

Divine Service

Announcements

Preparation of the Heart

We Sing to the Lord

“Living Hope”

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I’m Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev’ry chain. There’s salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. (repeat)

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Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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You have broken ev’ry chain. There’s salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope. (repeat)

Jesus Christ, my living hope. O God, You are my living hope.

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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: If the Lord kept an account of our wrongdoings, who could stand?

C: **But with Him there is forgiveness, so that He 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: As God's forgiven people, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

C: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, ...** LSB inside back cover

L: O Lord, stir up the hearts of Your faithful people to welcome and joyfully receive Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, that He may find in us a fit dwelling place; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord

Anthem

“The Remembering”

J. Martin

The Service of the Word

The Reading of Holy Scripture

2 Thessalonians 1:1–5, 11–12

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is

increasing. ⁴Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

⁵This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering . . .

¹¹To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 19.

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

(Luke 19:1–10) ¹[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small of stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. ⁵And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” ⁶So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. ⁷And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” ⁸And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” ⁹And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

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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

“Jesus Sat with His Disciples”

LSB 932

Sermon

“Meeting Jesus”

Luke 19:5-10

Our Response to God's Word

The Prayer of the Church

Back page

Stories of God @ Work

Offering

Blessed by God to be a Blessing

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.” (Ephesians 1:3)

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Offertory

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

[LSB 159]

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

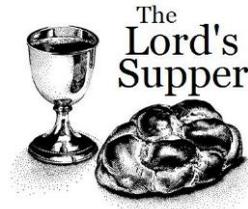
The Service of the Sacrament

“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

“Father Welcomes” LSB 605

“God Loves Me Dearly” LSB 392

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

"For All the Saints"

LSB 677, vs. 1, 4 & 8

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)



Today's altar flowers were given to honor and thank our Lord from Tom & Mary Lee McKay in celebration of their 9th wedding anniversary.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019

Scripture Readings: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 13-17 / Luke 20:27-40

Sermon Title: *"Our Comfortable (and Hopeful) Life"*

Text: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

God's Blessings

Try this: give a small child a cute teddy bear. The child's eyes will light up and a big smile will appear. Then, try to take it back. The smile turns to a frown, the eyes get dark, and "No, it's mine!!" rings in your ears. No matter what the good gift is, you won't get it back without a fuss.

Sound familiar? God gives us blessings every day. Our smile and eyes light up as our time, talent, and treasures pile up. Then, God asks us to give a little bit back. Our smile turns to a frown, our eyes get dark, and we say, "No, it's mine!" We think God is being unfair to ask for a small portion back of what entirely belongs to Him. We forget we are stewards, not owners.

Thankfully, God does not change. We receive His grace--His underserved love and mercy--every day. He brings that grace to us by means of the Word, Baptism, and Holy Communion. For everything God has done for us through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus to give us eternal life, how can we not be good stewards of the earthly blessings He daily provides and return a portion to Him? God is faithful and will take care of us.

***Father, thank You for Your daily blessings.
Help me to be a faithful steward of them. Amen***

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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, 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. Rick VanBriggle
Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld
Sanctuary Team: Jeff Lindeman
Servers: Mark Matheson, Dwight Conger, Ed McCarthy, Jafer Perez
Greeters: Dan & Annette Carreau, John & Marlene Cherry
Altar Guild: Karen Cichocki & Delia Greve

Liturgist: Rev. Mark W. Hetzner
Music: Linda Fritsch
Readers: Karen & Mike Dolan

*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)

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. 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 12th, 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.

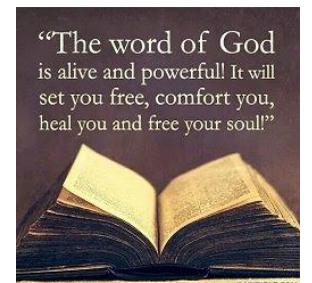


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New T – 1 K We have free New Testaments, free reading guides, and more. Our intent is to do more than just give away free Bibles, we wish to actually help people to read and understand the books we distribute. We currently have given out over 550 bibles, 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.



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - November 3, 2019

L: Encouraged by the great things God has done for and through His people in the past, let us pray for God's people today and for the needs of all people as He calls us to serve Him.

(after each petition)

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: O almighty God, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life, and called us to continue Your mission on earth. Though we deserve none of Your mercy and are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray.

C: **Amen.**

Our Primary Prayer focus this week is upon God CONNECTING PEOPLE to MISSION:

- Through our tithes and financial commitments
- Through those participating in Financial Peace University
- As he uses our time and talents for the good of his kingdom.
- Opening our eyes to see our gifts and opportunities to use them through our fall stewardship drive.

And we remember those on our cradle role, and those who are 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 †

†**Praise and Thanksgiving:** For the birth of a daughter to Autumn (Patty) & John Johnson.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Sherry Kourlos, Renee Thelen, 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), Alice Schmidt (mother of Lori Stolzenfeld), Scott Spencer (friend of Cardamones), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamones), Kimberly Ross (mother of Dayna), Sandra Bayse (sister of Brenda Finger), Jerry Finger (father of Josh), John Belvedere (son-in-law of Caroline Henze).

†**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), Luella Riske (granddaughter of Jim, Thrivent Rep.).

*The Son of Man
came to seek out
and to save the lost.*



*Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost
November 3, 2019*

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