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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, 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

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

[LSB 915, vv. 1-3]

Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father’s welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv’n,
A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav’n.

Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father’s home.

Entering Prayers

[Psalm 112]

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

C: Amen.

L: Blessed are they who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his commandments!

C: **Wealth and riches are in their homes, and their righteousness endures forever.**

L: Light dawns in the darkness for the upright, for the Lord is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

C: It is well with those who conduct their affairs with justice, for the righteous will be remembered by the Lord forever.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

“Ancient Words”

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world,
they resound with God’s own heart. Oh, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where e’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

***Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, changing me and changing you.
We have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.***

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age, came to us through sacrifice.
Oh, heed the faithful words of Christ. ***Refrain***

In this world where’er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

We have come with open hearts, oh, let the ancient words impart.

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The Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-22

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. **Refrain**

**Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Refrain**

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! **Refrain**

Sermon

“Hate Evil – Love Good”

Amos 5:14-15a

*Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good.*

Voluntary

Time for reflection and prayer.

Attendance

We would like to know you attended service today!



To record your attendance, you can scan this QR code with your phone’s camera, it will take you to the web page/form for attendance. Fill out the form and hit the submit button.

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." (Mark 10:21)

When Jesus looks at you with love, what does he say?



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.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).

A Reading from the Old Testament

L: Today we continue to see how the Bible is one book, telling one story – the story of God at work in the world, sharing himself and his redeeming heart. Today we hear again how, though we continue to sin, God remains gracious.

(Amos 5:6-7, 10-15) Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .

They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. **Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. Hate evil, and love good,** and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

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 Nicene Creed"

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

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

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. 2]

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

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

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

[LSB 783]

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

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

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

[LSB 707]

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.
Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands 'Tis a delightful road
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

*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)*

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.

Trick or Treat - Attention all Trick or Treaters! Directly after service on Halloween, October 31st, we invite all kids to join us for some Trick or Treating around the building. The event will be put on with The Flock Sunday School and will include a fun holiday craft + lesson. If your kid would like to participate, please stay after service in the church to join the fun. Costumes ARE welcome for this event and all kids have permission to wear costumes during service (please keep them appropriate of course). All church members are welcome to bring candy to pass out. If you plan on passing out treats, please meet in the gym after service. For any questions, contact Tony at missionmgr@stl-eastpoint.org or text/call at 586-350-8396.

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

Ballroom Dancing - For anyone interested in learning to dance, we will be having another Ballroom Dancing Night on Oct. 27th at 7:00pm in Room 207! Anyone can join, even if you have two left feet. During the event, Tony will be teaching the "Haunted" Hustle. Costumes ARE welcome! People RSVP to the event by contacting Tony at missionmgr@stl-eastpoint.org or text/call at 586-350-8396. See you there!

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.

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.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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In your prayers this week please remember:

- The poor, the homeless, the hungry, and all who struggle.
- Hospital workers and all who service in health care ministries.
- Those who feel isolated or alone, along with those who suffer with depression.
- The ministry of Camp Restore Detroit.

And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth, this week remembering global healthcare needs and political situations.



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 †

✠ **Praise and Thanksgiving:** For the marriage of William & Kathleen (Russo) Kruse on October 9th. The baptism of Savanna Szymczak, daughter of Stephen Szymczak and Dawn Grembos on Sunday, 10/3. The baptism of Harrison Ahee, son of Jeff & Abbey Ahee on Saturday, 10/9.

✠ **God's Healing Hand on:** Donna Mertz (in Hospice care), Larry Cichocki, 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, Harold Edwards (brother of Connie and Dale), Matthew Cichocki (grandson of Larry & Karen), Justin Sommer (son of Connie's).

✠ **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).

NEXT SUNDAY

The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

Scripture Readings: Mark 10:23-31 / Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

Sermon Topic: "It's Impossible!" - Text: Mark 10:24-27

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.

Food Baskets in November & December

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

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