

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.st-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 16, 2020

Stories of God @ Work

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Praise

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel”

[LSB 936, vs. 1, 3 & 4]

Sing praise to the God of Israel! Sing praise for His visitation!
Redeeming His people from their sin, Accomplishing their salvation,
Upraising a mighty horn within The house of His servant David!

You, child, will go on before the Lord As prophet, His way preparing;
To speak on behalf of God Most High, His counsel of truth declaring:
Rich mercy and grace for all whereby Iniquity is forgiven.

O bright, rising Sun, now shine on us In need of illumination;
Come scatter the shades of sin and death And shatter their domination.
Be guiding our footsteps on the path Of peace, in Your presence dawning!

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Entering Prayers

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

C: Amen.

L: Hear this, all you peoples. Listen, all who live in this world.

C: **My mouth will speak words of wisdom; the utterance from our hearts will give understanding.**

L: God will redeem our soul from the grave. He will surely take us to himself.

C: Be not far from me, O God. Come quickly, O my God, to help me.

L: Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Great Is the Lord”

[CH 140]

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love.
Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory! Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord! Now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just; By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true; By His mercy He proves He is love.
Great are you Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you Lord, and worthy of praise!
Great are you Lord! I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are you Lord! Great are you Lord!

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 15.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

[LSB 653, vs. 1-4]
(tune LSB 524)

In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

With God there is no tribe or race; In Him we all are one.
He loves us as His children through Our faith in His dear Son.

So, brothers, sisters, praise His name Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and shame, From spite and enmity!

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as His child Is surely kin to me.

Sermon

“Salvation and Righteousness ”

Isaiah 56:1

*“Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.”*

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

The Prayer of the Church

L: Let us pray to the Lord for all that we need and on behalf of all people, that He may bestow upon us the riches of His grace and that we may receive His gifts with faith and thanksgiving in our hearts.

(after each petition)

L: Let us pray to the Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace, that we may endure the changes and chances of this mortal life and be found worthy when our Savior comes to bring to completion all things; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

In your prayers this week please remember:

MCREST – for Christ’s name to be glorified in the life of all workers, donors and participants.

Those who feel isolated or alone, along with those who suffer with depression.

Our individual and joint efforts of sharing God’s peace and hope with all.

All who participated in our virtual VBS.

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.

To connect to the STL PRAYER CHAIN, contact Karen Dolan (mdolan421@gmail.com)

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of William (Bill) Stevenson, husband of Janice was called home last week. The family of Denise Godfrey (sister of Deborah Kujawski) who was called home last week.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Carol Ferdinande, Sevaad Fletcher, Mary Bohde, Jim Ham, Larry Cichocki, Lois Revard, Ronald Hess, Margaret Bittner, Brenda Finger, 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), 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) and Kimberly Ross (mother of Dayna) who is in hospice care.

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.

“Let the people praise You O God; Let all the peoples praise you!” (Psalm 67:5)

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, 1+3]

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.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.

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 56:1, 6-8

¹Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶"And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." ⁸The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: **How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out**

L: For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C: **To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen**

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

“Jesus Shall Reign”

[LSB 832, vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5]

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.

To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns: The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, And all who suffer want are blest.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

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 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)

NEXT SUNDAY:

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6 / Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon Topic: *"Comfort and Joy"* - Text: Isaiah 51:3

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).

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

Social Distancing in Worship – Phase Two

As of Sunday, August 9, STL will no longer have reserved or assigned seating for worship. Instead, for the foreseeable future, sections of pews will be labeled “No Seating Please.” These markers will keep all open seats at least six feet apart.

As you arrive for worship, please continue to wear your face mask (at least until you are seated and when you are in the hallways). On your way in, pick up a worship folder and select an available place to sit. While family members are encouraged to sit together in the open areas, we ask that you to sit at least 6 feet away from anyone else.

There is no change in the conclusion of the service. As you come forward for communion, please carry all of your personal belongings – including your worship folder. After communing, you will recess out the center aisle to the parking lot ... taking your worship folder home with you.

Offering boxes will continue to be at each entrance way ... or, if you prefer, you can send in your tithes and offerings through the US mail or electronically through www.stl.eastpointe.org (Mission Support). Remember, the mission and ministry of STL remains active and vital during these unsettling times. You are important and your ongoing support is valued.

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