

# *Saint Thomas Lutheran*

## *Eastpointe, Michigan*

*Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another*  
*Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People*

**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 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/staff member to give you a call.

## **Divine Service**

*June 7, 2020*

### **RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS**

#### ***An Explanation***

#### ***“The Holy Trinity”***

In the Christian Church we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. For instance, the Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal. Yet they are not three eternals, but one eternal, as there are not three uncreated, but one uncreated. Also, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty, and yet they are not three almighties, but one almighty. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So, likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord and the Holy Spirit is Lord. And yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord. For as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every person by himself to be God and Lord, so we cannot say that there are three Gods or three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding. So, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal together and coequal. He, therefore, that will be saved is compelled thus to think of the Trinity.

#### ***Opening Praise***

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

[LSB 507, vs. 1, 3 & 4]

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### **Entering Prayers**

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

**C: Amen.**

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

**C: Let us give glory to him, for he has shown his mercy to us.**

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

**C: The Lord gives strength to his people, and blesses his people with peace.**

L: Lord God, almighty, immortal, invisible, the mysteries of whose being are unsearchable: Accept our praises for the revelation which you have made of yourself, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons and one God; and mercifully grant that, ever holding fast this faith, we may magnify your glorious name; for you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Hymn of Praise**

*"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"*

[LSB 650, vs. 2 & 3]

Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life;  
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife;  
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ:  
You we praise with endless worship For Your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry;  
Quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free;  
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.

### **Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 28:16-20**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 28.

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

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>**And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Announcements**

### **Children's Sermon and Attendance Registration**

*Please let us know you are watching by sending us a comment or an emoji*

#### **Hymn of the Day**

*"O Blessed Holy Trinity"*

[LSB 876/831

[vs.. 1 && 4 of 876 and 4 && 5 of 831]]

O blessèd, holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, This day Your name be uppermost.

My Maker, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, forgiven let me stand;  
Blest Comforter, do not depart; With faith and love enrich my heart.

"Lord, here am I;" Your fire impart To this poor child selfcentered soul;  
Touch but my lips, my hand, my heart, And make a world for Christ my goal.

Spirit of love, within us move; Spirit of truth, in pow'r come down!  
So shall they hear and find and prove Christ is their life, their joy, their crown.

#### **Sermon**

*"IDENTITY brings MISSION"*

**Matthew 28:18-20**

#### **The Prayer of the Church**

L: O blessed and holy Trinity, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, hear the prayers of Your people and grant to us all things according to Your Word and promise.

*(after each petition)*

L: Lord, in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: All these things and whatever else You know we need, we pray You to grant us, Father, for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, through whom, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are Yours, almighty Father, both now and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

#### **In your prayers this week please remember:**

Those who feel isolated and alone during this pandemic.  
Our individual and joint efforts of sharing God's peace and hope with all.  
All those who have lost loved ones in recent months.

**And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth**, this week remembering all military families, emergency responders, and hospital, nursing home and hospice care workers. And those in hospice care, especially Irene Bickel (Monica Hetzner's mother).

**To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan ([mdolan421@gmail.com](mailto:mdolan421@gmail.com))**

## † In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**God’s Healing Hand on:** Margaret Bittner, Theresa Cook, Brenda Finger, Lucille Setter (sister-in-law of Caroline Henze), Anna Neveau (cousin of Laura Thomas), Brenda Hillsinger Fader (daughter of Frieda), Kimberly Ross (mother of Dayna), Martha McClean (friend of the Phaneuf’s).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Sieg Gannon, Elsie Adams, Chris Huber, John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Elsie Adams), Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Denise Godfrey (sister of Deborah Kujawski), 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).

### Voluntary



**On-line Giving** – Don’t wish to mail in 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 ([stl-eastpointe.org](http://stl-eastpointe.org)) under Mission Support, for more on-line giving options.

### God uses money to enable us to give to others.

*“As for the rich in this present age, charge them . . . to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.”*

(1 Timothy 6:17-18)

### Offertory

*“Holy is Our God”*

[BOB 89]

Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever.  
Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!  
Come, Spirit, come and fill our hearts with wisdom,  
That we may long to worship you alone.

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### Confession and Absolution

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: Together as your people we take refuge in your infinite mercy, O God, our heavenly Father, seeking your 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.**

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

L: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake removes 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## **SENT TO THE MISSION FIELD**

### ***Scripture Reading***

**Acts 2:22-28**

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

### ***We Profess our Faith:***

### ***“We Believe”***

In this time of desperation when all we know is doubt and fear,  
there is only one foundation: We believe, we believe.

In this broken generation, when all is dark, You help us see.  
There is only one salvation: We believe, we believe.

**We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.**

**We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.**

**We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again. We believe.**

So Let our faith be more than anthems, greater than the songs we sing,  
in our weakness and temptations we believe, we believe.

**We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.**

**We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.**

**We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back again.**

Let the lost be found, let the dead be raised;  
In the here and now let love invade. Let the church live love!  
Our God, will see, “We believe! We Believe!”  
And the gates of hell will not prevail, for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.  
Now we know Your love will never fail. We believe! We believe!

**We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, and He's given us new life.  
We believe in the crucifixion, We believe that He conquered death.  
We believe in the resurrection, and He's coming back, coming back again, coming back again.  
We believe, We believe!**

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### ***Closing Prayers***

- L: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;  
**C: His greatness no one can fathom.**  
L: I will meditate upon his wonderful works.  
**C: And I will proclaim his great deeds forever.**  
L: Living together in trust and hope, we pray as our Lord himself has taught us:  
**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**  
L: 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.

### ***Benediction***

#### ***Closing Hymn***

*"Spread the Reign of God the Lord"*

[LSB 830. Vs. 1, 3, 4 & 6]

Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;  
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.

Tell of our Redeemer's grace, Who, to save our human race  
And to pay rebellion's price, Gave Himself as sacrifice.

Tell of God the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,  
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;  
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.

**GREAT NEWS – JUNE 14 IS THE DATE THAT SUNDAY SERVICES WILL BE RESUMING IN THE SANCTUARY AT STL.** You can make reservations either through our website ([www.stl-eastpointe.org](http://www.stl-eastpointe.org)) or by leaving a message at the church (586-772-3370). You will need to let us know the date and time you plan to attend, the number of people in your party, and if this is a one-time or weekly reservation, along with your name.

*You are living in  
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)*

***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).

**Notice to Members and Friends:** Southbound Kelly Road, north of Hauss Ave. to Norton Ave. which includes St. Thomas, will be closed (weather dependent) until mid-August. For access to properties from northbound Kelly Road – All driveway approaches along southbound Kelly Road will be removed and replaced with new concrete as part of the project. Once concrete has been poured for new driveway approaches, the new concrete must cure for 7-10 days to achieve required strength prior to opening to traffic. However, temporary access will be provided to all properties along the west side of Kelly Road for the entire duration of the project by installing temporary gravel access driveways from northbound Kelly Road across the center median. Please keep this in mind when you come to St. Thomas. You can also park on the side streets or Stephens and walk over, if you desire.

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

***The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost***

June 14, 2020

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:2-8 / Matthew 9:35

Sermon Topic: *“Eagles’ Wings”* - Text: Exodus 19:4-5

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