

Divine Service

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude "Hope" L. Hollander

Stories of God at Work

Opening Hymn "Voices Raised to You We Offer" LSB 795

Opening Liturgy (Romans 10)

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

C: Amen.

L: The Word made flesh is near you; he is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the message concerning the faith that we proclaim.

C: If we declare with our mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

L: There is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.

C: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

L: Together as His people let us call upon the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, open our ears and our hearts to your Word, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and by his blood we are made new. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise "To God on High Be Glory" [LSB 204]

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in power are seated at God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Prayer of the Day

L: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sharing of Peace

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem "God Is So Good" D. Wagner

Holy Gospel (all rise) John 1:29-42a

C: Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten radiance of the Father's face,
Word made flesh, who lived among us full of truth and full of grace,
Shine upon our human darkness; pierce the night that shrouds our race.

Come, Lord Jesus, by your Spirit in our hearts your work begin,
Bring the healing restoration of your image lost by sin;
From your fullness all receiving grace on grace, new life within.

[LSB 914, vv.1, 4 / tune LSB 367]

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 1.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

²⁹The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴²He brought him to Jesus.

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 "Lamb of God" LSB 550

Sermon "Power Unleashed" John 1:35-42a

The Apostles' Creed LSB inside back cover

Prayer of the Church back page

Announcements

Offering/Voluntary

**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)*

Offertory "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" [LSB 208]

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Preparation for the Sacrament

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 shall not perish but have eternal life.

C: We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of his cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in his body and blood.

L: Hear us as we pray in his name and as he has taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

LSB back cover

Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Sacrament – Continuous Line

“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.

Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”

[LSB 210]

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Hymns during Distribution

“I Lay My Sins on Jesus”

LSB 606

“Great Is Thy faithfulness”

LSB 809

Post-Communion Canticle

“Nunc Dimittis”

[LSB 211]

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

Dismissal and Sending Prayer

Benediction

Sending Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

LSB 702

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

The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4 / Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon Topic: “The Kingdom of God is at Hand” - Text: Matthew 4:17

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
Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld
Sanctuary Team: Jeff Lindeman
Servers: Tim Hubmeier, Tim Phaneuf, Tim Kruse, Gregg Fritsch
Greeters: Tim & Cheryl Phaneuf, Marilyn Redmond
Altar Guild: Caroline Henze & Heather Miller

Liturgist: Rev. Rick VanBriggle
Music: Handbells
Reader: Lisa Quinn, Art Wensink
Audio Tech: Liam Quinn

*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)

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

The STL Compassion 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.”***

2019 Mission Support Statements are now in your mailbox!

Please pick up your statement today – to save mailing at the end of the month!

Thank You!



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 19, 2020

L: Let us pray together in the Lord's name and for the mercy He has promised to all in need.

(after each petition)

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Gracious Lord, receive the prayers of Your people according to Your promise, and grant to us all things needful but keep from us all things harmful, that we may be kept safe and secure in the arms of our Savior until He comes to bring all things to their perfect fulfillment; 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.
- Gods work through the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod across the globe.

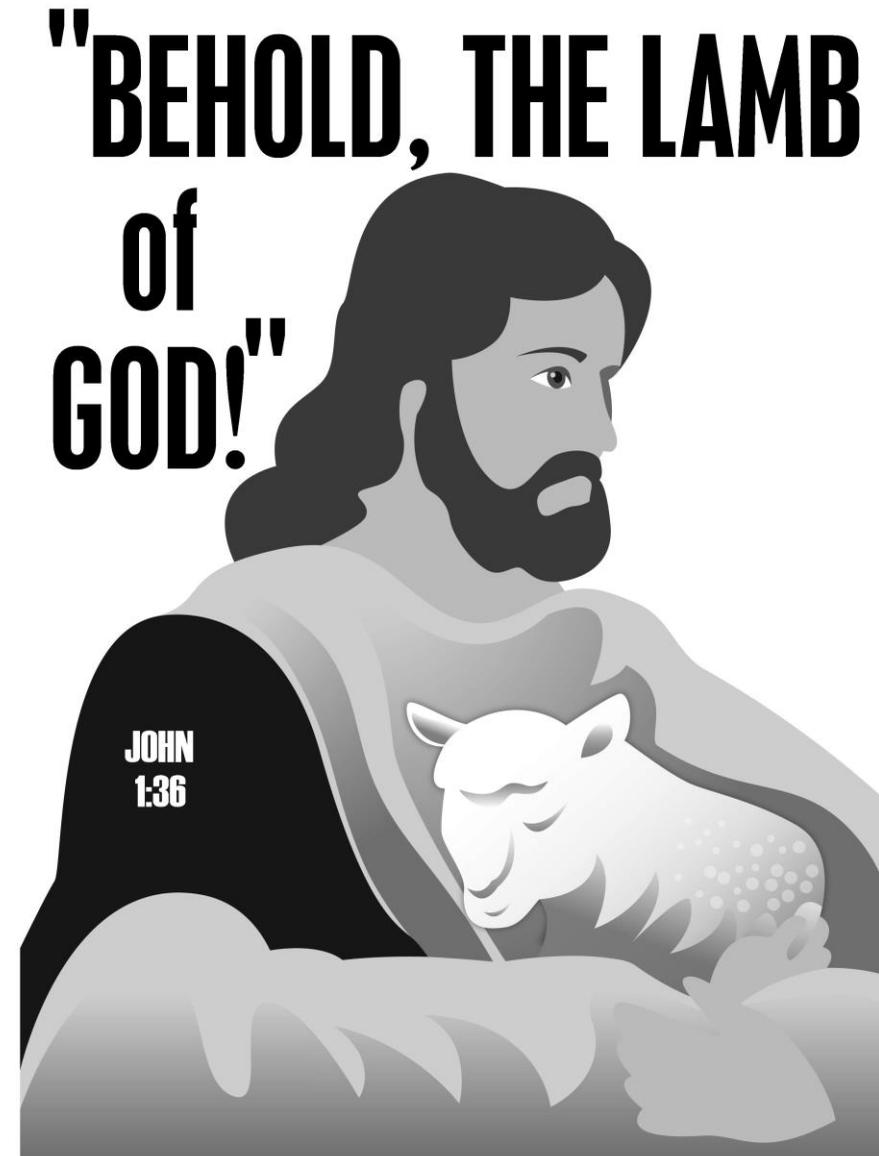
And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth, this week remembering all military families, emergency responders, and hospital and hospice care workers.

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

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Janet Semenjuk, 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.).



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