

1 TIMOTHY 6

are obvious, and even those that are not cannot be hidden.

6 All who are under the yoke of slavery should consider their masters worthy of full respect, for the Lord's name and our teaching may not be slandered. 2Those who have believing masters are not to show less respect for them because they are brothers. Instead, they are to serve them even better, because those who benefit from their service are brothers and dear to them. They are to teach and encourage them with the Lord's word.

Love of Money

3If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and stands on his own understanding. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicion, and constant friction between people who have been ruined by their own greed and who think that godliness means financial gain.

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many harmful desires that lead to ruin and destruction. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

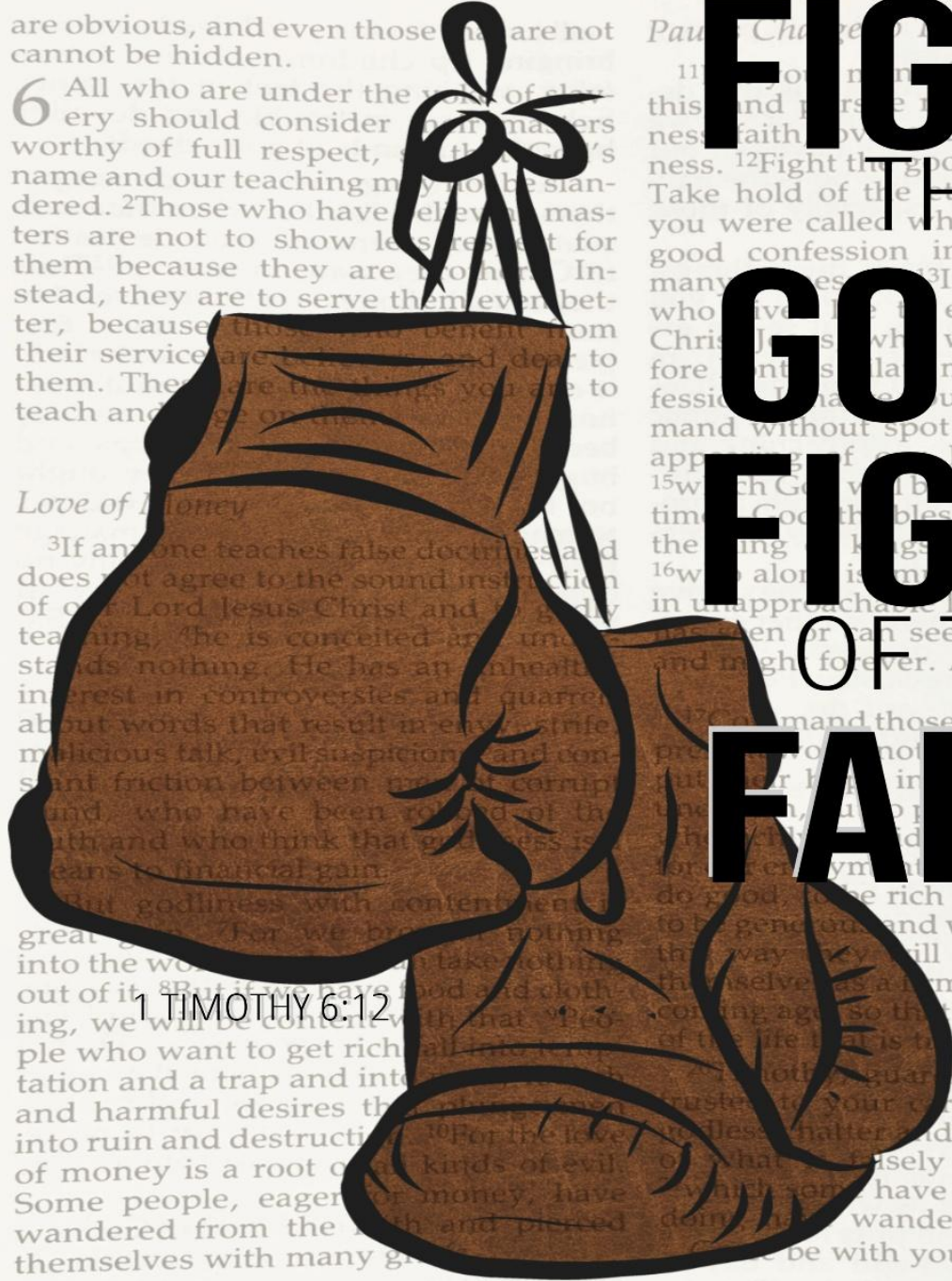
Paul's Charge to Timothy

11 Do not let anyone take you from all this, and persevere in godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will testify before the Father about our confession, I have commanded you to keep the command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time. God the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant or to pride themselves in their wealth, which is so fleeting. They must put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything we need. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

