



one LORD,
one *Faith*,
one Baptism

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Divine Service

Stories of God @ Work

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Praise

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

[WOV 647]
(tune LSB 478)

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;
this very day invade us, and ev’ry bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

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Entering Prayers

[Psalm 29]

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name.

C: Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

L: The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders over many waters.

C: The voice of the Lord is powerful and full of majesty.

L: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“To God on High Be Glory”

[LSB 204]

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus’ birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in power are seated at God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Scripture Reading

Romans 6:1-11

L: Today's Scripture reading is from Romans 6.

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³**Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?** ⁴**We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

[LSB 594, vs 1, 3, 5]

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!

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Sermon

"Baptism – Then and Now"

Romans 6:3-4

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

(see the back cover for this week's prayer concerns)

The Prayer of the Church

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(after each petition)

L: Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, You manifested Yourself, with the Holy Spirit, in the fullness of grace at the baptism of Your dear Son and, with Your voice, directed us to Him who has borne our sins, that we might receive grace upon grace. Strengthen our faith by Your Holy Spirit and lead us to everlasting life and salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Our Primary Prayer focus is the life transforming power of Christ's Word, and especially:

Through printed and online devotions, and worship gatherings, in-person and virtual

In those who are living outside of faith in Jesus.

Among those who participate in THE FLOCK, and our FHL and CrossTraining ministries.

Through witness to those living without hope or peace in Christ.

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 those who are in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Larry Cichocki, Loletta Hogan, JoAnn Awe, Carol Ferdinande, Henry & Laurie Bradychok, Grace Metzner, Veronica Morris, Ron Hess, Jane Gurnack, Betty Nelson (sister of Caroline Henze), Brad Golm (friend of Caroline Henze), Ashley O'Connor, Randy Scharrer (cousin of Monica Hetzner), Mark Topel (son of Stan & Mae), Patrick Morann and family (friends of Sue Wensink), Raymond and Marvelin Gadowski (cousins of Marilyn Edwards), Stephanie Smith (sister-in-law of Chris Corderre), Wyatt Cichocki (great-grandson of Larry & Karen), Katie (from the community), Richard MacArthur (former member), Jacob Smith (grandfather of Trevor Thomas).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Lori Kucharek, Sieg Gannon, Elsie Adams, Chris Huber, Don Habermas, John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Elsie Adams), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Kathy Johnson (friend of Vicki Leberg), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Luella Riske (granddaughter of Jim, Thrivent Rep.), Scott Spencer (friend of Cardamone's), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamone's), Paul Odendahl (brother-in-law of Eleanor Cardamone), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack), Doug Bogen (nephew of Mary Lee McKay), Emily Henze (daughter-in-law of Caroline).

Voluntary



EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

- Text "GIVE" to 1-586-800-2233
- Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
- Go to <https://www.elixiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>
- Through your Pay Pal account
- Scan this Quick Response (QR) code

These will connect 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 (STL is charged extra fees for debit and credit card transactions). **You can even set up recurring giving with many of these options!** IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, OR DESIRE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (586-772-3370).

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 6:11)

Our financial priorities are changed as we are raised with Christ.

Offertory

“Thy Works, No Mine, O Christ

[LSB 565, vs. 1 & 2]

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart;
They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart. **Refrain**

**Refrain: To whom save Thee, Who canst alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy stripes, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole. **Refrain**

Confession and Absolution

[Romans 10]

L: The word is near you; in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we proclaim.

C: If we declare with our mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

L: There is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.

C: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

L: Together as His people let us call upon the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, open our ears and our hearts to your Word, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and by his blood we are made new. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SENT TO THE MISSION FIELD

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 1.

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

⁴John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

We Profess our Faith

"The Apostles Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Service of the Sacrament

[Psalms 72 and 45]

L: Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel who alone does marvelous deeds.

C: **Praise be to his glorious name forever.**

L: Your throne, O God, will last forever and ever;

C: A scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom for you love righteousness.

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen

The Words of Institution

Private Prayer before Communing

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with your most gracious favor, and further us with your continual help that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in you we may glorify your holy name and finally by your mercy obtain eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

The Canticle

"O Savior, Precious Savior"

[LSB 527, vs. 1 &2]

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

Distribution Hymn

"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"

[WOV 648]
(tune LSB 367)

Jesus, come! For we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;
Now, as once at Cana's wedding, speak and let us hear your word:
Lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;
Bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone:
Though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come! In new creation, heav'n brought near in pow'r divine;
Give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:
Rouse the faith or your disciples come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive
More than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:
Let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

Prayer as you go home

Almighty God give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when he shall come again in glory, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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)

FHL Gatherings on Thursdays

Hosted by Pastor Hetzner

Begins January 14th

9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1

Studying 2 Thessalonians

January 16 – 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry Open

January 17 – 11:00 a.m. until Noon

Drive through Communion

A Safe and Healthy opportunity in our west (rear) parking lot.

January 26th – 7:00 p.m.

Voters Assembly in the Fireside Lounge

Virtual Sunday School

Find information on THE FLOCK at www.STL-eastpointe.org.



Mission Support 2021 - This year you will be assigned the same envelope # for offering envelopes as you had in 2020. Your box of envelopes is in your mail slot/box. If you do not have a mail slot/box, you will find them in the west entrance of the church. (If you would like a mail slot/box, please contact the church office.) If you are unable to get to church to get your envelopes, you can still send in your contribution and it will be credited to your giving #.

If you did not have envelopes in 2020 and would like some for 2021, please visit the table in the west entry way and sign up following the directions on the table. Remember you can always donate electronically – go to www.stl-eastpointe.com for more information and options. (or see today's worship bulletin) If you have any questions, contact Linda, in the church office.



Now enrolling at CrossBridge, St. Thomas Preschool! We offer one school day classroom of Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). **Call Michele Jones for more information or an appointment to enroll; 586-260-6576.**

NEXT SUNDAY

The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 / John 1:43-51

Sermon Topic: "Temples – Then and Now" - Text: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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