

# Divine Service

Stories of God @ Work

## Preparation of the Heart

### *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.**

### *Confession of Faith*

*"We Believe"*

**Solo:** In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear,  
there is only one foundation: We believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see.  
There is only one salvation: We believe, we believe.

**Chorus: We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.**

**We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.**

**We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.**

**Choir:** So Let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing,  
in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe. **Chorus All**

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.  
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again.**

Let the lost be found, let the dead be raised;  
In the here and now let love invade. Let the church live love!  
Our God, will see, "We believe! We Believe!"  
And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.  
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

**We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.  
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back, coming back again, coming back again.  
We believe, We believe!**

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### *The Prayer of the Day*

L: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your 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.**

### *The Peace of the Lord*

**Anthem**

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

T. Chisholm/W. Runyan

# The Service of the Word

## The Reading of Holy Scripture

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

<sup>14</sup>As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>**All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.**

<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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 18.

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

(Luke 18:1–8) <sup>1</sup>[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor

respected man. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

LSB 580

## Sermon

“Are You Equipped?”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

# Our Response to God's Word

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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 Hundredth]

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 ...**

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## 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

*“Children of the Heavenly Father”*

LSB 725

*“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”*

LSB 704



# The Sending

## The Post-Communion Canticle

*“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, My Praise”* [LW 245]

O Jesus, blessed Lord, my praise, My heart – felt thanks to you I raise;  
You have so lovingly bestowed On me your body and your blood,

Break forth, my soul, in joy and say: What wealth has come to me today,  
What health of body, mind, and soul! Christ dwells with – in me, makes me whole.

## Dismissal and Post-Communion Prayer

### Benediction

*Sending Hymn* *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”* LSB 722

*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)*



Today's flowers were given to honor and thank God  
from Roy & Judy Michelsen as they  
Celebrate their 47<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

# 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.

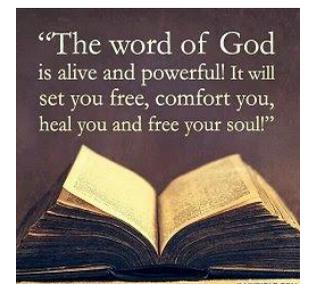
## **PROJECT 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH**

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 October 13 total \$28,333.40.



**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.

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## *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](http://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:** Deacon Don Cooley

**Organist:** Lori Stolzenfeld

**Sanctuary Team:** Chris deRuiter

**Servers:** Tim Hubmeier, Tim Phaneuf, Tim Kruse

**Greeters:** Kelly Andary, Debbie Barowicz

**Altar Guild:** Caroline Henze, Heather Miller

**Liturgist:** Rev. Rick VanBriggle

**Music:** Tony Berkseth & Matthew Northcott

**Readers:** Lisa Quinn, Mark Matheson

*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)

**NEXT SUNDAY - October 27, 2019**

### *Reformation Sunday*

Scripture Readings: Romans 3:19-28 / John 8:31-36

Sermon Topic: "A Part from the Law" - Text: Romans 3:21-22

**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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). We have 4 complimentary screening from Life Line to award to our members or community. Entry forms are located in the west hallway, next to the coffee condiment table. Complete the form, stick it in the box before November 12<sup>th</sup>, when the winners will be pulled. Winners will be called and then they will need to make an appointment and give them the comp # they will be provided. Any Questions call the church office.



**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](http://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.

### **STL Compassion Fund**

The STL Compassion (Almoners/Mercy) Fund has been established to offer support for households of the STL family during times of emergency. A special line in the restricted account keeps the funds received for those times of need. When requests come in from the STL family, they are then processed by the pastors and the Board of Elders. As God's people in Christ Jesus, we continue the practice described in 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.**"

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Your personal prayer guide for the week of:*

**October 20, 2019**

L: Lord, You have taught us to pray and have encouraged us to pray persistently and without fear. Hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us all good things for Your Church, for each of us as we have need, for the government and for all people.

*(after each petition)*

L Lord, in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy to provide us all things as we have need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

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

**And we remember** all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care especially Kathy Lopicollo (extended member).

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

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Carol Ferdinand, Myron Engel, Alan Borowiak, Diane Ustick, Brenda Finger, 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), Luella Riske (granddaughter of Jim, Thrivent Rep.), Scott Spencer (friend of Cardamones), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamones), Kimberly Ross (mother of Dayna), Sandra Bayse (sister of Brenda Finger).

✠**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).



*God's Gifts Equip  
us for Ministry*

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 20, 2019*

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*Rev. Richard A. VanBriggle, Specific Ministry Pastor*

*Deacon Don Cooley*