

# Divine Service

## Announcements

## Preparation of the Heart

### We Sing to the Lord a New Song

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

**Chorus:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes. **Chorus**

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **Chorus**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come;  
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore! **Chorus x2**

Worship Your holy name, Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name,  
Worship Your holy name,  
Worship Your holy name.

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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, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Peace of the Lord

### Choir Anthem

*"Psalm of Thanksgiving"*

M.K. Beall/J. Carter

## The Service of the Word

### The Reading of Holy Scripture

2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the

evil one. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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 21.

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

**(Luke 21: 5-19, 25-28)** <sup>5</sup>While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup>And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup>And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup>And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup>But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup>**This will be your opportunity to bear witness.** <sup>14</sup>**Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer,** <sup>15</sup>**for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.** <sup>16</sup>You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your lives...

<sup>25</sup>“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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***

***“O Blessed Spring”***

LSB 595

# Our Response to God's Word

Prayer of the Church

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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)

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

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

LSB 809

*“Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”*

LSB 663

## The Sending

### 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

*“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”*

LSB 791

### 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 placed with praise and thanksgiving to God by Dan & Annette Carreau as they celebrate of their 5<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### 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.”***

**The Lutheran Witness** – is the official periodical of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. It is published 11 times a year and provides laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith, and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. It is a wonderful publication and a voice for the Gospel in each home. Each issue includes the *Michigan In Touch* supplement at no extra cost. The subscription year is March 2020 through February 2021, at a cost of only \$11.60/year if you place your order through the church office. If you are interested, please place check (made out to St. Thomas) before December 8<sup>th</sup> (cash also accepted) in an envelope marked LW and put in the offering plate or give to the church office, as payment is due in the district office by the 15<sup>th</sup>.



**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.

## *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:**

**Organist:** Lori Stolzenfeld

**Music:** Ladies Ensemble

**Sanctuary Team:** Scott Berkseth

**Readers:** Kelly Crivella & Art Wensink

**Servers:** Glenn Koeplin, Art Wensink, Kregg Fritsch

**Greeters:** Fred & Terri Bauss, Richard Cain

**Altar Guild:** Jan Audia & Joyce Vincent

*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 - Christ the King Sunday**

Remembrance Day - November 24, 2019

Scripture Readings: Romans 6:3-5, 10-11 / Ephesians 5:15-22, 25, 29-33  
1 Corinthians 15:50-58 / Matthew 5:3-12

Sermon Topic: "Blessed" Text: Matthew 5:3-12

**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).

### **November 27, 2019 - Thanksgiving Eve**

**Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.**

**"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"**

**November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.**

**Help decorate the church for our Christmas celebrations.**

**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 600 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.

"The word of God is alive and powerful! It will set you free, comfort you, heal you and free your soul!"



## Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week - November 17, 2019

L: Holy God, mighty Lord, hear Your people as they pray, and grant to them all things needful and beneficial for the advance of Your kingdom.

*(after each petition)*

L: Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: O blessed Lord, You have promised never to abandon us and always to provide all that we need for this day and for eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, hear the prayers of Your people, giving us grateful and generous hearts. To You, the eternal God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be glory now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

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

- Christ's work here, in and through the people of STL.
- The mission of our Michigan District, LCMS.
- Our on-going heritage of educating minds, growing faith and serving people.
- His work throughout our Synod, and across the entire world.

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

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

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**Praise and Thanksgiving:** for a healthy son, Jackson Keith, born to Keith Engel and Jessica Pollock on 11/3/19.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Elsie Adams, Sherry Kourlos, Renee Thelen, Carol Ferdinand, 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), Anthony Giacalone (son of friend of Deb Kujawski).

✠**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.).



*Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost  
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