20 Warn those who are rich in this world that what has been entrusted to their care will melt away like wax. Turn away from the love of money and the opposing ideas of the world, which are called knowledge, because many have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. 22 Warn them to be with you.

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF THE FAITH.



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We are here to serve our community. As you worship with us online, the Lord Jesus is at work, uniting us as friends and family. If you want to learn more about ministry in the community, go to www.stl-eastpointe.org, or like us on FaceBook. To get your questions answered more personally, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor to call you.

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Prelude

Announcements and Attendance/Communion Registration



We would like to know you attended service today!

To record your attendance, you can scan this QR code with your phone's camera, it will take you to the web page/form for attendance. Fill out the form and hit the submit button.

Opening Hymn

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
Rise on last verse*

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- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life Thou givest to both great and small—
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish but naught changes Thee.
- 4 Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

Confession and Absolution

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

C: Amen.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

L: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm 146

L: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

C: I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

L: Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

C: When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

L: Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,

C: who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

L: who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

C: the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

L: The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

C: The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy

Hymn of Praise

"Gloria in Excelsis"

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1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill 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 heav'nly King.

2 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 pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sharing of Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

(share the peace with one another then be seated)

Anthem

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

A. Pollard/G. Stebbins

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1-7

"Woe to those who are at ease in Zion, and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel comes! Pass over to Calneh, and see, and from there go to Hamath the great; then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory, O you who put far away the day of disaster and bring near the seat of violence? "Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and stretch themselves out on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the midst of the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David invent for themselves instruments of music, who drink wine in bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile, and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away."

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who

alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(all rise)

Luke 16:19-31

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

(after the reading)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one

holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

(Please be seated)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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- 1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

Sermon

"Challenge"

1 Timothy 6:11-16

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: Heavenly Father, we praise Your name for Your faithfulness to Abraham, Lazarus and to all the saints who have gone before us. Enliven us by Your Word and Sacraments, that convinced of Jesus' death and resurrection, we may eagerly await the day of our resurrection for His sake; through Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord.
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

In Your righteous judgement You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruit of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

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L: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution *(Please be seated)*

*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 are coming for a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.*

Hymns during the Distribution

“Your Table I Approach”

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- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

“Fight the Good Fight”

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- 1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.
- 2 Run the straight race through God’s good grace; Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
- 3 Cast care aside, lean on your guide; His boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and enduring faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
- 4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is all eternally.

(Please rise)

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

L: The Lord bless you ...

C: **Amen**

Sending Hymn

"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From error's gloomy night.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.
- 5 Abide with Your protection Among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us And overcome at length.
- 6 Abide, O faithful Savior, Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us To reach our home above.

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- Text "GIVE" to 1-586-800-2223
- Visit: stl-eastpointe.org and click on "Mission Support"
- 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).

Next Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 5, 2025

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 / 2 Timothy 1:1-14 / Luke 17:1-10

July through September Mission Envelopes

M.C.R.E.S.T.

(Macomb Country Rotating Emergency Shelter Team)

(Not for our week, but to go directly to the organization)

Patrons are needed to help defray the cost of the professional musicians hired to accompany the Kapelle and congregation at our Christmas Eve program. This year the Kapelle and cast will present, "Were You There On That Christmas Night?" by Lloyd Larson. If you would like to be a patron, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Patron for Kapelle" and place it in the offering box or bring it to the church office. Or you may donate electronically. Thank you for your support of the Kapelle as they edify the church through music in song.

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All Women Invited to H.I.S. II (Hearts in Study and Hands in Service Women's group) H.I..S II is beginning another season in His grace and we look forward to seeing everyone at our Bible Study/meeting on Sept 29th in Conference Room #1, 7:00 pm. We usually meet at 7pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Special day because of MCREST and the need to assemble the backpacks. We have another great bible study series planned – "Driven, Heros of the Faith". Come join us for fun and fellowship and a pleasant chance to grow in HIS Word!

