

Divine Service

Stories of God @ Work

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Preparation of the Heart

Opening Hymn

"Now Thank We All Our God"

LSB 895

Preparation of our Hearts to Hear

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

(time for personal reflection)

L: Make haste to deliver me, O God:

C: **Make haste, O Lord, to help me, for I am hurting on the inside, and have failed in helping others around me. In you, Lord Jesus, do I take my refuge. In your mercy, take away my sin and rescue me from all evil. You are my help and my deliverer. O Lord, do not delay.**

L: God has come in the person of Jesus to rescue you. He died for your sins and was raised for your justification. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, I announce the full forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Introit

"Speak O Lord"

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word; take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness, that the Light of Christ may be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, 'til Your Church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory!

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The Service of the Word

Reading of Holy Scripture

The First Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Verse

(all rise)

[LSB 156]

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

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

(Luke 17:11–19) ¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

LSB 846

Sermon

“For the Sake of the Elect”

2 Timothy 2:8-10

Our Response to God's Word

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

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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

[LSB 192]

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

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: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L: To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven ...**

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Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

[LSB 171]

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

C: **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

This is the feast of victory for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.

Distribution – at the Altar

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

Anthem

"Thanksgiving Canon"

A.L. Page

"When to Our World the Savior Came"

LSB 551
(tune: 426)

"Fight the Good Fight"

LSB 664

The Sending

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thank the Lord"

[LSB 164]

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction and Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(share the peace with one another)

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)*

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.”**



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.

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:

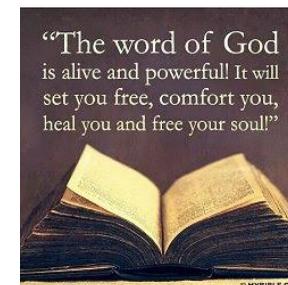
- Repair / replace the front (east) parking lot
- Repair / replace our oldest flat roofs

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. 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 October 6 total \$28,213.40.



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.

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: Deacon Don Cooley

Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld

Music: Celebration Singers

Sanctuary Team: Scott Berkseth

Readers: Emma Kruse, Matthew Northcott

Servers: Glenn Koepplin, Art Wensink, Kregg Fritsch

Greeters: Tim & Cheryl Phaneuf, Marilyn Redmond

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 - NEXT 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 are still in need your time and talents!

NEXT SUNDAY - October 20, 2019

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4.5

Sermon Topic: "Are You Equipped?" - Text: 1 Timothy 3:16-17

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.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week - October 13, 2019

L: Let us pray for the Lord's mercy upon all of us and upon all people as they have need.

(after each petition)

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Merciful Lord, grant us faith that works in love, hope that does not disappoint, compassion that does not fail, and confidence in Your mercy that does not waver, that we may live in faith all our days and then fall asleep in the arms of Your mercy and everlasting peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

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

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

And we remember the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering all grieving families, and Kathy Lopicollo (extended member), who is in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Carol Ferdinand, 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.), Scott Spencer (friend of Cardamones), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamones).

✠**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).



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