cross for me.

A gentle word of love is all I need, flowing from a cross, a cross for me.

Jesus, You have given me all of Your grace so tenderly.

I lift my hands and praise Your name.

Jesus, You have given me all of Your love on Calvary.

I lift my heart into Your hands.

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R: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 17.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Luke 17:1–10) ¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Gospel Verse

[BOTB 3, vs. 2]

A simple word of hope is all I need, flowing from Your love, Your love for me.

A gentle word of peace is all I need, flowing from Your love, Your love for me.

Jesus, You have given me all of Your grace so tenderly.

I lift my hands and praise Your name.

Jesus, You have given me all of Your love on Calvary.

I lift my heart into Your hands.

Children’s Sermon

(please record your attendance)

Please list each attendee separate and check if participating in communion.

Visitors please fill out top portion with your address etc.

After the attendance is recorded for your pew, please tear off sheet and place in folder slightly higher for ease of collection. Thank you!

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

LSB 857

Sermon

“Spirit of Power & Love”

1 Timothy 1:4-7

Our Response to God's Word

Apostles Creed

LSB inside back cover

Announcements

Offering

God wants us to know the state of our finances.
*“Know well the condition of your flocks and give attention to your herds,
 for riches do not last forever; and does a crown
 endure to all generations?” (Proverbs 27:23-24)*

Offertory

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

[LSB 655, v. 2 – tune: Old Hundreth]

Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known, For You are Lord of lords alone;
 Defend Your holy Church that we May sing Your praise eternally.

The Service of the Sacrament

*“As we receive the True Body and Blood of our Lord, our faith is fed, our spirits are
 encouraged, and we are moved to share God's grace with the world.”*

*[Because of the closeness of this sharing (and the concerns expressed in
 1 Corinthians 11:27-29) we ask that those who have not been taught the faith at STL
 speak with a pastor or elder before communing.]*

Preface

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: **And also with you.**
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Proclamation of Christ

L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

C: **Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

L: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion, your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for final judgment. So, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven ...** LSB inside back cover

The Canticle

“I Come, O Savior, to Your Table”

[LW 242, vs. 1 & 4]

I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
 You, Bread of Life, alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.

Refrain: Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

In hope I come to your high table, Your testament of deepest love;
 For by its grace I now am able To know the heart of God above. **Refrain**

Continuous Line Distribution

A request of those who wish to commune:

*All who are baptized and believe that in Communion
 we receive the true body and blood of Jesus,
 under the form of bread and wine, are invited to the Lord’s Table.
 All others are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*Alcohol-free wine is available in the center of each individual cup tray.
 Gluten-free host is available upon request from the host server.
 If you have any questions, please speak with a member of our staff.*

Hymns during the Distribution

“What a Beautiful Name”

You were the Word at the beginning, One with God the Lord Most High.
 Your hidden glory in creation, Now revealed in You our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a beautiful Name it is, Nothing compares to this.
What a beautiful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

You didn't want heaven without us, So Jesus, You brought heaven down.
My sin was great, Your love was greater, What could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, What a wonderful Name it is,
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a wonderful Name it is, Nothing compares to this.
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.
What a wonderful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold You, the veil tore before You. You silenced the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of Your glory, For You are raised to life again.

You have no rival, You have no equal. Now and forever, God, You reign.
Yours is the Kingdom, Yours is the glory, Yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, What a powerful Name it is.
The Name of Jesus Christ my King.

What a powerful Name it is, Nothing can stand against,
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is, The Name of Jesus.

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"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

LSB 496

The Sending

The Post-Communion Canticle

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

[Tune: LSB 662]

Text: Prof. Ernest Lewerenz

"Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory Meet us face to face.
Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.

