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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

Stories of God @ Work

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Praise

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

[LSB 869, vv. 1, 2, 5]

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev’ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter’s might, With His presence cheer you.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev’ry task Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day’s endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.

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Entering Prayers

[Psalm 128]

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

C: Amen.

L: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

C: **We eat the fruit of the labor of our hands, and it is well with us.**

L: The Lord bless you from Zion! May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

C: **May we see our children’s children as God’s peace is upon us!**

L: Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Speak O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word;
take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the Light of Christ may be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow’r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ‘til Your Church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory!

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, chapter 10.

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

Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

[LSB 725]

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.

Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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Sermon

"Do I Really Need Help?"

Genesis 2:18

*Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone;
I will make him a helper fit for him."*

Voluntary

"Cantate Domino"

J. Chepponis

Time for reflection and prayer.

[Personal notes and reflections]

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. (Mark 10:6-8)

Stewardship is first and foremost about relationships.



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.lexiogiving.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 the Old Testament

L: The Bible is one book, divided into two testaments, telling one story – the story of God at work in the world, sharing himself and his redeeming heart. Today's reading takes us back to creation and God's design for marriage and family.

(Genesis 2:18-25) The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

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: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Offertory

"You Are My All in All"

[BOB 243]

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek. You are my All in All.

Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All!

***Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.***

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
rising again, I bless Your name. You are my All in All.

When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All! ***Chorus***

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We Confess our Faith

"The Apostles Creed"

P: Let us join in confessing our faith in our gracious and eternal Triune God:

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

C: **For from him and through him and to him are all things.**

L: Lord, if you kept an account of our wrongdoings, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness, so that you may be revered.**

(time for personal reflection)

L: Out of the depths we call to you, Lord!

C: **O Lord, hear our voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our plea for mercy. Both we and our families have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we as one people may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.**

L: Blessed be the Lord, our God, from everlasting to everlasting. He has remembered his covenant, and sent Jesus to pay for our sins, and the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by his authority, I 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

Service of the Sacrament

L: The Lord commands his angels regarding you, to keep you in all your ways.

C: **Bless the Lord and all that is within me, bless his holy name.**

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

The Canticle

[LSB 606, v. 1]

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

Private Prayer before Communing

O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make me, I pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins and to give thanks with a grateful heart to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

[LSB 738]

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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The Post-Communion Canticle

[LSB 181]

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Sending

The Dismissal

The Post-Communion Collect

The Benediction

The Sending Hymn

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

[LSB 685]

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.

Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.

Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.

We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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*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)*



Today's altar flowers are given to honor
and glorify our Risen Lord
from Tim and Elizabeth Kruse in
celebration and for blessings on the marriage of
William and Kathleen Russo on October 9th.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021

Scripture Readings: Mark 10:17-22 / Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Sermon Topic: "Hate Evil – Love Good" - Text: Amos 5:15a

FHL, JC and "The Flock"

Greetings in Christ Jesus! Welcome back from exile! We have started our FHL (faith hope love) ministry back up. Right now, in our world we need to gather with each other around God's Word and be refreshed and strengthened by His presence in that Word. I pray that you will join us in a group this fall, currently we have two groups that will be meeting on Sunday after service. Elizabeth Kruse will be hosting a women's only group in room 204 (west hallway) and I will be hosting my Exploring the Gospel lesson in conference room 1. Our youth ministries will also be starting up with JC Style and the Flock. We also have groups that meet during the week, if you are interested in more information, please contact the church office. P.S we are looking for facilitators to host more groups, so if you are interested in that please contact me at dkchome@hotmail.com.

Blessings, Deacon Don

Interested in a Weekday FHL Gathering? Pastor Mark Hetzner hosts two FHL gatherings on Thursday - mornings at 9:30 am and in the afternoons at 1:00 pm. The study will be on the Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Please join him for this gathering, if not every Thursday, come when you can to either one, both are the same study.

Men have 2 FHL gatherings every week – one on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am, and one on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am, both in the Fireside Lounge. Men, please join in one that is convenient for you.

Handbells Practice

Calling all ringers! Our handbell choir began their practices on Thursday, September 30th at 7:00 pm, and it's not too late to join. Our handbell choir will be directed by Alicia Anno and she is welcoming past ringers and new members. Training will be provided for those wanting to learn and become a part of this choir as we praise the Lord with our music. If you have any questions, call the church office.

