

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, 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 14, 2020

Stories of God @ Work

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Praise

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

[LSB 791, vs. 1, 3 & 5]

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto.
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heav’n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

Entering Prayers

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

C: Amen.

L: Be our rock of refuge, O Lord; a strong fortress to save us.

C: How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you.

L: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

C: His greatness no one can fathom.

L: Almighty, everlasting God, you have given us the promise of your divine life. Bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, that, enlivened by your word, we may soar as on the wings of eagles by strong faith in your Son, and in him be saved, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“How Great is Our God”

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

**Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God,
And all will see How great, how great is our God.**

Age to age he stands And time is in his hands
Beginning and the end, Beginning and the end.
The God-head Three in One, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. **Chorus**

Name above all names, worthy of our praise
My heart will sing how great is our God, **Chorus 2x's**

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:8

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapters 9 & 10.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.”

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.

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.

Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.

Sermon

“Eagles’ Wings”

Exodus 19:4-5

You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine.

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

The Prayer of the Church

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

(after each petition)

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: O blessed Lord, You delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior, and by His death and resurrection, He has redeemed us from our sins and freed us from the fear of death. Help us to live as Your own people, doing the good works for which we were created, and praying with confidence the yearnings of our hearts; through 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 Christ’s peace being received by all, and especially:

God’s faithful people who, with patience and compassion, serve others.
Those who are most vulnerable to either health or spiritual distress.
All who serve on the front lines, along with those who provide for them.

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, those in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Irene Bickel, Monica Hetzner's mother who was called to be with her Savior on 6/12.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Ronald Hess, 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).

†**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) 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

[vs. 1 of 832 & vs. 4 & 5 of 831]
(tune: LSB 832)

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

“Lord, here am I:” Your fire impart To this poor cold self-centered soul;
Touch but my lips, my hands, 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.

Confession and Absolution

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

C: Who made heaven and earth.

L: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

(time for personal reflection)

- L: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
C: **We admit and confess our sinfulness. Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, your Son. Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve you faithfully. Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**
L: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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

Exodus 19:2-8

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

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

- L: How great is the goodness which God has stored up for those who fear him.
C: **Which he bestows in the sight of people who take refuge in him.**
L: Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.
C: **We will meditate on his wonderful works, and will proclaim his great deeds.**
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

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Lamb of God

[LSB 210]

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 Hymn *“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*

[LSB 923]

Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav’n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Please carry your worship folder and belongings with you as you commune. Then, instead of returning to your pew, please exit to the parking lot, so that we observe proper social distancing as we leave worship.

Prayer as you go home

Lord God Almighty, even as you bless your servants with various gifts of the Holy Spirit, continue to grant us the grace to use them always to your honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***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)*

GREAT NEWS – TODAY IS THE FIRST DAY WE WILL BE HAVING SUNDAY SERVICES RESUMING IN THE SANCTUARY AT STL. There is a limited amount of people allowed in each of the 3 services, 8, 9:30 & 11. You can make reservations either through our website (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.

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 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

Scripture Readings: Romans 6:12-23 / Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

Sermon Topic: *“From Death to Life”* – Text: Romans 6:13-14

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).

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