

Divine Service

Stories of God @ Work

Preparation of the Heart

Opening Hymn

“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”

LSB 779

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. 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, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before you; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reign 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

Colossians 2:6–15

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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 11.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Luke 11:1–13) ¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation."

⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

"Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord"

LSB 771

Sermon

New Life 2 - "As You Were Taught"

Colossians 2:6-7

Our Response to God's Word

The Confession of Faith – Nicene Creed

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The Prayer of the Church

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Announcements

Offering

We are to be content with what we have.

"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5).

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

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

"Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ"

LSB 769
(tune 637)

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)

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)

NEXT SUNDAY

The 8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2019

Scripture Readings: Colossians 3:1-11 / Luke 12:13-21

Sermon Topic: NEW LIFE, Part 3: “Life’s Looking Up”

Text: Colossians 3:1-3

VBS - VACATION BIBLE SUNDAYS

STL is excited about the special summer program for families. It will be every Sunday in July through August, from 10:45 - 11:45. Like traditional VBS, it will be combination of Bible stories, music, activities and snacks - mixed differently each week. We are prepared to host children from birth through high school - involving them in different ways. Please join us!

Included is a special program for mothers and their daughters, ages 8-12, led by Cathy Hubmeier. It is designed so that each week is an independent activity so you can come whenever you are in town. They are meeting in the Fireside Lounge located in the south end of the building next to the gym.

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:

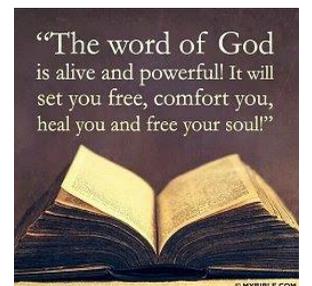
- Repair / replace the front (east) parking lot
- Repair / replace our oldest flat roofs

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

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.

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: Mike Dolan

Organist: Lori Stolzenfeld

Readers: Terri & Fred Bauss

Sanctuary Team: Chris deRuiter

Servers: Roy Michelsen, Steve Northcott, Mark Bucholtz, Richard Cain

Greeters: Dan & Annette Carreau, John & Marlene Cherry

Altar Guild: Caroline Henze, Heather Miller

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:

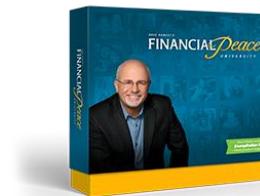


(visit the web page or see the STL publication for more information)

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)



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

July 28, 2019

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people as they have need.

(after each petition)

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord. *[Brief silence.]* O Lord, bring us at last through all trials and deliver us into Your Kingdom without end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon families:

- For the STL staff and their families.
- For them to be blessed through our Faith Hope Love Ministry and Vacation Bible Sunday activities.
- That summers' break from school would be a blessing to all.
- For those who travel.

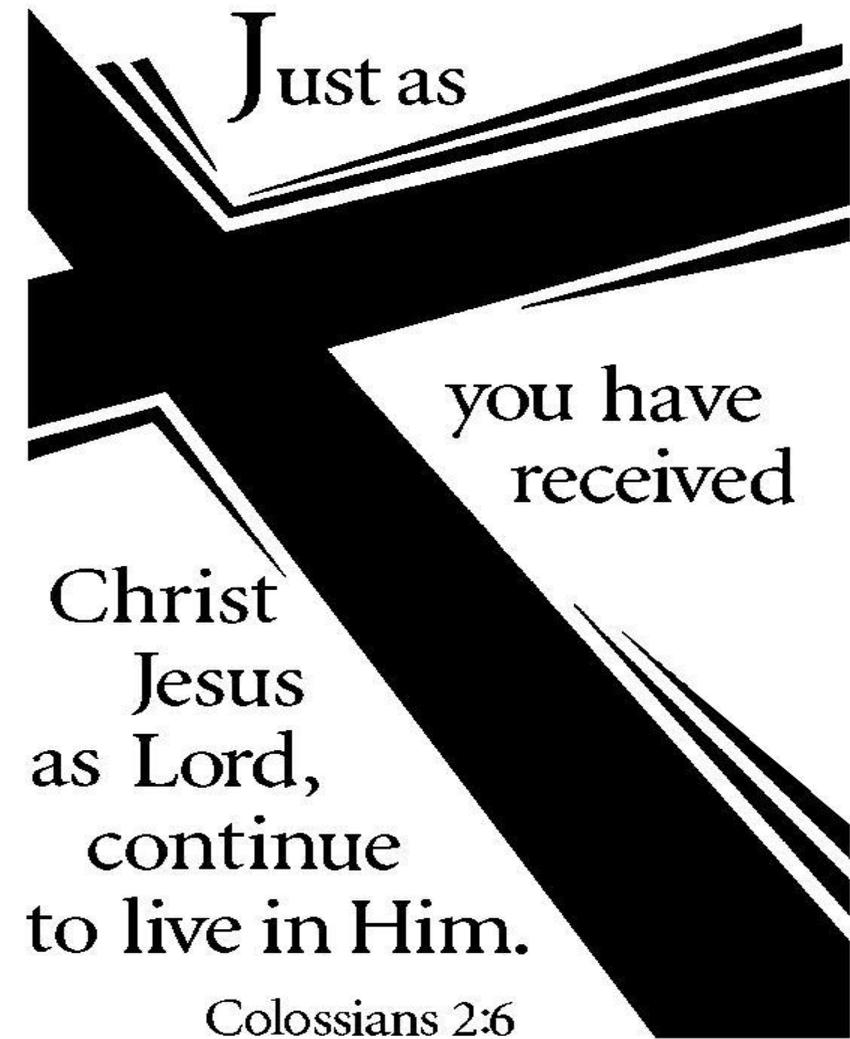
And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth, this week remembering all military families, emergency responders, and hospital and hospice care workers, and those in hospice, especially Lucille Setter (sister-in-law of Caroline Henze), Jim Larsen (brother-in-law of Caroline Henze).

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

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Renee Thelen, William Totty, Shirley McKernan, Pat Fisher and Cathy Orłowski (friends of Debbie Kujawski), Maddie Reberry (former member).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** 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).



*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 28, 2019*

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