Kapelle Practice

Are you interested in becoming a part of our Kapelle? It's not too late! Their next practice is October 3rd at 8:30 am (before service), in room 206 (in the west hallway). Your voice would be a welcome addition to the voices lifted in praise. Talk to Lori our organist and director or call the church office if you have any questions.

Children's Library

The children's library is now open following the service in room 210 (west hallway). Children can come in and "borrow" a book for their reading enjoyment. Parents please accompany your children to this room.

The Fall Congregational ZOOM Forum will be on Thursday, October 7 @ 7:00 p.m. The week prior to the forum we will send out the ZOOM link and information on how to participate. The forum will also be recorded, and then available for viewing afterwards through the STL website (www.stl-eastpointe.org)

S.A.S.S. Soup And Sandwich Saturday is back on October 16th, from 11 am to 2 pm. We will once again be providing our community with a free meal and sharing the love of Jesus. Signup sheets are in the west entrance for you to volunteer your time and talents and to contribute products needed. Monetary gifts are also appreciated.

Lutheran Northwest for their HARVEST FESTIVAL & GRADE SCHOOL NIGHT on Friday, October 8! The family fun will begin with Trunk or Treating and fall festivities from 4:30-6:30. Stay on for an exciting night of Crusader Football as our boys play host to the Parkway Christian Eagles. Kids grade school age & younger plus a parent or guardian will receive *free* admission to the game, and the grade school students are invited down to the field for a half-time parade! Want to learn more about this and other upcoming events at Lutheran Northwest? Visit their website at www.lutherannorthwest.com or call their Admissions Office at 248-852-6677.

Clothing Closet open 2nd Saturday of the month – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Food Pantry open 3rd Saturday of the month – 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Closed on October 16th for SASS

Holiday Baskets on November 20 and December 18

Drive Thru Communion – 3rd Sunday of the month

11:00 a. m. – 12:00 p.m.

God's True Comfort Foods from STL

(ADD THESE TO YOUR CALENDAR – and tell a friend)

Mondays – Hymn Sing-Along with Tony

Wednesdays – Virtual Prayer Vigils

Thursdays – Thursday's Thirst

Tuesdays & Fridays – Video Devotions

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st.+thomas+eastpointe

October through December Mission Envelopes

CAMP RESTORE - DETROIT

(Housed in Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church)

DID YOU KNOW? The area surrounding Camp Restore Detroit (9th Precinct of Detroit) is only 20% populated. This means many houses, lots, and even entire blocks are abandoned. Camp Restore works to restore hope in the community through hosting groups of all ages and sizes, housing and feeding them, and partnering with community leaders and community organizations in activities of environmental cleanup, construction, and human care.

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 October, November, and December will be given directly to CAMP RESTORE DETROIT. For more information on the ministry, go to www.camprestore.org or call 313-527-3366.

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).

Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Drive Thru Communion - Third Sunday of the month at 11 a.m.

"The Flock" for children and Crossfraining JC Style for youth Sunday at 10:45

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

October 3, 2021

Our Primary Prayer focus this week is upon God's Work through STL:

- As plans are made for S.A.S.S. on October 16.
- As we continually encourage one another to grow in faith, hope, and love.
- Empowering God's people, to live and share the Gospel on a daily basis.
- Hosting community organizations that extend his care beyond our congregation.

And we remember those on our cradle role, and those who are in hospice care.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan (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 †

✠ **For Loved Ones Called Home:** For the family of Betty Knox who was called home this past week.

✠ **God's Healing Hand on:** Sandy Patch, Larry Pietangelo, Helen Ham, Janet Semenjuk, Roy Leidich, Walter Jakubiec, Marg Bittner, Dan Dolan, Davis Cardamone, Loletta Hogan, Henry Bradychok, Bill Brinkey (husband of Debra Barowicz), Dr. John Herzog, Jim Osterman (cousin of Sue Wensink), Harold Edwards (brother of Connie and Dale), Matthew Cichocki (grandson of Larry & Karen).

✠ **Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Brenda Finger, Joanne Awe, Lori Kucharek, Sieg Gannon, Elsie Adams, Chris Huber, Vada & 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), Linda Taggart (former member).

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