Dismissal

Post-Communion Prayer

L: O God the Father, we give You thanks that in this meal You strengthen us for service in Your kingdom. Your love in this sacrament motivates us to live out our faith in Jesus Christ, Your Son, in all of our callings and relationships. By Your Holy Spirit, give us grace to go out with boldness to witness to what we have seen and heard; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

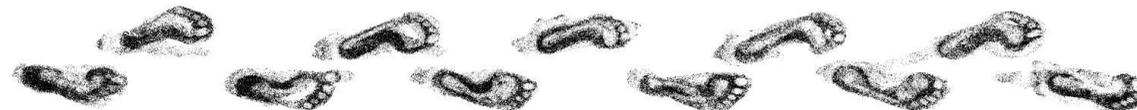
Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

Postlude



*You are now entering
the (your)
Mission Field*

*“The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few.
Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send YOU out into his harvest.”
(Matthew 9:37-38)*

PROJECT 2019

No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:11

The goal of Project 2019 is to raise \$120,000.00 for two capital projects at STL

These projects are:

- Repair / replace the front (east) parking lot
- Repair / replace our oldest flat roofs

Three years ago, in Project 2016, we repaired the west parking lot and the flat roofs on the west side of our building. Project 2019 is phase two of the same project, now restoring and updating the east side of the wonderful building and grounds that God has entrusted to us.

All gifts donated to Project 2019 will be matched by
The Saint Thomas Lutheran Foundation.

PROJECT 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH

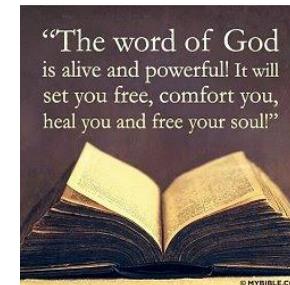
The BOD has extended the Project 2019 capital campaign through September. Our primary focus is upon completing the final phase of our flat roof replacement. The STL Foundation has pledged to match all contributions. Gifts to Project 2019 (not including STL Foundation match) through September 29 total \$25,014.40.

STL Benevolence Fund

The STL Voters' Assembly has authorized the reinstatement of the STL Benevolence (Almoners/Mercy) Fund to offer support for households of the STL family during times of emergency. Starting on October 20 the extra offering envelopes placed in our worship folders will be for this fund instead of "Here We Stand." (H.W.S.) A special line in the restricted account has been added for this purpose.

Nearly four years ago we made a commitment to the Michigan District of the LCMS to raise \$10,000.00 for H.W.S. – a special drive to support church worker scholarships, innovative or international mission work and the District Endowment Fund. To date we have surpassed that promise by over \$700.00. Here We Stand envelopes will continue to be available around the church building.

As the STL Benevolence Fund is reinstated, we are reminded of the words of 2 Corinthians 1:3-4: ***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”***



New T – 1 K We have free New Testaments, free reading guides, and more. Our intent is to do more than just give away free Bibles, we wish to actually help people to read and understand the books we distribute. We currently have given out over 550 bibles, with most of them registered NT readers. We encourage you to a) keep inviting people to read with us, and b) encouraging people to invite others. If you are interested, or would like more information, you can either, get information in the back of the church or contact the office.

HIS II is having a flower bulb fundraiser. **Today is the last day to order!** Catalogs and order forms are available on the information tables. Please make checks payable to HIS II.

NEXT SUNDAY

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2019

Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 2:1-13 / Luke 17:11-19

Sermon Topic: *“For the Sake of the Elect”* Text: 2 Timothy 2:8-10

Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

We are glad you are here. When you come to worship at STL, you are among friends and family. If you are curious to learn more out ministry in the community, go to www.stl-eastpointe.org, or like us on Face Book. To get your questions answered in a more personal way, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor to give you a call (or just check the box in the Record of Fellowship folder).

Our Confession of Faith

As members of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LC-MS), we subscribe to the three ecumenical creeds (Apostles, Nicene and Athanasian) and the Christian faith as confessed in the Book of Concord. This includes believing that:

- Jesus Christ is both true God and true man who died for our sins and rose again to save us.
- His body/blood are truly present in communion under the form of bread/wine (see page 326).
- Communion is, among other things, an expression of doctrinal unity.
- Infant baptism is a Means of Grace through which God delivers one from sin and gives eternal salvation to all who believe (page 325 in Lutheran Service Book).

