

# Divine Service

## Stories of God @ Work

### Preparation of the Heart

#### Opening Hymn

*“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”*

LSB 656  
(choir v. 2)

#### Preparation of our Hearts to Hear

(Psalm 46)

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

**C: Amen.**

L: God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present help in trouble.

**C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth gives way, and the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.**

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.

**C: “Be still, and know that I am God,” says He. “I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted in the earth.”**

L: The Lord of hosts is with us.

**C: The God of Jacob is our Fortress.**

L: O God of Jacob, we poor sinners come before you, pleading for mercy. We confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our deeds – by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

(tune: LSB 606)

**Congregation:**

**I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us from the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains.  
Clean in His blood most precious till not a spot remains.**

L: Lord God, our Refuge and Strength, remove our sin and renew within us Your Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:**

**I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;  
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.  
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;  
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.**

L: Be still, and know that He is The God who is rich in mercy. Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day and the Sharing of Peace

L: Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

*(share the peace with one another)*

#### Anthem

*“Sing to the Lord a New Song”*

K. Lee Scott

## The Service of the Word

### Reading of Holy Scripture

**Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>**But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—** <sup>22</sup>**the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.** For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

R: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

*(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.

R: The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 8.

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

**(John 8:31-36)** <sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

*“The Tree of Life”*

**All:** There in God’s garden stands the Tree of Wisdom,  
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations;  
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion, Tree of all beauty.

**Women:** Its name is Jesus, name that says, “Our Savior!”  
There on its branches see the scars of suff’ring;  
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood feed on its life blood.

**Men:** Thorns not his own are tangled in its foliage;

our greed has starved it, our despite has choked it.

Yet, look! It lives! its grief has not destroyed it nor fire consumed it.

**Choir:** See how its branches reach to us in welcome;

hear what the Voice says, “Come to me, ye weary!

Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow, I will give blessing.”

**All:** This is my ending, this my resurrection;

Into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.

This have I searched for; now I can possess it. This ground is holy.

**All:** All heav’n is singing, “Thanks to Christ whose  
Passion offers in mercy healing, strength and pardon.

Peoples and nations, take it, take it freely!” Amen! My Master!

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## Sermon

*“Apart from the Law”*

**Romans 3:21-22**

# Our Response to God's Word

## The Nicene Creed

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## Prayer of the Church

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## Announcements

## Offering/Voluntary

*“Trumpet Chorale”*

J.S. Bach

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)*



## ***Sending Prayer***

L: Lord, God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own, and to confirm those who have come to saving faith.

C: **May Your Word pass from our ears to our hearts, from our hearts to our lips, and from our lips to our lives that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.**

## ***Benediction***

## ***Sending Hymn***

*“The Lord Is My Salvation”*

The grace of God has reached for me, And pulled me from the raging sea.  
And I am safe on this solid ground. The Lord is my salvation.

I will not fear when darkness falls. His strength will help me scale these walls.  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun. The Lord is my salvation.

***Chorus: Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love,  
my debt is paid and the vict'ry won, the Lord is my salvation.***

My hope is hidden in the Lord. He flow'rs each promise of His Word.  
When winter fades. I know spring will come. The Lord is my salvation.

In times of waiting, times of need, when I know loss, when I am weak,  
I know His grace will renew these days. The Lord is my salvation. ***Chorus***

And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave.  
But I will rise, He will call me home. The Lord is my salvation. ***Chorus***

Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son.  
Glory be to God the Spirit. The Lord is my salvation. *(Repeat)*

The Lord is my salvation. The Lord is my salvation.

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*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 altar flowers were given to honor and thank our Lord  
from Tom & Mary Lee McKay  
in celebration of their 9<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***The 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

November 3, 2019

Scripture Readings: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12 / Luke 19:1-10

Sermon Topic: *“Blessed Are...”* - Text: Matthew 5:3-12



***Fall Back***

Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 3rd

## 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:** Rev. Mark W. Hetzner

**Liturgist:** Mike Dolan

**Organist:** Lori Stolzenfeld

**Music:** Kapelle & Handbells

**Sanctuary Team:** Tim Hubmeier

**Readers:** Terri & Fred Bauss

**Servers:** Paul Jatkowski, Ben Gibson, Anthony Berkseth

**Greeters:** Dana Haenke-Adam, Karen Hubbard

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

*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 training 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)

**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.

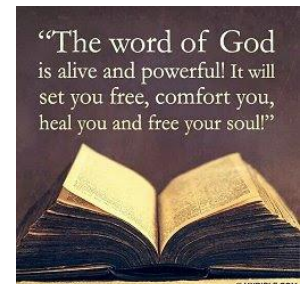


**Market Day is Back!** St. Thomas Lutheran Church is the organization to look for now when ordering from Market Day. As a non-profit organization we too can benefit from the Market Day fundraising program. All ordering is done online. Please register at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com), 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.



