



Blessed is the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord.

John 12:13

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*Saint Thomas Lutheran*

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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*

### **INVITATION**

*God draws us into his presence.*

#### **Entrance Hymn**

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

[LSB 442]

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the king of Israel And David’s royal Son,  
Now in the Lord’s name coming, Our King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before you went,  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present. **Refrain**

#### **Entering Prayers**

[Psalm 118:19-29]

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

**C:** Amen.

**L:** Heavenly Father, open the gates of righteousness, that we may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

**C:** **This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it.**

**L:** The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord’s doing; and it is marvelous in our eyes.

**C:** **This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

**C:** **The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.**

**L:** Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

**C:** **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; You are my God; and I will praise you.**

L: Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

### ***Hymn of Praise***

*“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”*

***Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.***

To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. ***Refrain***

Their praises you accepted; Accept the prayers we bring,  
Great author of all goodness, O good and gracious King. ***Refrain***

## ***INSTRUCTION***

*God feeds our heart, soul, and intellect.*

### ***Scripture Readings***

L: The Palm Sunday story is found in John, chapter 12.

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

**(John 12:12-16)**

L: The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out:

C: **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel.”**

L: Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, “Fear not daughter of Zion; behold your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!” His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him.

C: **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”**

L: The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

C: **“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!”**

L: So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.” This is the Palm Sunday story.

C: **All glory, laud, and honor to Jesus, our Redeemer, King.**

L: Our second reading is from Philippians 2.

**(Philippians 2:5-11)** <sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the

form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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***

*"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"*

[LSB 441]

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hear all the tribes hosanna cry;  
O Savior meek, pursue your road With palms and scattered garments strowed.

***CHOIR: Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
O Christ, your triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.***

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.  
The Father on his sapphire throne Awaits his own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.  
Bow your meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

### ***Sermon***

*"Anticipation"*

**John 12:13-15**

### ***Voluntary***

[Personal notes and reflections]

# INTROSPECTION

*God convicts us to action.*

## KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant.” **(Philippians 2:5-7)**

*Lord, Jesus, make me a joyful and loving servant to those in need.*



**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
- Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
- Go to <https://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>
- Through your Pay Pal account
- 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).

### **Offertory**

*“Splendor and Honor”*

[LSB 950, vs. 3, 2]

To the Almighty, throned in heavenly splendor,  
And to our Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,  
Be adoration, praise and glory given, Now and forever.

Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,  
By whose self-offering we are made God’s people:  
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations, Called to God’s service.

### **Apostles Creed**

L: Let us confess together our faith in the One True God with the words of the Apostles Creed:

**C: 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**

## ***Confession and Absolution***

- L: We, poor sinners, confess before you, O God, that we are guilty of many sins. We are sorry for all and pray for grace. We want to do better.
- C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Create in me a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit in me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

- L: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.**

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

- L: As God's forgiven people and at his invitation, let us pray:

*(after each petition)*

- L: Lord in your mercy:

**C: Hear our prayer.**

- L: Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as he 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**

### **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 this Holy Week.  
Giving us hearts that remain cautious, courteous, courageous, and creative.  
For children to be raised in the nurture and encouragement of the Gospel.

For everyone in our 'virtual congregation' to be blessed by this week's various worship experiences.

**And we remember** 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:** Kim Dunaway, Laura Thomas, Henry Bradychok, Loletta Hogan, Brenda Finger, Vada Habermas, Janet Semenjuk, Aletha Burbidge, Larry Cichocki, David Stolzenfeld (husband of Lori), Carole Frazho-Knupp (friend of Caroline Henze), Maxine Uniewski (friend of Larry Cichocki).

✠**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.), Karl Hallberg (son-in-law of Cardamone's), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack), Emily Henze (daughter-in-law of Caroline).

# **INVOLVEMENT**

*God makes his absolution shown in the world.*

## **The Canticle**

*“The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”*

[tune LSB 441]

Christ blotted out with His own blood The judgment that against us stood;  
For us He full atonement made, And all our debt He fully paid.

That this forever true shall be He gives a solemn guarantee:  
In this His holy Supper here We taste His love so sweet, so near.

## **Service of the Sacrament**

L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation,

C: **For You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

L: Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross,

C: **And receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.**

## **The Words of Institution**

### ***Private Prayer before Communing***

Here, O my Lord I see thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen; Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace, and all my weariness upon thee lean. Here would I feed upon the bread of God; Here drink with thee the royal wine of heaven; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, and taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven. Amen.

## **The Distribution of the Sacrament**

### **Distribution Hymn**

*“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”*

[LSB 443]

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;  
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,  
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,  
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.  
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state  
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;  
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.  
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice  
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

**Prayer as you go home** We give thanks to You, almighty God that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; 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)*

**Virtual Sunday School**

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

**HOLY WEEK Schedule**

***Maundy Thursday – April 1<sup>st</sup>***

***Communion for individuals / families 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.***

***VIRTUAL JOURNEY TO THE CROSS at [www.stl-eastpointe.org](http://www.stl-eastpointe.org)***

***Good Friday Communion – April 2<sup>nd</sup>***

***Worship Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m.***

***Easter Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup>***

***8:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service in Front Parking Lot***

***9:30 a.m. – Festival Communion Service***

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *The Resurrection of our Lord*

April 4, 2021

Festival Service Readings: Isaiah 25:6-9 / Mark 16:1-8

Sermon Topic: "Be Not Alarmed" - Text: Mark 16:6-8



Now enrolling at CrossBridge, St. Thomas Preschool! We offer the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) free for 4 year olds on Monday – Thursday. **Call Michele Jones for more information or an appointment to enroll; 586-260-6576.**



**WHERE CAN YOUR CHILDREN:** experience Christian growth while swimming, canoeing, shooting archery, riding horses, and zip-lining? **At Camp Concordia!** Camp Concordia is a Recognized Service Organization (RSO) of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. Don't let your children miss the adventure, joy and wonder that a week at a Christian camp can bring. Camp nurtures faith inside of kids! The week of June 13-18 has a special rate of \$300 for Grades 3-6! To read what parents have to say, please visit the camp's website at [www.campconcordia.org](http://www.campconcordia.org) or call the camp office for more information at 616-754-3785.

## Community Events

**Clothing Closet open 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Food Pantry open 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month – 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

**Drive Thru Communion – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Easter/Holiday Food Basket give away – April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 10 a.m.**

**Office will be closed April 5<sup>th</sup>.**

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

**Friday 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Please be aware that the alarm will be set when office is closed,  
and no activity is scheduled for the building!**

## *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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