

# Connecting PEOPLE to MISSION

Stories of God @ Work

## Receiving the WORD INTO Our Hearts

Opening Hymn

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

LSB 905

### 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 the treasured people of the Lord,

C: **a people holy to the Lord God.**

L: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children:

C: **We will talk about them when we are at home and when we are away, when we lie down and when we rise.**

L: One does not live by bread alone,

C: **But by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.**

*(time for personal reflection)*

L: Gracious God:

C: **Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Give us a greater hunger for your Word, that, upheld by your Spirit, we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; 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, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

L: Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace in our hearts and lives, creating, confirming and strengthening faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of the Day

“Thy Word Is a Lamp”

[CH 184]

**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**

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**

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### Reading of Holy Scripture

Isaiah 55:3-13

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup>"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup>"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>"**For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.** <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## 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!

## Have You Heard about Cross Training?

**Anthem** "Lord, For Thy tender Mercies Sake" R. Farrant

**Sermon** "Transforming Power" Isaiah 55:12

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## Announcements

### 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

The primary way we are to obtain money is to work for it.

*“. . . aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands.” (1 Thessalonians 4:11)*

## 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

*“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.]*

## 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.**

## 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.

## **Distribution – at the 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**

# **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.

## **Commissioning of Cross<sup>†</sup>training and Faith, Hope, Love Hosts and Staff**

## **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)*



**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.

## NEXT SUNDAY: Fall Preview Sunday – September 15<sup>th</sup>

The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-24 / Luke 15:1-10

Sermon Topic: “Joy in Heaven” – Text: Luke 15:7

**Make your plans today to stay a few extra minutes after worship. Our hallways will be filled with a “tasty” preview of our exciting fall programming.**

## 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

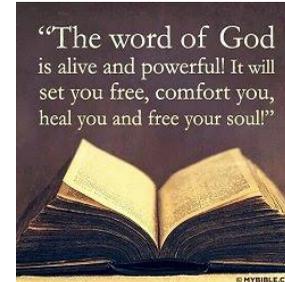
*Three years ago, in Project 2016, we repaired the west parking lot and the flat roofs on the west side of our building. Project 2019 is phase two of the same project, now restoring and updating the east side of the wonderful building and grounds that God has entrusted to us.*

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

### **PROJECT 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH**

The BOD has extended the Project 2019 capital campaign through September. Our primary focus is upon completing the final phase of our flat roof replacement. The STL Foundation has pledged to match all contributions. Gifts to Project 2019 (not including STL Foundation match) through September 1 total \$23,310.40.

**THIS WEEK THE FLOORS IN THE HALLWAYS, BATHROOMS 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! \*\*\***



**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.



**LUTHERAN  
NORTHWEST**

Are you weighing options for high school for your son or daughter? **GET THE SCOOP on Lutheran Northwest at our Open House for prospective families on Wednesday, 9/18, from 6:30-8:30PM.** Stop in, tour the school, enjoy some **FREE ICE CREAM &** meet our awesome staff! Hear first-hand about the life-changing difference of a Lutheran Northwest education from some of our amazing students. Think you know Lutheran Northwest? Find out about exciting new programs including Interim & Leadership Development! This event is open to families of all grade levels, so please join us & discover how the Crusaders are **LEARNING FOR LIFE! LEADING IN TRUTH!** Visit us on-line at [www.lutherannorthwest.com](http://www.lutherannorthwest.com) & follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @LuthNorthwest.

**Lutheran Northwest invites alums & grade school families to HOMECOMING 2019!** Football will play Southfield Christian at 7PM, but that's just part of the fun! Come for the Tail Gate starting at 5 and for the K-8 Punt, Pass & Kick Competition from 5-6 (every participant gets a free t-shirt & top 3 in each age category will be awarded trophies during the game's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter break); visit the Future Crusader tent for freebies & fun activities; watch the teams warm up starting at 6; share in the halftime excitement as the King & Queen are crowned & elementary age children are allowed on the field with footballs; and enjoy a post-game reception with cider & donuts. ALL children K-8 get in free to this fun, family event! Alums, we'll also be recognizing the Classes of 1989, 1999 & 2009 so round up your classmates for a reunion! Check out the details of this & other up-coming events at [www.lutherannorthwest.com/events](http://www.lutherannorthwest.com/events) & follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram @LuthNorthwest.

## 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](http://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:** Mike Dolan

**Organist:** Lori Stolzenfeld

**Music:** Kapelle

**Sanctuary Team:** Tim Hubmeier

**Readers:** Elizabeth Kruse

**Servers:** Glenn Koepplin, Kregg Fritsch (need more)

**Greeters:** Ron Hess, Thomas Johnson

**Altar Guild:** Marilyn Edwards & Cheryl Phaneuf

*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*

*Crossftraining 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 @ STL

Financial Peace University (a 9-week course)

Beginning Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **GRIEF SHARE – Wednesday Evenings beginning September 18<sup>th</sup>**

Designed to help you successfully travel the journey from morning to joy.

**STL Room 101 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Facilitator: Pastor Rick VanBriggle

### **Food Pantry and Clothing Closet Open NEXT Saturday (9/21)**

Can you lend a hand to help our community?

The Kruse family and the clothing closet ladies

would appreciate help starting at 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

### **Faith Connection - September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. - 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](mailto:PastorMarkHetz@Hotmail.com)) or cell (586-854-5624).

**Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week**

**September 8, 2019**

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

- STL Staff: Don, Eleanor, Linda, Lori, Shane, Tony, Vicki, office volunteers and the pastors.
- Our Faith Hope Love Ministry and leaders.
- Those who put themselves in harm's way to bring safely and peace to our nation and world.

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

And we remember the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering all grieving families, and Kathy Lopicollo (extended member) who are in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Leone Vondette who was called home on 8/31.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Diane Ustick, Brenda Finger, Shirley McKernan, Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamone's), Richard Toole (brother-in-law of Becky Northcott), Elsie Gray (mother of Beverly Gray-Booth).

†**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), 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).

## **Crosstraining our Children in Christ**

**"Sunday School for the next generation"**

ages three through fifth grade – room 208.

### **Crosstraining JC Style**

Junior Confirmation for Sixth grade and up – room 211

### **PBJ Childcare for those under 3 - S+L Room 203**

Facilitator Host: Paula Szymczak (586-855-8125)

Begins September 15<sup>th</sup> - Immediately after worship

*For you  
shall go  
out in*

# Joy

*and be led  
forth in*

# Peace...

Isaiah 55:12, ESV



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