

# *Divine Service*

## *Ninth Sunday of Pentecost*

*Stories of God @ Work*

### ***Preparation of the Heart***

***Opening Hymn***

*“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”*

LSB 813, vs. 1-3 & 7

***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: Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who serve in Your Kingdom. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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***

**Hebrews 11:1–16**

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even

when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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 12:22–34)** <sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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***

*"Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"*

LSB 667, vv. 1-5

### ***Sermon***

*"Where's Your Treasure?"*

**Luke 12:32-34**

## ***Our Response to God's Word***

### ***The Confession of Faith***

(The 2<sup>nd</sup> Article of the Apostles Creed)

L: What do you believe concerning Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

**Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.**

That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

Just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true

### **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**

*“Seek Ye First”*

LSB 712

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

LSB 575



# 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)*



**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.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 18, 2019

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 11:17-23, 18, 12.1-3 / Luke 12:49-53

Sermon Topic: “Baptism with Fire” - Text: Luke 13:23-24

### 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**

## 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:** Deacon Don Cooley

**Liturgist:** Rev. Rick VanBriggle

**Organist:** Lori Stolzenfeld

**Readers:** Cheryl & Tim Phaneuf

**Sanctuary Team:** Jeff Lindeman

**Servers:** Tim Phaneuf, Tim Hubmeier, Tim Kurse

**Greeters:** Fred & Terri Baus, Richard Cain

**Altar Guild:** Karen Cichocki & Delia Greve

*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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## Upcoming Events:



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

### August 24<sup>th</sup> - "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 8<sup>th</sup> - 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 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.

### Faith Connection - September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

**WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> - 14<sup>TH</sup> 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

*Your personal prayer guide for the week of August 11, 2019*

L: Having the assurance of all things hoped for and with the conviction of all things not yet seen, we come, O Lord, before Your throne, with prayers for ourselves and for all people according to their needs.

*(after each petition)*

L Lord, in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Our Primary Prayer Focus this week is upon getting God's Word IN people:**

- As people make plans to attend "A Taste of Saint Thomas" on August 24
- Through Vacation Bible Sundays.
- Through today's worship service and FHL gatherings.
- Through our electronic media ministries, such as Tuesday's Texts, Thursday's Thirst, Face Book broadcasts and Pastor Rick's podcasts.

**And we remember** all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care especially Jim Larsen (brother-in-law of Caroline Henze), Peggy Habrowski (aunt of Sue Wensink).

**† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †**

†**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Stan Wenskay, former membe, who was called home 8/1.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Nancy Gutowsky, 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), 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).



# Treasures *in*

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