

# Remembrance Sunday

**“Our Mission – Remembered and Imagined”**

**“CONNECTING TO JESUS”**

**Prelude**

*“Quiet Reflections”*

Choristers Guild

**God at Work**

**The Scripture Reading**

**Romans 6:3-5, 10-11**

<sup>3</sup>Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

<sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup>So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Opening Hymn**

*“By Faith”*

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design;  
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the po’r of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand, a place where peace and justice reign. **Chorus**

**Chorus: We will stand as children of the Promise.  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.**

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear,  
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the Church was called to go in the pow’r of the spirit to the lost,  
to deliver captives and to preach Good News in ev’ry corner of the earth. **Chorus**

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow’r of the Gospel shall prevail,  
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His Name.

**We will stand as children of the Promise.  
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.  
Till the race is finished and the work is done,  
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight. (Repeat)**

We’ll walk by faith and not by sight.

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**Baptismal Remembrance**

[Psalm 95]

- L: Come, let us shout joyfully to the Lord, shout triumphantly to the rock of our salvation!  
**C: Let us enter his presence with thanksgiving; let us shout triumphantly to him in song.**  
L: For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods.  
**C: The sea is his; he made it. His hands formed the dry land.**  
L: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
**C: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep under his care.**  
L: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your heart.  
**C: We know that we are a people whose hearts go astray. We do not follow his ways.**  
L: Let us, therefore, confess our sins to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.  
**C: Lord, be merciful to us: Forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, give us Your comfort and peace, transform our lives, fill us with hope, and increase our love for all.**  
L: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C: Amen.**  
L: Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful Father, through Holy Baptism you have washed us in the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, made us to be your children and heirs of eternal life.  
**C: Renew in us this gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in faith, hope and love,**  
L: And be united in fulfilling your mission on earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C: Amen.**

**Hymn**

*“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”*

LSB 594, vs. 1-3

**The Baptismal Roll Call:**

**Aubrey Malone Biliti, Faya Laurine Reberry, Violet Mae Holloway,  
James David Marlin (adult), Jeffrey Jamal Woods JR, Nazaray Jayda Armstrong,  
Nazeir Jayavonnie Armstrong, Nazalaya Jalaya Armstrong, Weston Thomas Perich,  
Kellan James Perich, Aggie Ann Perich, Lily Marie Nichols (adult), Elena Laura Perez**



**Roll of New Mission Commitments**

**Prayer**

**Hymn**

*“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”*

LSB 594, vs. 4-5

**“... AND TO ONE ANOTHER”**

**Recognition of Weddings and Anniversaries**

R: A Scripture reading from Ephesians 5.

C: **Open my ears, O Lord, that I may hear your word.**

**(Ephesians 5:15-22, 25, 29-33)** <sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

<sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn**

*“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

[LSB 922]  
(wedding & 4)

In this union I have joined you Husband and wife,  
Now, My children, live together As heirs of life:  
Each the other’s gladness sharing, Each the other’s burdens bearing,  
Now, My children, live together As heirs of life.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.  
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

**Roll Call: Weddings and Anniversaries**



**Prayer**

**“LIVING WITH JESUS”**

**Anthem**

*“God of Heaven”*

H. Sorenson

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 5:3-12**

R: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 5.

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

<sup>3</sup>**Blessed** are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>**Blessed** are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>**Blessed** are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>**Blessed** are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>**Blessed** are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>**Blessed** are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>**Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>**Blessed** are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>**Blessed** are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

R: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day**

*“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)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise. Your buried body began to breathe out of the silence. The Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.

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Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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)

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

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**Sermon**

*"Blessed"*

**Matthew 5:3-12**

**Apostles Creed**

**Prayers**

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**Offering and Attendance Registration**

*(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!*

## 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)*

**Voluntary**

*"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

P. Hurlbutt

## *"THE INTIMATE CONNECTION"*

*"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.]*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

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: We thank You for the life we have today, and for the new world to come, all given freely to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ.**



### **Lord's Prayer**

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

**C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

### **Words of Institution**

## Communion Canticle

### “Behold the Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

**So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life; paid the price to make us one.

**So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

**So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth. As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: “Christ will come again!” And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.

Around the table of the King.

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## 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 distribution

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

LSB 748

“Abide with Me”

LSB 878, vv. 1, 5 & 6

## Dismissal

# “THE ULTIMATE CONNECTION”

## Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

### The Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

<sup>50</sup>I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. <sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, <sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. <sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” <sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L: Lord God, Heavenly Father

**P: We thank you for adopting us into your family through Holy Baptism.**

L: Lord Jesus, our Redeemer

**P: We praise you as the first-fruits of the resurrection of all flesh.**

L: O, God the Holy Spirit

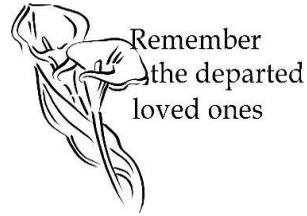
**P: We ask you to make us faithful to death, that we may receive the crown of eternal life.**

L: That we might celebrate with all who have gone before us in your glorious presence,

**P: in that ultimate connection with You forever and ever. Amen.**

**Roll Call:**

**Leopolda "Paula" Matziol, Kathleen Ross, Curtis Lamont Hogan JR,  
Nancy Raggio, Aurelia Kapler, Mary Jane Riley,  
Irmgard H. Slater, David Joseph Deubel, Olga Elsie Firchau,  
Daniel Raymond Snyder, James David Marlin, Janet Hagen,  
Leone Ruth Vondette, Bobby H. Nelson,  
Margaret Theresa Juchart, Werner Gunther**



Remember  
the departed  
loved ones

**Prayer**

**Carnations & Prayers**

**Solo**                    *"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"*

**Closing Prayer and Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**                    *"Thine the Amen"*                    LSB 680

***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)*

**"Blessed by God to be a Blessing"**

Everything we have comes from God's bountiful hand and is a blessing to us from His love. Our response to God's provision is one of contentment and thanksgiving, realizing that God is indeed our Source. Additionally, we are called to use those resources — time, talents and treasure — which God has given to us in a manner that reflects God's love to all of creation. This is what stewardship is all about.

