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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*

### *Stories of God @ Work*

## **INVITATION**

*God draws us into his presence*

### **Entrance Hymn**

*“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”*

[LSB 819, vv. 1, 2, 5]

Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,  
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.  
With healing balm our souls He fills And ev’ry faithless murmur stills:  
To God all praise and glory!

What God’s almighty pow’r has made, In mercy He is keeping.  
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:  
To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ’s holy name, Give God the praise and glory.  
Let all who know His pow’r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.  
Cast ev’ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:  
To God all praise and glory!

### **Entering Prayers**

[from Psalm 124]

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

**C: Amen.**

**L:** If it had not been the LORD who was on our side when people rose up against us.

**C: Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us.**

**L:** Blessèd be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth!

**C: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers.**

L: Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**C: Blessed be the name of the LORD forever.**

L: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*“Earth and All Stars”*

[LSB 817, vv. 2 & 6]

Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Flowers and trees!  
Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

**Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!**

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!  
Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

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## ***INSTRUCTION***

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

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

**Mark 4:35-41**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 4.

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

<sup>35</sup>On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup>**But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?”** <sup>39</sup>And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even wind and sea obey him?”

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.*

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;  
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;  
For through many\_a woe To our home we go.

When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.  
Heav’nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

**Sermon**

*“Does Jesus Care?” part 1*

**Mark 4:38-40**

**Voluntary**

[Personal notes and reflections]

## ***INTROSPECTION***

*God convicts us to action.*

### **KINGDOM THOUGHTS**

“And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them  
and was raised again.”  
**(2 Corinthians 5:15)**

*Our financial stewardship reflects our gratitude for our redemption.*



**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 1-586-800-2223
- Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
- Go to <https://www.elixiogiving.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).

### ***A Reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians***

L: Today, as we continue through 2 Corinthians, we read of how Christ's love compelled Paul to persevere through all hardships to make God's offer of forgiveness and reconciliation plain to the people at Corinth. We start with chapter 1, verse 1.

**(2 Corinthians 6:1-13)** <sup>1</sup>Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. <sup>3</sup>We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: by great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, the Holy Spirit, genuine love; <sup>7</sup>by truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>through honor and dishonor, through slander and praise. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians; our heart is wide open. <sup>12</sup>You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. <sup>13</sup>In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

L: This is the word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Offertory***

*"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"*

[LSB 846, vv. 1 & 3]

Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save;  
It triumphed over ills and death, O'er darkness and the grave.  
To You they came, the blind, the mute, The palsied and the lame,  
The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.

O be our great deliv'rer still, The Lord of life and death;  
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, With Your life-giving breath.  
To hands that work and eyes that see Give wisdom's healing pow'r  
That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise You evermore.

## ***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.**

## ***We Confess our Faith***

*“The Nicene Creed”*

P: Let us then join in confessing our faith in the God who forgives us and gives us eternal life:

C: **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**

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

L: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints and in our invitation to come to God with all our concerns, let us pray:

*(after each petition)*

L: Lord in your mercy:

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: **Amen**

# INVOLVEMENT

*God makes his absolution shown in the world.*

## **The Sanctus**

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

[LSB 208]

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **Service of the Sacrament**

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

**C: We give thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.**

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.**

L: Hear us as we pray in his 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.**

## **The Words of Institution**

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

Dear Savior, I come to your table at your gracious invitation 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, on God, now and forever. Amen.

## **The Distribution of the Sacrament**

### **Distribution Hymn**

*“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

[LSB 722]

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessèd Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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***Prayer as you go home***

Dear Lord Jesus, I thank and praise you that you have again refreshed me with the gift of your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless my participation that I may depart from your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that I am reconciled to God. I ask this in your name. 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’S READINGS**

***The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

June 27, 2021

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 / Mark 5:21-42

Sermon Topic: “Does Jesus Care? – part two” - Text: Mark 5:30-35

**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.**

# VIRTUAL VBS 2021

## Theme: "i wonder ..."

(exploring the wonders of God's creation and how God makes all of us unique)

ONE NEW LESSON EACH SUNDAY FOR 5 WEEKS

Starting on Sunday, July 18

To receive materials, register now through July 18

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## ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES

April through June Mission Envelopes

Abigayle Ministries is a Christian interdenominational non-profit organization in Southeast Michigan. The ministry assists adult pregnant women and their children by introducing them to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equipping them to be self-sufficient through its residential housing program.

Their vision is to provide a two-year residential program for the single mother with child, whereby she can obtain mentoring and educational support for healthy child development and parent-child relationships while becoming self-supporting. We aspire to be a catalyst in promoting relationships based upon the love of Christ.

**100% of your Mission Envelope donations (either using the envelop provided in your box or through your designation electronically or with a different envelope) to STL during the months of April, May, and June will be given to Abigayle Ministries. For more information on the ministry, go to [Businessoffice@abigayleministries.org](mailto:Businessoffice@abigayleministries.org) or call 586-323-1411.**

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 9:30 – 3 - MON – THUR, UNTIL 1 ON FRIDAY**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

June 20, 2021

### Our Primary Prayer focus this week is upon God's Work in our nation:

- Through ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES and our mission offerings in support of this ministry.
- For the distribution and effectiveness of the COVID-19 vaccines.
- Guiding us all into healthier habits and more caring actions.
- Empowering us, God's people, to live and share the Gospel on a daily basis.

**And we remember those** on our cradle role, and those who are in hospice care - especially Stacey Dunlap (friend of STL) and Pat Stolzenfeld (Lori's mother-in-law).



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan ([mdolan421@gmail.com](mailto:mdolan421@gmail.com)), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

### † In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Dan Dolan, Davis & Eleanor Cardamone, Loletta Hogan, Henry Bradychok, Wyatt Cichocki (great grandson of the Cichocki's), Richard Keller (former member), Linda Taggart (former member), Harold Edwards (brother of Connie and Dale), Jerry & Donna Eskelinen (parents of Karen Gartrell, former member), Kyra Bermeister (great-granddaughter of Caroline Henze), Michael Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Vada Habermas, 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).

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