Serving in God's House

Preacher: Rev. Mark W. Hetzner

Liturgist: Mike Dolan

Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld

Music: Emma Kruse

Sanctuary Team: Ed McCarthy

Readers: Julie & Dwight Conger

Servers: Roy Michelsen, Mark Bucholtz, Steve Northcott, Richard Cain

Greeters: Joyce Vincent, Art & Sue Wensink

Altar Guild: Linda and Heather Bucholtz

*Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Third Sunday of the month at Noon
Monday at 7:30 p.m.*

*Faith Hope Love Ministries throughout the week
Cross†raining for children Sunday at 10:45 a.m.*

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Upcoming Events:



(visit the web page or see the STL publication for more information)

S.A.S.S.

Soup and Sandwich Saturday - October 19th

We invite our community to come and join us in a hot meal, fellowship and the sharing of the love of Jesus.

Want to be a part of this exciting ministry?

Please sign up on the sheets are in the west entrance.

We need your time and talents!

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Thomas Lutheran Church on **11/21/2019**. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979, or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.



Market Day is Back! St. Thomas Lutheran Church is the organization to look for now when ordering from Market Day.

As a non-profit organization we too can benefit from the Market Day fundraising program. All ordering is done online. Please register at www.marketday.com, pick St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Eastpointe, MI as your organization (school), then shop. 10% of your order is given back to STL! It's that easy! Market Day is an amazing way to raise money for STL and have wholesome and delicious food delivered directly to your home or office. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



On-line Giving - Did you forget your mission support envelope/offering? You can scan this Quick Response (QR) code, with a QR decoder on your smart phone, it will take you to our on-line giving form, where you can have your mission support offering automatically taken from your checking account, or use your credit or debit card. You can also set up recurring giving! Visit our web page for more on-line giving options.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - October 6, 2019

L: Lord, You have called us to be a people of prayer, taught us to call You Father, and promised to answer the prayers of Your people mercifully. To this end, we come with the prayers, petitions and supplications of Your people in Jesus' name

(after each petition)

L: Lord, in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: All these things, O Lord, and whatever else we need, we pray You to grant us, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who died and rose again and even now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Our Primary Prayer focus for this month is on the mission of Christ's Church:

- The on-going heritage of women in mission for Jesus.
- The global mission of The Lutheran Hour.
- Christ's work here, in and through STL.
- His work throughout our Synod, and across the entire world.

And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth, this week remembering all military families, emergency responders, and hospital and hospice care workers. And those in hospice care especially Kathy Lopicollo (extended member).

To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com)

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Myron Engel, Alan Borowiak, Autumn Patty, Diane Ustick, Brenda Finger, Shirley McKernan, Elsie Gray (mother of Beverly Gray-Booth), Judi Todt (mother of Vicki Berkseth), Don Berkseth (father of Scott), Richard (brother-in-law of Roblyn Smith), James & Brigitte (friends of the Cooks), Alice Schmidt (mother of Lori Stolzenfeld), Jim Pagels (former member), Scott Baker (son-in-law of Diane Ustick), Luella Riske (granddaughter of Jim, Thrivent Rep.).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Sieg Gannon, Chris Huber, Cristal Morris (former preschool aide), John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Bob LaRoche and Jan Adams (family of Elsie Adams), Alyssa Delano (granddaughter of Theresa Delano), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Denise Godfrey (sister of Deborah Kujawski), Sydney Parkin (great-granddaughter of Caroline Henze), Kathy Johnson (friend of Vicki Leberg), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Shirley Grassa (aunt of Deborah Kujawski), Mark Loechle (son of Pat), Elaine Dixon (friend of Linda Taggart).



October 6, 2019

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