

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

August 2, 2020

Stories of God @ Work

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Praise

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

[LSB 633, vs. 1, 2 & 5]

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Entering Prayers

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

C: Amen.

L: Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

C: Give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

L: You have delivered our souls from the depths of the grave.

C: Your great love for us lasts through eternity.

L: Pour out upon us, O Lord, the Spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will and fear no evil that comes our way; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel**John 6:1-15**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 6

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ²And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. ⁵Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but What are they for so many?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!” ¹⁵Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

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*“Father, We Thank Thee”*

[LSB 652]

Father, we thank Thee who hast planted Thy holy name within our hearts.
Knowledge and faith and life immortal Jesus, Thy Son, to us imparts.
Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy pleasure, Didst give us food for all our days,
Giving in Christ the Bread eternal; Thine is the pow’r, be Thine the praise.

Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mercy, Save it from evil, guard it still,
Perfect it in Thy love, unite it, Cleansed and conformed unto Thy will.
As grain, once scattered on the hillsides, Was in this broken bread made one,
So from all lands Thy Church be gathered Into Thy kingdom by Thy Son.

Sermon

"Living Sense"

Isaiah 55:2-3

*Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you
an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.*

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

The Prayer of the Church

L: Lord, You have bidden us to come without money to receive grace beyond price. Hear us as we heed Your call and turn to You in prayer, confident of Your promise to hear and answer us.

(after each petition)

L: Lord, in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Father, we ask You to grant us all things needful and to keep from us all things harmful to us and to our salvation for we trust Your wisdom and Your love. Teach us to pray without fear "Your will be done"; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is on Christ's work through his Word:

Calming all hearts that are filled with fear, shame, terror or grief.

As we discover new ways to search the scripture together and care for one another.

As the Holy Spirit develops faith in children and youth – through family devotions and other means.

For people and families to read from the Bible and pray together daily.

And we pray for all the people Jesus will draw into our building this month.

And we remember those at both ends of life on this earth, the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering especially all pregnant mothers, those with COVID 19, and those who are in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Sevaad Fletcher, Mary Bohde, Jim Ham, Larry Cichocki, Lois Revard, Ronald Hess, Margaret Bittner, Brenda Finger, Brenda Hillsinger Fader (daughter of Frieda), Kimberly Ross (mother of Dayna), Rick Patterson (former member), Cathleen Keller, (daughter of Rich and Mary Keller), Mim Wargo (father of Debbie Churchill).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Lori Kucharek, 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 – Looking for a simpler way to give your support (tithe) to the mission of STL? 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.

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 136:1)**

Almighty God, we belong to you. All that we have comes from you – our family and friends, our health, our possessions and energy, our leisure and abilities. Help us to share in the blessings of giving as well as the happiness of receiving. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Offertory

[LSB 711]

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us we are Yours.

Confession and Absolution

- L: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of His glory.
C: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**
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. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. 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 offences, 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.

SENT TO THE MISSION FIELD

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

¹“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not now, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

We Profess our Faith

“The Nicene Creed”

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

Service of the Sacrament

L: Alleluia. Alleluia. When the word of the Lord goes out it does not return to him empty.

C: It accomplishes what he desires and achieves the purpose for which he sends it.

L: We will go out in joy,

C: And be led forth in peace.

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

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.

Private Prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation I come to your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of your holy name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymn

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

[LSB 806]

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say “I am strong,” Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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Prayer as you go home

O God the Father, we give you thanks that in this meal you strengthen us for service in your kingdom. Your love in this sacrament motivates us to live out our faith in Jesus Christ, your Son, in all our callings and relationships. By your Holy Spirit, give us grace to go out with boldness to witness to what we have seen and heard; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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)*

NEXT SUNDAY

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

Scripture Readings: Romans 10:8-17 / Matthew 14:22-33

Sermon Title: “Ghostly Business” - Text: Matthew 14:26-27

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.

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 3 pm, Friday 9:30 am – 1 pm

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