

Divine Service

Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

Stories of God @ Work

Preparation of the Heart

Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB 905

The Preparation of our Hearts to Hear

L: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of His glory.

C: **Blessed is He who has come and is to come in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, we cry aloud with joyful voice and say:

C: **Glory be to you, O God, the Savior of all, forever and ever. Amen.**

(time for personal reflection)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us as we pray:

C: **We confess that we have run away from you and have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves. We have refused to bear the troubles of others and have turned from our neighbors. Rather than blessing all people as You call us to do, we have filled our hearts with anger, hate and reviling. Lord Jesus, in your mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; in Your name we pray. Amen.**

P: Christ Jesus did, indeed, die for your sins, and was raised for your justification. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

L: Merciful Lord, cleanse and sanctify Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving the fruits of His redeeming work and daily follow in His way; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“God of Grace”

[LSB 850, vs. 1 & 2]

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

The Service of the Word

The Reading of Holy Scripture

The First Scripture Reading

Hebrews 11:17–31; 12:1–3

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as if on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they

had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Verse

[CH 184, vs. 1]

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me.

Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.

Please be near me to the end. ***Refrain***

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R: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 12.

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

(Luke 12:49–53) ⁴⁹[Jesus said:] “I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

The Gospel Verse

[CH 184, vs. 2]

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.

Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;

I will love You to the end. ***Refrain***

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

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655

Sermon

“Baptism with Fire”

Luke 12:49-50

Our Response to God's Word

The Confession of Faith

(The 3rd Article of the Apostles Creed)

L: What is the Third article of the Apostles Creed?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

L: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true

Prayer of the Church

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Announcements

Money is a means to the greater end of glorifying God as we demonstrate practical Christianity in our lives.

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

Offertory

[LSB 918, v. 2]

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

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: Thanks and praise be to you, O Father, who sent Your only Son into the world to be a man, born of a woman, to die for us on a cross that was made by us.

C: **He walked among us, as a man, on our earth, in our world of conflict, and commanded us to remember His death, His death which gives us life; and to wait for Him until He comes again in glory.**

L: We remember his death; we live by His presence; we wait for His coming.

C: **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

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Words of Institution

The Canticle

[LSB 918, v. 1]

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Distribution - Continuous Line

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

“I’m But a Stranger Here”

LSB 748

“Fight the Good Fight”

LSB 664

The Sending

The Post-Communion Canticle

[LSB 850, v. 4]

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Dismissal

Post-Communion Prayer

Benediction and sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(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)

VBS - VACATION BIBLE SUNDAYS

STL is excited to announce a special summer program for families. It will be every Sunday in July through August, from 10:45 - 11:45. Included is a special program for mothers and their daughters, ages 8-12, led by Cathy Hubmeier. They are meeting in the Fireside Lounge located in the south end of the building next to the gym. Please join us!

NEXT SUNDAY

The 11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2019

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 12:4-14 / Luke 13:22-30

Sermon Topic: *“Door Number One”* - Text: Hebrews 12:4-14

PROJECT 2019

No one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:11

The goal of Project 2019 is to raise \$120,000.00 for two capital projects at STL

These projects are:

- Repair / replace the front (east) parking lot
- Repair / replace our oldest flat roofs

Three years ago, in Project 2016, we repaired the west parking lot and the flat roofs on the west side of our building. Project 2019 is phase two of the same project, now restoring and updating the east side of the wonderful building and grounds that God has entrusted to us.

All gifts donated to Project 2019 will be matched by
The Saint Thomas Lutheran Foundation.

PROJECT 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH



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.

Here We Stand Campaign

“Here We Imagine” is one of the emphases of the Here We Stand campaign: Preparing for future mission and ministry in the Michigan District is as important as providing current ministry. We all understand that carrying out ministry requires funding – substantial funding – whether it is in the congregational setting or at the Michigan District level. Doing so requires us to be good stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us, which includes excellent planning and proper spending. Continuing to grow the Michigan District Endowment Funds remains an important part of preparing for future District ministry. To help accomplish this, HWS, the 500th Anniversary Celebration Campaign will designate a portion of received contributes for this purpose.

100% of your gift placed in today’s special envelope will go directly to this campaign.

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
Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld
Sanctuary Team: Mark Matheson
Servers: Paul Jatkowski, Mike Dolan, Ben Gibson, Tony Berkseth
Greeters: Ben & Roberta Gibson, Frieda Ziegler
Altar Guild: Karen Cichocki, Delia Greve

Liturgist: Rev. Rick VanBriggle
Music: Steven Northcott
Readers: Kelly Crivella, Art Wensink

*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 training 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)

SATURDAY - August 24th - "A Taste of Saint Thomas"

Starting at 1:00 p.m., "A Taste of Saint Thomas" will kick-off with fun activities for children and youth while Pastor Hetzner leads a spirited and open conversation entitled "Simply Jesus". Then we will all come together for a summer Barbeque. "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! How blessed is the person who takes refuge in him." (Psalm 34:8)

Welcome Back Service - September 8th - 9:30 a.m.

A special service to kick off the fall! Join us!



FPU @ STL

Financial Peace University (a 9-week course)

Beginning Wednesday, September 18th from 7 - 9

What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With the Dave Ramsey's class Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. Go to <https://www.fpu.com/1094744> to register.

Faith Connection - September 28th from 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9TH - 14TH THE FLOORS IN THE HALLWAYS, SCHOOL BATHROOMS, GYM LOBBY AND SELECTED CLASSROOMS WILL BE STRIPPED AND WAXED. THERE WILL BE LIMITED USE OF THE BUILDING THIS WEEK.

OFFICE HOURS WILL VARY AND NO VISITORS!

ALARM WILL BE ON WHEN CREW IS NOT HERE!

***** PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE BUILDING THIS WEEK! *****

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

August 18, 2019

L: Let us pray for the Lord's mercy upon us and upon all people as they have need.

(after each petition)

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: O gracious Lord, because we have known Your love in Christ and because You have promised to hear and give answer to the prayers of Your people, we trust that You will supply all that is needed to all those for whom we have prayed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Our Primary Prayer Focus this week is for Christ's work in and through us:

- Connecting people to mission.
- Nurturing and mentoring all parents into greater faith and witness.
- Blessing our witness to those who receive hope as they read God's Word – especially those who receive a free New Testament through New T: 1-K.
- Growing in us all sacrificial hearts and habits of faithful financial stewardship.

And we pray for all the people Jesus will draw into our building this month.

And we remember those at both ends of life on this earth, the unborn and newly born, and the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering especially all pregnant mothers, and Jim Larsen (brother-in-law of Caroline Henze), Peggy Habrowski (aunt of Sue Wensink) who are in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Tim Phaneuf, Leone Vondette, Brenda Finger, Nancy Gutowsky, Diane Ustick, Renee Thelen, William Totty, Shirley McKernan, Pat Fisher and Cathy Orłowski (friends of Debbie Kujawski), Maddie Reberry (former member), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamone's), Jim Pagels (former member), Jake Penar (friend of Fred Clein), Richard Toole (brother-in-law of Becky Northcott).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Sieg Gannon, Chris Huber, 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), Elaine Dixon (friend of Linda Taggart), 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).



*I came to bring
fire to the earth...*

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