

Divine Service

Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Stories of God @ Work

Preparation of the Heart

Opening Hymn

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

LSB 789

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, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through 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

Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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 12:13–21) ¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 783

Sermon

New Life 3: "Life's Looking Up"

Colossians 3:1-3

Our Response to God's Word

The Confession of Faith

(The 1st Article of the Apostles Creed)

L: What is the First Article of the Apostles Creed?

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

L: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true

The 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 - 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

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" LSB 761

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" LSB 554

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)

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 about the special summer program for families. It will be every Sunday through August, from 10:45 - 11:45. Like traditional VBS, it will be combination of Bible stories, music, and activities - 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 11, 2019

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 11:1-16 / Luke 12:22-34

Sermon Topic: “Unity” — Text: John 17:20-21

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:

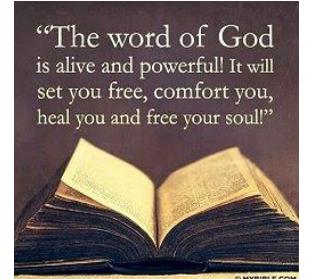
- Repair / replace the front (east) parking lot
- Repair / replace our oldest flat roofs

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

Organist: Eleanor Cardamone

Sanctuary Team: Tim Hubmeier

Servers: Glenn Koepplin, Art Wensink, Vic Minetola, Kregg Fritsch

Greeters: Christine Coderre, Genevieve Craig

Altar Guild: Caroline Henze, Heather Miller

Music: Davis Cardamone

Readers: Karen & Mike Dolan

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†raining for children Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

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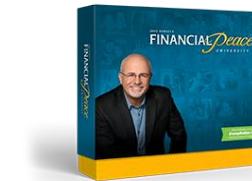


(visit the web page or see the STL publication for more information)

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! *****

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week - August 4, 2019

L: O almighty God, giving thanks for Your daily presence among us in Your Word and Sacraments, we come together to lift before Your throne of grace all people according to their needs, that You may give answer to our prayers in Jesus' name

(after each petition)

L Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: These and all things good and needful, O Lord, we pray You to grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, whose good name and saving works we plead before You, O almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, both now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

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

- STL Staff: Eleanor, Linda, Lori, Shane, Tony, Vicki, office volunteers and the pastors.
- The 1.000 individuals who will read the entire New Testament with us this year.
- 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)

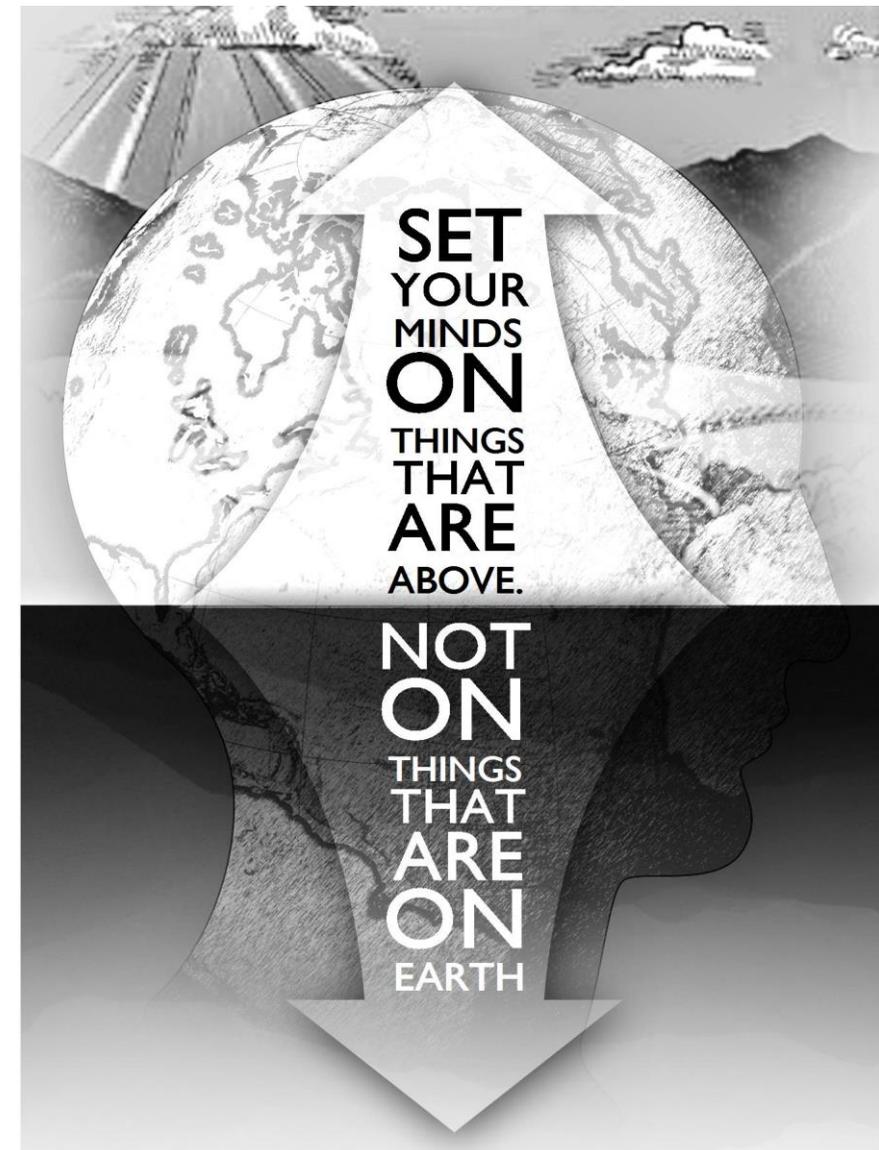
And we remember the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering all grieving families, and Jim Larsen (brother-in-law of Caroline Henze) and Peggy Habrowski (aunt of Sue Wensink) who are in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Yolanda Thurman at the death of her 2 nephews killed in an accident last weekend.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Diane Ustick, Renee Thelen, William Totty, Shirley McKernan, Pat Fisher and Cathy Orlowski (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).

✠**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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