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## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - October 27, 2019

L: Let us pray to our dear Father in heaven as His dear children, asking Him to hear us for the sake of Christ and to grant us all things needful and all things beneficial for our salvation.

*(after each petition)*

L: Lord, in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Preserve Your Church, O Lord, and each of us as members of Christ's Body, that we may not surrender the true Gospel for any reason, but be kept in faith and mission throughout the days of our earthly pilgrimage.

C: **Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit, are one God, now and forevermore. Amen.**

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

- His work throughout our Synod, and across the entire world.
- 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.

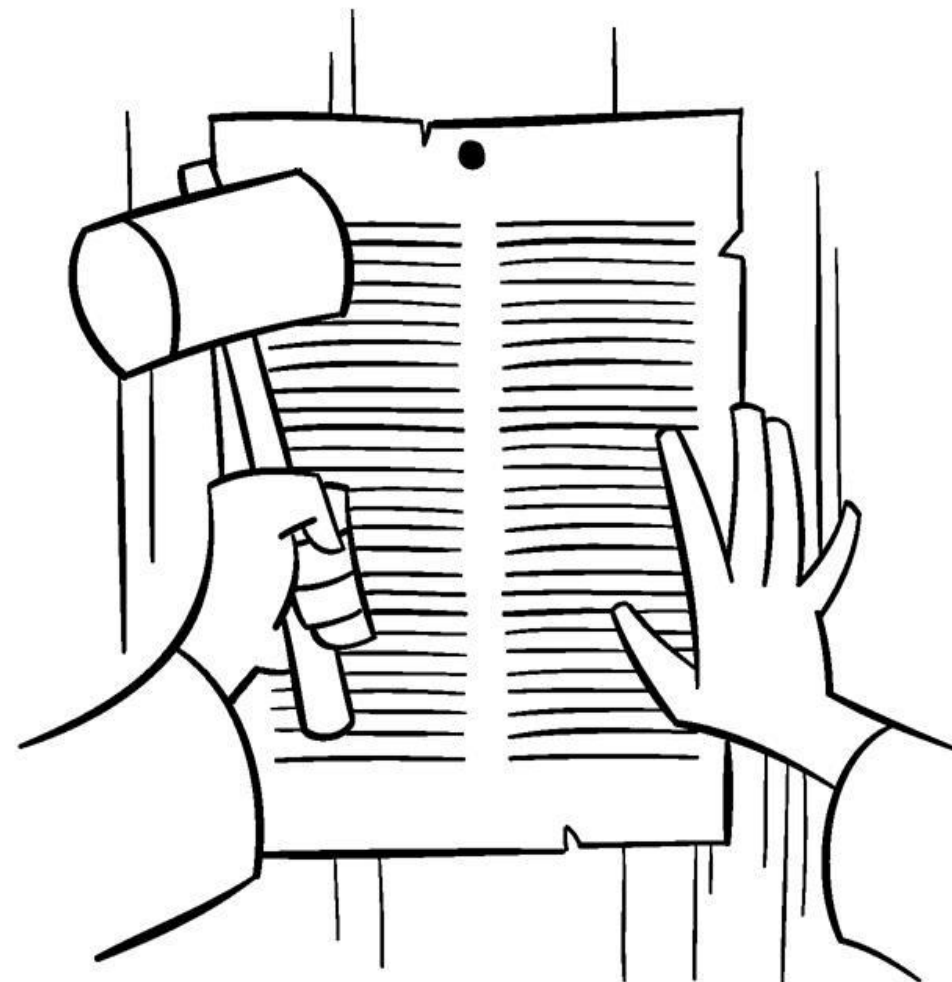
**And we pray for all the people Jesus will draw into our building this month.**

**And we remember those at both ends of life on this earth**, the unborn and newly born, and the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering especially all pregnant mothers, and Kathy Lopicollo (extended member). who are in hospice care.

† **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 & Brigette (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).



*Reformation Sunday*  
*October 27, 2019*

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