Upcoming Events:



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

September 29th - H.I.S. II – 7:00 p.m. in conference room 1

All women are invited to the Bible Study – “Driven, Heros of the Faith” followed by a short meeting and assembling backpacks.
(Normal date for this is the 4th Monday of the month.)

Community Health Education – October 4th from 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

at STL in conference room 1

Register in advance by visiting the link <https://bit.ly/RTPCREG07>

LWML 13th Annual Salad Luncheon

Saturday, October 4th at St. Peter’s in Eastpointe

Beginning at 12 pm until 3 pm – cost \$5.00

For more information on either event call Marilyn Redmond (586) 295-0735

October 18th S.A.S.S.

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Signup sheets are in the west entrance – please share your time and talents.

October 31, 2025 – Trunk or Treat

Our front parking lot will be filled with cars and treats!

Join us to pass our treats or come and enjoy the giveaway.

Please sign up on the sheet in the west entrance
if interested in passing out treats.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits will be collected by H.I.S. II (Hearts in Study and Hands in Service) women’s group. **TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP OFF ITEMS.** Do not purchase the backpack, only items to be included in the backpack.

Attention singers!! Kapelle began rehearsing for its 2025-2026 choir season today at 8:30am in the music room. There is still room for YOU! Rehearsals are the 1st and 3rd Sundays, and the 5th when there is one. Lots of great music planned! Looking forward to singing together again! New singers are always welcome and encouraged to join this great group of singers!! Any question, please see Lori. Come, sing unto the Lord a new song.

Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

“The Flock” for children and Crossfraining JC Style for youth

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE MINISTRY

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FHL ON SUNDAYS FOLLOWING THE SERVICE

Books of Ruth and Ester – STL Room 207 (Women only)

Facilitator Host: Elizabeth Kruse

Sunday Gospel Talks – STL Room 101 (All are welcome)

Facilitator Host: Deacon Don Cooley

Book of John – STL Room 204 (All are welcome)

Facilitator Host: Deliah Greve

FHL GATHERINGS THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Monday: 7:00 p.m. Multi-generational – “Proverbs”

Facilitator Host: Kelly Andary

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men Only – STL Fireside Lounge – “2nd Thessalonians”

Facilitator Host: Mike Dolan

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. Multi-generational – STL Room 101

“The Revelation of Jesus Christ”

Facilitator Host: Pastor Gladden

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – STL Fireside Lounge – “Confession and Absolution”

Facilitator Host: Steve Northcott

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 (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).

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Your personal prayer guide for the week of:

September 28, 2025

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon Christ's people on earth:

- Keep us focused and ready for Your Son's glorious return.
- Provide pastors and ministers, that they may preach the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, which will never pass away.
- Preserve our homes from idols and sins of idleness.
- Uphold all in authority, enable them to lead according to Your will.

And we remember all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care, especially Dolly Houth, Frieda Ziegler and Brenda Finger.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Lynn Bellhorn, wife of Ken, who was called home on 9/12. Memorial service will be Monday, September 29th at 11:00 am at STL.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Joanne Awe, Debbie Kujawski, Stan Topel, Karen Cichocki, Marge Bittner, Shirley McKernon, Diane Ustick, Carol Shermon, Steve Kruse, Clyde Armstrong, Debra Closurdo, Terra Slatten (wife of Chris, organ repair man), Scott Jones (husband of preschool director, Michele), Allison Bottke (friend of Linda Bucholtz), Doug Klawender (son of Shirley), Rick Sturm (Sue Wensink's brother-in-law), Lorice Droelle and Donna Karas and Rose Collins (relatives of Debbie Kujawski), Nancy Schipper (former member), Paul Gillette (friend of Jan Patty), Jeanie Wentworth (aunt of Jan Patty), .

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Harrison Ahee, Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Andrew Brejnak, 19, (grandson of Gerry & Nola Klonowski, son of their daughter, Lisa), Robert Laroche (family of Jan Adams), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Sally Burk (sister of Lois Revard), Tamara Sommer (Connie's daughter-in-law).