Stewardship, in fact, has been compared to a three-legged stool. Remove one of the legs, and the stool cannot stand. But when all three legs are present, then the stool is able to do that for which it was designed. Similarly, a stewardship lifestyle consists of time, talents and treasure, all of which are gifts from God and all of which are to be used for God's glory.

How can we who have been blessed by God in turn be a blessing to others? One of the primary ways is by giving to the ministry here at Saint Thomas Lutheran. Our giving to God is thus a response to His blessings in our life and to His love for us. We do not give to prove anything or to earn anything. Rather, we give out of joyful hearts that have been redeemed by God's grace and in response to all He has done for us.

Total stewardship consists of giving to God our time, our talents and our treasure. But even as we emphasize those three important elements, let's remember that the "treasure" aspect is very important. In some ways, it is the culmination of a stewardship lifestyle. As one person expressed it so vividly before the offering was received in his church, "Lord, in spite of all we say or do, this is what we think of you."

**Thank you for giving of yourself**, of your time, of your talents and of your treasure to the work of the Lord here at Saint Thomas Lutheran. Thank you for following the pattern of Abraham who realized he had been blessed by God to be a blessing to others. Thank you for seeking God's direction concerning your financial support of this ministry as part of this year's stewardship emphasis. And thank you for being faithful to the Lord as you covenant with Him concerning your giving in the future. Remember, we have been "blessed by God to be a blessing."

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent***

December 1, 2019

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7:10-17 / Luke 1:39-48

Sermon Topic: "Joy in the Face of Pain" - Text: Luke 1:46-48



Today's flowers were given in thanksgiving to our Lord for the birthday of Janet Semenjok.

**Pick up your Advent Devotionals at the door as you leave.**

## *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:** Deacon Don Cooley

**Organist:** Lori Stolzenfeld

**Music:** Kapelle, Handbells, Matthew Northcott

**Sanctuary Team:** Chris deRuiter

**Readers:** Cathy & Tim Hubmeier

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

**Greeters:** Ben & Roberta Gibson, Frieda Ziegler

**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  
Crosstraining for children Sunday at 10:45 a.m.*

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## **Upcoming Events:**



(visit the web page or see the STL publications for more information)

## **Mark Your Calendars**

**November 27<sup>th</sup> – Thanksgiving Eve Service at Noon & 7:00 p.m.**

**November 30<sup>th</sup> – Decorate the Church for Christmas – 9 a.m.**

**December 1<sup>st</sup> – Advent Begins – 9:30 am**

**December 4<sup>th</sup> – Midweek Advent Service – 1 pm (also 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>)**

**December 7<sup>th</sup> – Advent Aglow – 6 pm**

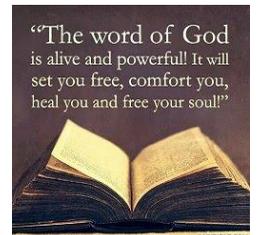
**December 8<sup>th</sup> – Advent Carol Service – 9:30 am**

**December 10<sup>th</sup> – Caroling – 6:30 pm**

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – Midweek Advent Service – 1 & 7 pm**

**Advent Aglow** - Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Advent Aglow is an opportunity for women to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus their minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. Beautiful decorations and fellowship provide a delightful atmosphere for our ladies to enjoy music, food, a message from a guest speaker, and Christmas Carols by candlelight. Registration is located in the west entrance.

**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 700 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.



**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.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - November 24, 2019

L: Sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, let us come in the name of Jesus and pray on behalf of all people as they have need, ourselves included.

*(after each petition)*

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: That we may never forget the mighty works by which the Lord has saved us, that we may respond to His acts of deliverance with the lives of sacrifice and thanksgiving, and that we may give to these prayers the "Amen" of faith, confident of the Lord's mercy and wisdom, let us pray 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 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.

**And we remember** all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care especially Myron Engel.

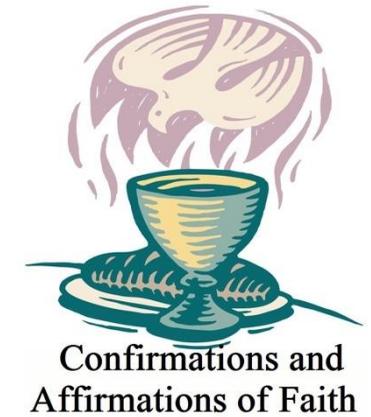
**To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan ([mdolan421@gmail.com](mailto:mdolan421@gmail.com))**

† **In Our Thoughts and Prayers** †

✠**For Loved Ones Called Home:** For the family Kathy LoPiccollo (extended member) who passed away last Sunday. Her funeral is at STL at 11 am on 11/25.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Shannon Dawda, 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), John Belvedere (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), Anthony Giacalone (son of friend of Deb Kujawski), Kari Inglesoll (niece of Diane Carr), Paul Odendahl (brother-in-law of Eleanor Cardamone).

✠**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.).



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