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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

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

[LSB 812]

Come, let us join our cheerful songs With angels round the throne;
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues, But all their joys are one.

“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “For He was slain for us!”

Jesus is worthy to receive Honor and pow’r divine;
And blessings more than we can give Be, Lord, forever Thine.

Let all creation join in one To bless the sacred name
Of Him who sits upon the throne And to adore the Lamb.

Entering Prayers

[Psalm 126]

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

C: Amen.

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of his people, we were like those who dream.

C: Our mouths were filled with laughter, and our tongues with shouts of joy;

L: We said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for us.”

C: Yes, the Lord had done great things for us and we are glad.

L: O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same 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

“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 10:46-52

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

They came to Jericho. And as [Jesus] was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. **And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.**

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.



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.

O Son of God, in Galilee You made the deaf to hear,
The mute to speak, the blind to see; O blessed Lord, be near.

O listen to the silent prayer Of Your afflicted ones.
O bid them cast on You their care; Your grace to them make known.

The speechless tongue, the lifeless ear You can restore, O Lord;
Your “Ephphatha,” O Savior dear, Can instant help afford.

Meanwhile to them the list’ning ear Of steadfast faith impart,
And let Your Word bring light and cheer To ev’ry troubled heart.

Then in Your promised happy land Each loss will prove a gain;
All myst’ries we shall understand, For You will make them plain.

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Sermon

“Center of Wellness”

Mark 10:51-52

Voluntary

Time for reflection and prayer.

[Personal notes and reflections]

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad. (Psalm 126:3)

What great things is God doing in your life these days?



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: Jeremiah, who also wrote Lamentations and is known as the "weeping prophet," today reminds us that even in the worst of times we still are called to praise our faithful God, for his goodness and mercy are ever present.

(Jeremiah 31:7-9) Thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn."

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of the Church

L: Hear our cries and be attentive to the voice of our pleas, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Son of David!
(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 Nicene Creed"

P: 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: Out of the depths we cry to you, Lord!

C: **O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the sound of my pleas for mercy!**

L: O people of God, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

C: **We will give glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and evermore.**

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, vs. 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.

Distribution Hymns

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

[LSB 814]

O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.

O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!

’Tis He forgives thy sins; ’Tis He relieves thy pain;
’Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov’ reign pow’r to save.

He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff’rers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th’oppressed.

His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace By His belovèd Son.

The Pos-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

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer"

[LSB 918]

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, Be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

*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 flowers were given to thank and praise our Heavenly Father,
in celebration of the 11th wedding anniversary
of Thomas and Mary Lee McKay on the 21st.

NEXT SUNDAY

Reformation Sunday - October 31, 2021

Scripture Readings: John 8:31-36 / Revelation 14:6-7


Sermon Topic: "God Removes the Clutter" - Text: Romans 3:23-26

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!

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.

Flu Vaccination Clinic – November 9th from 10 – 11:30 a.m.

ALL attendees must complete an online consent form: REGISTRATION SITE: <https://flu.vna.org> Clinic ID: 1261 | Passcode: L56RzHS Children under 17 must have consent form completed/signed by parent/guardian. QR codes are on the posters in the hallways, that will take you right to the site and form. Participants will be serviced first come, first served. Pre-registration ensures adequate vaccine supply. Face masks are required of all participants.

Fellow Workers on God’s Team	
OUR ROLE ON GOD’S TEAM	

God calls us to be on his team and then he gives us gifts through the Holy Spirit so we can be in service to others

1 Corinthians 12:7 puts it this way: “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” As we continue our focus upon being **Fellow Workers on God’s Team**, this week we look at “Our Role on God’s Team.” When God calls us to follow Him and become disciples, we become an important part of His team. As part of God’s team, we participate with Him in His work to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). We are His hands, feet, and mouth through which He works. A good team member is loyal, trustworthy, hard-working, and does what the team leader directs. Through faith, we submit our will to Jesus who is the leader of our team. What a joy it is to be part of His team and to be a team member of the most important team ever! Thanks be to God that He calls us to be part of His amazing team!

You're invited! **The Choirs of Lutheran Northwest will present their first annual CABARET NIGHT CONCERT & FUNDRAISER at 7PM on Saturday, 11/6!** The evening will include popular music, light refreshments, and games with prizes, so don't miss your opportunity to be part of the fun! Tickets **MUST** be purchased online in advance by Friday, 10/29. Visit our website at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events and click on the Cabaret Night event for more details and a link to buy your tickets.

Molière's classic French comedy, *Tartuffe*, is the opening production of the 2021-22 Crusader Drama Season at Lutheran Northwest! Please join us for one of four performances on Friday, Saturday or Sunday, 10/29-10/31! Both in-person and livestream tickets are available at www.LutheranNorthwest.com/events.

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

**Food Pantry giving Holiday Food Baskets in November & December
First come first served – beginning at 10 a.m. - west parking lot**

**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).

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Your personal prayer guide for the week of:
October 24, 2021*

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is on Christ's people on earth:

- For the Holy Spirit to be at work enriching faith through our Barnabas Ministry.
- Giving us hearts that are growing in the joy of giving generously to the mission of STL.
- For children to be raised in the nurture and encouragement of the Gospel.
- For new individuals to become members of the STL Prayer Chain.

And we remember all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care especially Donna Mertz and Elsie Adams.



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 Graham Edwards, uncle of Lori Stolzenfeld, Dale Edwards, Connie Sommer and Janet Edwards, who was called home suddenly this week. The Anno family at the death of Alicia's uncle last week.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Larry Cichocki, Sandy Patch, Larry Pietangelo, Helen Ham, Janet Semenzuk, Roy Leidich, Walter Jakubiec, Marg Bittner, 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).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Brenda Finger, Joanne Awe, Lori Kucharek, Sieg Gannon, 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).

Attention Ladies: You are invited to join the HIS II group on the fourth Monday of the month. Our next Bible Study on October 25th is: **"You've got to accentuate the positive, Eliminate the negative" Psalms 40.** We meet in the Fireside Lounge starting at 7 PM and are done by 9 PM.

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