



Remembrance Sunday

*Weddings
and
Anniversaries*



Remembering our
loved ones
called home

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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

Remembrance Sunday

Prelude

“We Gather Together”

E. Kremser

Welcome

Romans 6:3-5, 10-11

Today, as we celebrate milestones in the new life we have in Christ, we recall how “all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his... For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Connecting to JESUS

Opening Praise

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

[LSB 790, vv. 1, 3, 5]

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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

C: Amen.

L: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

L: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

C: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

L: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers us out of them all.

L: Gracious Lord, we give thanks that in Holy Baptism we receive forgiveness of sins, deliverance from death and the devil, and eternal salvation. On this day as we remember those who were baptized here during this past year and those who have joined our mission team, we pray that you would bless them continually by your Word and Spirit that they may faithfully keep the covenant into which they have been called, boldly confess their Savior, and finally share with all your saints the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Baptismal Hymn

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

[LSB 594, vs. 1-3]

God’s own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth’s treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus’ cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus’ blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I’ve traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

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The Baptismal Role Call and List of Those Joining the STL Mission Team

*Leighton Elyse O’Connor, Logan Dennis Lechner
Delilah Mary Hamilton, Alessandra Loraine Hetzner
Tessa Elaine Ann Trottier, Savanna Kathyanne Szymczak, Harrison James Ahee,
Alicia Kersey, John Hupp, Nancy Jean Wargo, Jennifer Delmonte,
Lois Frikken, David Firchau, Laura Ann Firchau
Zachary Michael Delmonte, Kayla Anne Lindeman*

... and to ONE ANOTHER

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 19:4-6

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 19.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Wedding Prayer

L: O Lord Jesus, your mercies are new every morning. We thank you for the good work you have begun and continued in these many couples we are about to recognize. We pray that you would open their hearts to receive more of your love that their love for each other may never grow weary, but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Marriage Hymn

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

[LSB 922]
(wedding & 4)

In this union I have joined you Husband and wife,
Now, My children, live together As heirs of life:
Each the other's gladness sharing, Each the other's burdens bearing,
Now, My children, live together As heirs of life.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

Roll Call of Weddings and Anniversaries

Living with JESUS

Hymn of the Day

"Through Jesus' Blood and Merit"

[LSB 746, vv. 1, 2, 4]
(tune p. 204)

Through Jesus' blood and merit I am at peace with God.
What, then, can daunt my spirit, However dark my road?
My courage shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may deride.

There's nothing that can sever From this great love of God;
No want, no pain whatever, No famine, peril, flood.
Though thousand foes surround me, For slaughter mark His sheep,
They never shall confound me, The vict'ry I shall reap.

Nor any creature ever Shall from the love of God
This ransomed sinner sever; For in my Savior's blood
This love has its foundation; God hears my faithful prayer
And long before creation Named me His child and heir.

Sermon

"The Lord is Near"

Psalm 34:17-19

*When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.*

Voluntary

"Glory Bound"

J. A. Shafferman

Time for reflection and prayer.



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.

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (the words of Jesus in Revelation 22.13)

How will you share with others what you have received today?



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).

The Prayer of the Church

L: As we wait patiently for the Lord's return, let us pray to our gracious God on behalf of the whole Church 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

"Creedal Prayer"

(tune LSB 661)

Creating Father, by Your Word, All things have come to be,
From empty void and formless dark To all that we can see.

At eventide and morning sun, Your tapestry You weave,
And now in unity we sing, "O Father, we believe."

Redeeming Son, here virgin born From heav'n to earth You came
To save us all from sin and death; So Jesus is Your name.

For us You suffered and You died; You rose that we might live,
And now in unity we sing, "O Jesus, we believe."

Empow'ring Spirit, Breath of life, You gather us as one
Like rain and snow, Your Word comes down, Its purposes are done.
Your wind blows free, Your fruit is grown, Your many gifts received,
And now in unity we sing, "O Spirit, we believe."

The Intimate Connection

Confession and Absolution

L: Let us pray: Holy and gracious God,

C: **I confess that I have sinned against You. Some of my sin I know – the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed – but some are known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may live in peace.**

L: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We now live in his peace and rise each day to serve him.

C: **Amen.**

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 Distribution of the Sacrament

The Canticle

"This is the Feast"

[LSB 171]

Cantor: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power and riches and wisdom and strength
and honor and blessing and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen
This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain
has begun His reign. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Anthem

"Nearer, My God to Thee"

L. Mason

Distribution Hymn

"Abide with Me"

[LSB 878, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6]

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

The Dismissal

The Ultimate Connection

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L: Lord God, Heavenly Father

P: We thank you for adopting us into your family through Holy Baptism.

L: Lord Jesus, our Redeemer

P: We praise you as the first-fruits of the resurrection of all flesh.

L: O, God the Holy Spirit

P: We ask you to make us faithful to death, that we may receive the crown of eternal life.

L: That we might celebrate with all who have gone before us in your glorious presence,

P: in that ultimate connection with You forever and ever. Amen.

Roll Call:

*William R. Weirauch, David Ottinger, Lois Marie Awe,
Ronald Allan Hess, Joshua Herbert Finger, Randall L. Scharrer, Rebecca Rae Doyle,
Eleanor Hildegard Cardamone, Freida Mae Hilsinger,
William Anthony Nycholas, Ann Caroline Van Norman,
Betty Jean Knox, Ernest Wesley Medd*

Prayer

[Revelation 14:13]

L: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on

P: Blessed indeed, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.

L: Heavenly Father, into whose keeping we entrust our loved ones, help us to look to you in our times of sorrow, remembering the cloud of faithful witnesses with which we are surrounded. Touch us with your love, and give us your Spirit of peace, that we may move forward in the confidence that you are with us always, even to the end of the age. Grant that we may one day share in the joys of those who now rest in your presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

C: Amen.

