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# *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*

*January 17, 2021*

*Stories of God @ Work*

## **RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS**

**Opening Praise**

*“When to Our World the Savior Came”*

[LSB 551]  
(tune 405)

When to our world the Savior came  
The sick and helpless heard His name,  
And in their weakness longed to see  
The healing Christ of Galilee.

His sov’ reign purpose still remains  
Who rose in pow’r, and lives and reigns;  
Till ev’ry tongue confess His praise,  
The healing Christ of all our days.

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**Entering Prayers**

[Psalm 139]

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

**C: Amen.**

**L:** O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You discern my thoughts from afar.

**C: You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**L:** Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?

**C: Try me and know my thoughts. See if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

**L:** Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts, and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
Good-will 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 heavenly King.

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 power are seated at God’s right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever, be worshipped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father’s glory. “Amen!” our glad reply.

**Scripture Reading**

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

L: Today’s Scripture reading is from 1 Corinthians 6.

<sup>12</sup>“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. <sup>13</sup>“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” <sup>17</sup>But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>**Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,** <sup>20</sup>**for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

L: This is the word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**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**

*“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake*

[LSB 688 vs. 1, 4 &5]

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.

“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,  
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

**Sermon**

*“Temples – Then and Now”*

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

## **RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS**

(see the back cover for this week’s prayer concerns)

### ***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: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is on Christ’s people on earth:**

Granting us a bold, clear, and loving witness to the world.

Giving us hearts that remain cautious, caring, courageous, and creative.

For children to be raised in the nurture and encouragement of the Gospel.

For everyone in our ‘virtual congregation’.

**And we remember** all those receiving the vaccine, all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care.

**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:** Larry Cichocki, Loletta Hogan, JoAnn Awe, Carol Ferdinande, Henry & Laurie Bradychok, Grace Metzner, Veronica Morris, Ron Hess, Jane Gurnack, Betty Nelson (sister of Caroline Henze), Brad Golm (friend of Caroline Henze), Ashley O’Connor, Randy Scharrer (cousin of Monica Hetzner), Mark Topel (son of Stan & Mae), Patrick Morann and family (friends of Sue Wensink), Stephanie Smith (sister-in-law of Chris Corderre), Wyatt Cichocki (great-grandson of Larry & Karen), Katie (from the community), Richard MacArthur (former member), Jacob Smith (grandfather of Trevor Thomas).

✠ **Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Lori Kucharek, Sieg Gannon, Elsie Adams, Chris Huber, Don Habermas, 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), Doug Bogen (nephew of Mary Lee McKay), Emily Henze (daughter-in-law of Caroline).

## Voluntary



**EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE STL MISSION** There is a variety of ways to give your support to the mission of STL. For many the easiest is to simply mail in a check or drop your offering off at the church. If you prefer electronic giving, STL offers multiple options:

- Text "GIVE" to 1-586-800-2233
- Through your Pay Pal account
- Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
- Go to <https://www.elixiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>

- 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).

## KINGDOM THOUGHTS

**“Speak, for your servant hears.” (1 Samuel 3:10b)**

*God's Word connects "financial stewardship" with "trust in God".*

## Offertory

*“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ*

[LSB 565, vs. 1 & 3]

Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done, They bid my fear depart. **Refrain**

**Refrain: To whom save Thee, Who canst alone For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the crushing load  
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God. **Refrain**

## Confession and Absolution

[Romans 10]

L: The word is near you; in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word the faith that we proclaim.

C: **If we declare with our mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.**

L: There is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.

**C: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

L: Together as His people let us call upon the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, open our ears and our hearts to your Word, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and by his blood we are made new. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, 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***

### ***The Holy Gospel***

**John 1:43-51**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 1.

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

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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

*"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*

[Psalm 40]

L: I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

C: **He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.**

L: Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

C: **Blessed is the individual who makes the Lord his trust.**

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*

#### *Private Prayer before Communing*

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.

### *The Distribution of the Sacrament*

#### *The Canticle*

#### *"O Savior, Precious Savior"*

[LSB 527, vs. 1 & 3]

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, All other names above,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

#### *Distribution Hymn*

#### *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

[LSB 411]

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. **Refrain**

**Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

**Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

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***Prayer as you go home***

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when he shall come again in glory, we may rise to the life immortal; 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)*

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
January 24, 2021

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 7:29-35 / Mark 1:14-20

Sermon Topic: "Anxiety Free" - Text: 1 Corinthians 7:32

**TODAY – 11:00 a.m. until Noon  
Drive through Communion**

A Safe and Healthy opportunity in our west (rear) parking lot.

**January 26<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Voters Assembly in the Fireside Lounge**

**Virtual Sunday School**

Find information on THE FLOCK at [www.STL-eastpointe.org](http://www.STL-eastpointe.org).



**Mission Support 2021** - This year you will be assigned the same envelope # for offering envelopes as you had in 2020. Your box of envelopes is in your mail slot/box. If you do not have a mail slot/box, you will find them in the west entrance of the church. (If you would like a mail slot/box, please contact the church office.) If you are unable to get to church to get your envelopes, you can still send in your contribution and it will be credited to your giving #. If you did not have envelopes in 2020 and would like some for 2021, please visit the table in the west entry way and sign up following the directions on the table. Remember you can always donate electronically – go to [www.stl-eastpointe.com](http://www.stl-eastpointe.com) for more information and options. (or see today's worship bulletin) If you have any questions, contact Linda, in the church office.



Now enrolling at CrossBridge, St. Thomas Preschool! We offer one school day classroom of Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP). **Call Michele Jones for more information or an appointment to enroll; 586-260-6576.**

**LUTHERAN NORTHWEST**

Looking for an outstanding Christian high school option for your son or daughter or know someone who is? **LUTHERAN NORTHWEST in Rochester Hills is now accepting applications for new students for Fall 2021!** Learn more about the school and apply online at [www.lutherannorthwest.com](http://www.lutherannorthwest.com). Our application fee will increase by \$50 on 2/1 so now is an ideal time to complete this step and join our Crusader family. Questions? Call our Admissions Office at 248-852-6677. We'd love to hear from you!

***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 are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

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