

Holy Gospel

(all rise)

Matthew 3:13-17

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 3

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

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶**And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."**

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

"Stepping Forward with Power"

Matthew 3:16-17



Connecting PEOPLE to MISSION

Announcements

The Prayer of the Church

L: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have blessed us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom that, as they grow in years and in the knowledge of Your Word, we, ever walking with Jesus, may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good. Lord, in Your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Almighty God, grant us, and many others, a steadfast **faith** in Jesus Christ, a cheerful **hope** in Your mercy, and a sincere **love** for You and one another through the encouragement and supportive community offered in our FHL ministry; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Offering

**God expects Christians to pay their taxes,
since the government is ordained and authorized by God.**
*"... render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's,
and to God the things that are God's." (Matthew 22:21)*

Voluntary

"His Name is Jesus"

S. Cooper

Offertory

[BOB 89]

Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever.
Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!
Come, Spirit, come and fill our hearts with wisdom,
That we may long to worship You alone.

Welcoming New People to the STL Mission Team

Julie Cox, Kim Dunaway, Carol Matheson, Veronica Morris,
Patricia (Patti) Prill and Carol Sherman

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.]

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.

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.**

L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life .

C: **We give You thanks that through Him, and by the power of Your Spirit, we receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Canticle

[BOB 89]

Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever.

Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!

Come, Spirit, come and fill our hearts with wisdom,

That we may long to worship You alone.

Oh Spirit, come and unite us In one communion with our Lord.

Free us from the chains that bind us, For the Comforter has come.

Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever.

Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!

Come, Spirit, come and fill our hearts with wisdom,

That we may long to worship You alone.

Distribution – at the Altar

Hymns during the Distribution

“Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered”

LSB 404

“Beautiful Savior”

LSB 537

The Sending

Post-Communion Canticle

[BOB 89]

Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever.

Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!

Come, Spirit, come and fill our hearts with wisdom,

That we may long to worship You alone.

For Jesus is the Father's only Son, Given in love for everyone.

Lamb of sacrifice, a humble King, He gave His life so we might live.

Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever.

Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!

Come, Spirit, come and fill our hearts with wisdom,

That we may long to worship You alone.

Closing Prayers

Benediction and Peace

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)

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7 / John 1:29-42a

Sermon Title: *“Power Unleashed”* Text: John 1:35-42a

Ministry Survey Update – Today, during our FHL Open House, we will be having our members update their Ministry Survey which is found on the STL website. We are encouraging all members to update their Ministry Survey. The Ministry Survey is also located on the STL website (stl-eastpointe.org) under the pull down “RESOURCES” and then under the pulldown “MEET STL.” Please note that this update is for all of the members here at STL . . . even those of you who have completed the survey in the past. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated!

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.



Join us for one of the following starting next week

For the adults:

Faith Hope Love Gatherings

Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.

10 Women of the Bible – Room 207

Women Only “I am Loved” By Wendy Blight - Room 101

Sunday Gospel Talks – Room 205

The Book of Acts – Room 204

For the Children:

Crosstraining our Children in Christ

“Sunday School for the next generation”

Immediately after worship – ages three through fifth grade – room 208

PB&J Childcare for those under 3 - Room 203

Facilitator Host: Paula Szymczak

Opportunities during the week:

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Multi-generational - “Foundations” (Ken Ham)

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men – S†L - Fireside Lounge - “2nd Peter”

**Wednesday: 8:30 p.m. Millennials - S†L - Fireside Lounge
“God Questions of the Modern Age”**

**Thursday: 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. Multi-generational – S†L Room 101
“The Gospel of Matthew”**

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Men – S†L - Fireside Lounge - “1st Thessalonians”

Contact the church office for more information

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 (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:** Rev. Rick VanBriggle
Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld **Music:** Celebration Singers
Sanctuary Team: Tim Hubmeier **Reader:** Emma Kruse, Mark Matheson
Servers: Roy Michelsen, Glenn Koeplin, Mark Bucholtz, Richard Cain
Greeters: Joyce Vincent, Art & Sue Wensink
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/raining for children Sunday at 10:45 a.m.*

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Watch services on FaceBook – videotaping in progress during service

Upcoming Events:



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

FPU – beginning January 15th

(Financial Peace University)

Go to <https://www.fpu.com/1107890> to register.

We have 2 scholarships available to help deter the cost.
For more information call the church office.

Community Saturday – January 18th

Many hands are needed to welcome our community
and provide food and clothing to them.

Contact the Kruse's about the Food Pantry
and Marilyn Redmond to help with the clothing closet.

Voters Assembly – January 28th

Blood Drive – February 2nd

Make your appointment by going to www.redcrossblood.org
and look for St. Thomas' blood drive.

S.A.S.S.

Soup and Sandwich Saturday

February 15th



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

January 12, 2020

Our Primary Prayer focus this week is upon God's Work in the STL family:

- Filling us with faith, hope and love.
- Moving us toward greater and more active love for our neighbor.
- Equipping people through the "Meet STL Survey" and Financial Peace University.
- Drawing many into FHL groups through our "Prayer Stick" ministry.

And we remember those on our cradle role, and those who are in hospice care.

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

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Janet Semenjok, Adam Vincent, Elise Dawada (daughter of Tom & Shannon) , Alan Borowiak, Diane Ustick, Scott Spencer (friend of Cardamones), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamones), 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), Rose Collins (cousin of Deb Kujawski), Roseanne (friend of Karen Hubbard), Al Knopp (former teacher at STL), Ken Taggart (former member), Jackson Engel (son of Keith).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Sieg Gannon, Chris Huber, Cristal Morris (former preschool aide), John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert 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), Kathy Johnson (friend of Vicki Leberg), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Shirley Grassa (aunt of Deborah Kujawski), Luella Riske (granddaughter of Jim, Thrivent Rep.).

Portal of Prayer – Large and small print

Now available around the building (no longer in mailboxes)

Pick up a copy for a friend when you pick up your copy!

2020 Envelopes are available in the west hallway! Please stop by the table, print your name on the list next to the envelope # you are taking home. Information for electronic giving is also available. If you have any questions, contact Linda in the church office.



The Baptism of our Lord

January 12, 2020

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