Carnations & Prayers

Solo

"You Are Mine"

D. Haas/M. Hayes

Closing Prayer

L: Almighty God, by the death of your Son Jesus Christ you destroyed death, by his rest in the tomb you sanctified the graves of your saints, and by his glorious resurrection you brought life and immortality to light so that all who, through baptism, are buried and raised back to life in Christ, abide in peace and hope. Receive our thanks for the victory over death and the grave which he won for us. Keep us in everlasting fellowship with all that wait for him on earth and with all in heaven who are with him who is the resurrection and the life, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"O Heav'nly Hosts, Proclaim God's Glor'ous Strength"

(tune LSB 677)

O heav'nly hosts, proclaim God's glor'ous strength
Through heaven's endless breadth, its depth, and length,
With splend'rous shouts from all angelic ranks!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Ascribe the LORD all glory due His name;
Worship the LORD, His holiness proclaim.
In joyful hymns let every voice exclaim:
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

God sent His Son to die and rise to be
The Door to Heaven to eternity.
Through faith in Christ, from sin and death we're free!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Door to Heaven calls to all the world:
"Place faith in Me, and in My peace be curled.
To all the earth God's grace has been unfurled!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!

To Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bring
Thanks, adoration, glory, as we sing
With cherubim, all saints, and seraphim:
Alleluia! Amen!

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*You are living
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 IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

Would you like to help beautify the church for Christmas? There are order forms on the tables around the church to order your poinsettia to be put in the church for this special holiday. Fill out the form and give to Nancy Gutowsky with the money, orders are due by November 21st. You can put the form/payment in her mailbox, put in the church office mailbox outside the office door, or give to her directly. Make checks payable to St. Thomas Altar Guild. You also have the option to go to our web page, click on the poinsettia, fill out the form and pay with your credit card or ACH. Following the Christmas services, you can take them home, must be picked up before New Year's.

It's Lutheran Witness time! This is the time to order or renew subscriptions of the *Lutheran Witness* (LW), the official periodical of the LCMS. It is published 11 times a year and provides laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, fosters personal growth in faith, and helps interpret the contemporary world from the Lutheran Christian perspective. The subscription year is March 2022 through February 2023. Yearly subscriptions are \$11.60/year each if orders are placed through the St. Thomas church office (if not the cost is \$19.99). Orders and money need to be in the office by December 12 (checks made payable to St. Thomas).

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NEXT SUNDAY

The 1st Sunday in Advent

November 28, 2021

Scripture Readings: Luke 21:25-36 / Jeremiah 33:14-16

Sermon Topic: “Sign! Sign! Everywhere a Sign!” --Text: Luke 21:25-28

**Faith and Fellowship Brunch TODAY
following the service in the gym**

**Drive Thru Communion – TODAY!
at Noon in the east/front parking lot**

**Thanksgiving Eve Worship – November 24, 2021
Noon** & 7:00 p.m.**

Decorate the Church for Christmas – November 27th at 9 a.m.
Join us any time after 9 a.m. to help – many hands make the work quicker!

**Advent CARoling – Noon (in the sanctuary)
and at 7 p.m.** (outside in the east/front parking lot)**

**Caroling in our Community
December 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

Christmas Eve Worship 4:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
Candles/Carols/Communion**

Christmas Day Worship at 9:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve Worship with COMMUNION AT 5 p.m.

**on FaceBook live or anytime on our web site - www.stl-eastpointe.org

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

**Christmas Food Baskets December 18th at 10 a.m.
First come first serve from the west parking lot.**

Saint Thomas Giving Tree 2021

This year we will be gifting Wellspring Lutheran Foundation
and our GSRP Pre-School

Wellspring Lutheran Foundation has requested only Gift Cards be purchased for their families in need. Many of the families they serve need to choose between having their children unwrap a gift or two on Christmas morning, or pay an electric bill, find warm bedding for the winter, buy pots and pans so they can cook a meal at home, purchase essentials, or buy bus tickets so they can get to work, and the list goes on.

Please select from the following:

**Visa, Aldi, Kroger, Meijer, Target or Walmart
Gift Cards in any monetary amount would be greatly appreciated.**

The cards can be placed in the drop box next to the Giving Tree.

NO LATER THAN Wednesday December 8th.

The cards will then be mailed to Wellspring
and be distributed from there.

**Questions about this process should be directed to Dawn White at 989.262.7496 or by
email at dwhite@wellspringlutheran.com.**

There are 19 children from our
GSPR Pre-School whose names and gift ideas will be on the Giving Tree.
These need to be brought to the church no later than Monday, **December 13th**.

Blessings,

Vicki Corbett

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Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week
November 21, 2021

Our Primary Prayer focus is the life transforming power of Christ's Word, and especially:

- As more and more individuals gather (either in person or virtually) in FHL groups, CrossTraining for Youth, THE FLOCK, and PB+J.
- At work in the redeemed, increasing our generosity and joy in giving.
- In those who come to the Faith and Fellowship Brunch today.
- As we share Christ's priceless treasures in old ways and new.



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.

And we remember the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering all grieving families, Donna Mertz and Elsie Adams who are in hospice care.

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Nancy Jiminey, Pam Winkle, Roy Michelsen, Cathy Meer, Warren Cooley, Marg Bittner, Henry Bradychok, Bill Brinkey (husband of Debra Barowicz), Charlene Kuehn (former member), Nancy Murray, Crystal Morris, Brandon Habermas (former member), Pat Fischer and Linda Goldberg (friends of Debbie Kujawski), Mike Churchill (father of Catilyn).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Larry Cichocki, 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), 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).

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

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