

Divine Service

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

MISSION ONE: Giving TO

Stories of God @ Work

Preparation of the Heart

Opening Hymn *“O Day of Rest and Gladness”* LSB 906

The Preparation of our Hearts to Hear

- L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**
L: You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession.
C: **We are here to declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.**
L: People do not light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone around.
C: **We will go out, into our community, to let our light shine before others, that they may see the good work God is doing, and believe in Jesus as their Savior and Lord.**
L: We pause to reflect upon the opportunities that God is placing before us to share his light.

(time for personal reflection)

- L: Gracious God:
C: **Have mercy on us. The harvest is plentiful, but we have not always been willing to go out with your love to those around us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the mission field of our community, to the honor and glory of your holy name, and the growth of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**
L: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, empower you to greater witness and keep you in eternal life.
C: **Amen.**

(Prayer of the Day is based upon Acts 4:29-31)

- L: Lord God, look upon the threatening times in which we live and grant to us, your servants, that we may speak your word with all boldness and love, while you stretch out your hand for healing, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.
C: **Fill us with your Holy Spirit that we all may speak your word boldly in all circumstances. Amen.**

We Sing to the Lord a New Song

“Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God’s own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

**Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.**

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice.
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ. **Refrain**

In this world where’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

We have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.

Arranged by John Purifoy, Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo
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The Service of the Word

The Reading of Holy Scripture

The Word Goes Out

James 3:13 – 4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish

ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Verse (all rise) [tune LSB 950]

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered
Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
With grace unbounded.

R: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 9

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Mark 9:30-37) ³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. And (Jesus) did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the

twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶**And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."**

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Gospel Verse [tune LSB 950]

Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from every nation
His new creation.

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 "Father Welcomes" LSB 605

Sermon "MISSION ONE: Giving TO the Needs of People" Mark 9:36-37

Our Response to God's Word

The Nicene Creed LSB inside back cover

The Prayer of the Church Back Page of Worship Folder

Announcements

Offering

Because all that we have belongs to God,
our goal in using that which belongs to Him is to glorify Him.

*“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31)*

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.

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The Service of the Sacrament

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.

Lord's Prayer

LSB inside back cover

Words of Institution

The 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.

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Distribution - Altar

*All who wish to come forward will be ushered down the aisle
to receive the body and blood of Jesus or a blessing.
Please carry your hymnal or worship folder and continue to sing as you participate.*

*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 are coming for a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest*

Hymns during the Distribution:

Anthem

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

P. Christiansen

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

LSB 642

“Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

LSB 637



The Sending

The 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.

Benediction and Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

(we share the peace with one another)

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)*



FAITH, HOPE, LOVE MINISTRY -2018

"experiencing faith, hope, and love in community with Christ"

1 Corinthians 13:13

The Fellowship Cafe

"grab a cup of coffee and a treat on your way to your group"
immediately after worship – with places to meet and a short walk to your FHL group.

Through FHL @ STL you will experience:

Spiritual growth - **faith development** in an environment that eliminates embarrassment, welcomes inquiry, and connects to daily life.

Personal encouragement - **hope that grows** through shared stories, prayer, and the light of Jesus Christ piercing through the darkness of sin in our world.

Supportive community - **the love of Christ** knocking down barriers, developing real friendships that go beyond Sunday morning, and filling lives with joy and freedom, peace and purpose.

Sundays @ 10:45 a.m.

Crosstraining our Children in Christ – S†L Room 208

Age three through fifth grade

Crosstraining – JC Style – S†L Room 211

Grades 6 through high school

FHL WOMEN – S†L Room 101 – "Living So That (Making Faith-filled Choices)"

Facilitator Host: Elizabeth Kruse (cell: 313-801-4387)

FHL Multi-generational – S†L Room 204 – "Luther's Small Catechism"

Facilitator Host: Cathy Meer/Rick VanBriggle (cell: 586-925-3260)

FHL Multi-generational – S†L Room 205 – "Sunday Gospel Talks"

Facilitator Host: Don Cooley (cell: 586-291-7538)

FHL Multi-generational – S†L Room 207 – "Being Lutheran"

Facilitator Host: Delia Greve (cell: 586-883-5309)

Weekday gatherings also available

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. Mark W. Hetzner

Liturgist: Don Cooley

Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld

Music: Kapelle

Sanctuary Team: Tim Phaneuf

Readers: Karen Gartrell

Servers: Mark Matheson, Dwight Conger, Ed McCarthy, Jafer Perez

Greeters: Dana Hanenke-Adam, Karen Hubbard

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
Crossraining 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)

GRIEF SHARE – Wednesday Evenings

Facilitator: Pastor Rick VanBriggle

STL Room 101 @ 7:00 p.m., beginning September 19th

Mark Your Calendars for these upcoming events:

(watch for more information)



October 14th – Fund Raiser for Restore Detroit, hosted by Mt. Calvary, held at STL

October 20th – Soup and Sandwich Saturday

November 18th – Remembrance Sunday

November 21st – Thanksgiving Eve Service at Noon & 7:00 p.m.

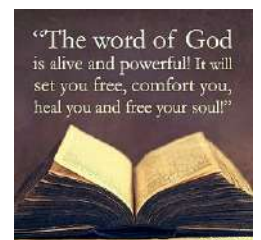
December 1st – Decorate the Church for Christmas

December 2nd – Beginning of Advent

December 8th – Advent Aglow

December 9th – Advent Carol Service

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 248 bibles, with 198 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 church 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.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week - September 23, 2018

(after each petition)

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Our Primary Prayer Focus this week is upon the work of the Holy Spirit IN and THROUGH:

- STL Staff: Eleanor, Jerry, Linda, Lori, Shane, Tony, and the pastors.
- The 1.000 individuals who will read the entire New Testament with us this year.
- All who served, and were served by, last Saturday's Food Pantry and Clothing Closet.

And we remember the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering all grieving families, especially Lucille Setter (sister-in-law of Caroline Henze) and Ken Mertz, who are in hospice care.

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

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**For Loved Ones Called Home:** For the family of Dorothy Dolan, mother of Mike Dolan, who was called home last Saturday, 9/15.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Lepolda Matziola, Nancy Raggio, Lori Kucharek, Leone Vondette, Sandy Patch, Mary Jane Riley, Aurelia Kapler, Diane Ustick, Janet Semenjuk, Scott Baker (Diane Ustick's grandson), Warren Cooley (father of Don), Tom Spanos (Caroline Henze's daughter-in-law's father), Amanda Charron (niece of the Frasers), Sandy Holmes (friend of Vicki Leberg & Karen Cichocki, Kathy Johnson (frined of Vicki Leberg), Cade and Chance Sigmon (great grandsons of Robin Durke), Denise Godfrey (sister of Deborah Kujewski), Edziu Kieltyka (infant son of Rachel Hetzner's friend).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Curtis Hogan JR, Chris Huber, David Deubel, Sieg Gannon, Beth White and Matt Tilton (family of Elsie Adams), Alyssa Delano (granddaughter of Theresa Delano), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Val Seagraves (friend of Caroline Henze).

NEXT SUNDAY:

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost - September 30, 2018

Scripture Readings: James 5:13-20 / Mark 9:38-50

Sermon Topic: MISSION ONE: Guiding with - Text: Mark 9:38-41



“Whoever
welcomes
one of these
little children
in my name
welcomes me...”

Mark 9:37

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