

Divine Service

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Stories of God @ Work

Preparation of the Heart

Opening Hymn

"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

LSB 915

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. Rather than blessing all people as You call us to do, we have filled our hearts with anger, hate and reviling. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. 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: O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 12:4–14

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. ⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

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 13.

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

(Luke 13:22–30) [Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. ²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."

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

"You Are the Way; through You Alone"

LSB 526

Sermon

"Door Number One"

Luke 13:23-24

Our Response to God's Word

Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

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Announcements

Offering

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 - Altar

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

Anthem

"Nearer My God to Thee"

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

LSB 632

"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

LSB 514

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.

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)

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

Today is the last day of our special summer program for families. We invite you to be a part of the celebration, 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

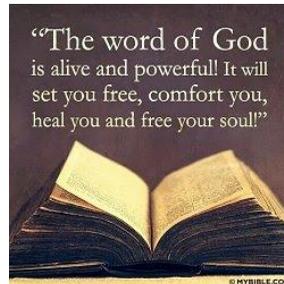
The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 2019

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 13:1-9, 16-17 / Luke 14:1-14

Sermon Title: "What Can Man Do To Me" - Text: Hebrews 13:1-6

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 550 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.

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
Gifts to Project 2019 (not including STL Foundation match) through August 18 total \$21,360.00.

Help Wanted – PB&J director paid position on Sunday mornings

*Please contact the church office if you are interested
and would like more information.*

**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! *****

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: Deacon Don Cooley

Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld

Music: Richard Stern

Sanctuary Team: Tim Phaneuf

Readers: Cathy & Tim Hubmeier

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

Greeters: Judy Zundel, Kurt & Nancy Gutowsky

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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Watch services on FaceBook – videotaping in progress during service

Upcoming Events:



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

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

Saturday, September 28th - 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Faith Connection is a six-hour dialogue on the basics of the Christian faith. Starting with the question "What does it mean to believe?" it is an opportunity to ask questions, listen to the thoughts of others, and re-think where we are in our walk with God. Come expecting a) to experience a lively conversation, b) to ask your questions and c) to find the Spirit of God be active in you. We anticipate you will be energized and renewed. Refreshments will be served.

There is NO fee, though reservations are required, and you will be asked to read a brief journal article ("The Secretary, The Reporter, and The Hermit") in preparation for the workshop. Delightful, healthy snacks and lunch are included.

Please contact Pastor Mark Hetzner (PastorMarkHetz@Hotmail.com) or cell (586-854-5624).

If you know someone who has questions about God? Christ? Faith?

(please invite them to come with you)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - August 25, 2019

L: In peace, and united in mission as God's people on earth, let us pray to the Lord.

(after each petition)

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: To You, O Lord, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, worship and praise, now and even to the end of all the ages.

C: **Amen.**

Our Primary Prayer focus this week is upon God CONNECTING PEOPLE to MISSION:

- Through yesterday's "A Taste of Saint Thomas".
- Through his work in and among the STL staff.
- As the Spirit works through Word and Sacrament in God's people this week.
- Opening our eyes to see our gifts and opportunities to use them.

And we remember those on our cradle role, and those who are in hospice care - especially Peggy Habrowski (aunt of Sue Wensink), Kathy Lopicollo (extended member).

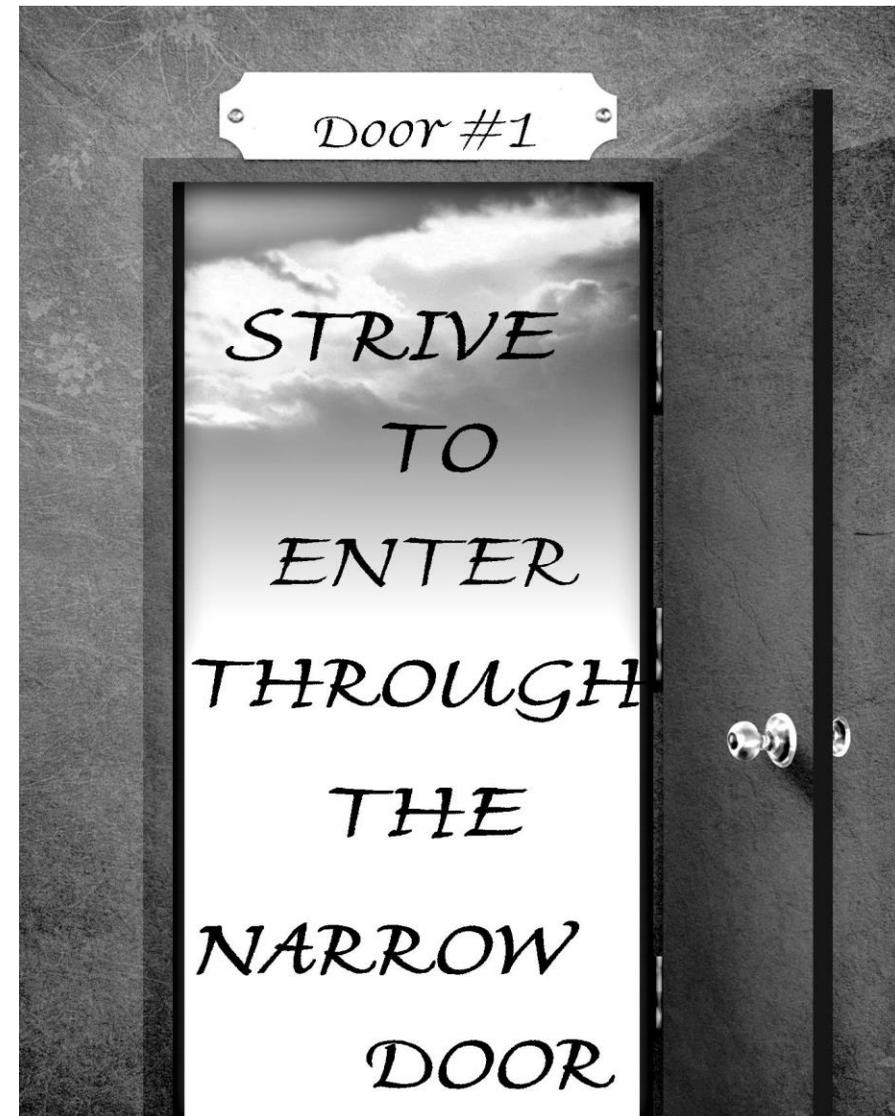
To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com)

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Jim Larsen, brother-in-law of Caroline Henze, was called home on 8/19.

✠**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 Klein), 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).



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