

Jesus Changes Water Into Wine



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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

“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”

[LSB 395, vv. 1, 2, 3]

O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God’s own truth and light,
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob’s race, King David’s son,
Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o’er all possessing!

Come, heav’nly Bridegroom, Light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be
As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily Earth’s deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,
Yet with heav’nly joy You bless us.

Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above
A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav’nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us
God’s own love through You has reached us.

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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: They shall eat the fruit of the labor of their hands, and it shall be well with them.

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! Peace be upon God's people.

L: Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of your people and grant us your peace through all our days; 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

"To God on High Be Glory"

[LSB 204]

To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;
Good-will from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name we sing –
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heavenly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, the Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in power are seated at God's right hand on high.

For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, be worshipped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

The Holy Gospel

John 2:1-11

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 2.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in 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.



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.

Hymn of the Day

“Come, Join in Cana’s Feast”

[LSB 408, vv. 1-4]
(tune 781)

Come, join in Cana’s feast Where Christ is honored guest.
He welcomes all who come to taste The wine His hands have blessed.

The old wine now is gone From jars that stand apart.
No longer can it satisfy The yearning, thirsting heart.

But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids water turn to wine.
He fills our empty cups again With grace and truth divine.

Come, friends, and share the feast; Here drink the wine supplied
By Him who is both guest and host For us, the crucified.

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Sermon

“Manifest”

John 2:1-11

Voluntary

Time for reflection and prayer.

[Personal notes and reflections]

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“There are a variety of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

How do you feel about acknowledging and using your spiritual gifts?



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.elxiogiving.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 New Testament

L: In his first letter to the Corinthians Paul speaks of many ways in which God makes the church to be the one, undivided body of Christ. In today’s reading he reminds us that “there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord.”

(1 Corinthians 12:1-11) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of the Church

(see the prayer page for this week’s prayer concerns)

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: Heavenly Father, grant us all to walk before You in purity and holiness, putting our trust in You and leading such lives on earth that, in the world to come, we may have everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offertory

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

[WOV 688, vv. 1, 3]

O Holy spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things;
Anoint our wounds, waken us with lustrous movement of your wings.

O holy Wisdom, soaring power, encompass us with wings unfurled,
And carry us, encircling all above, below, and through the world.

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We Profess our Faith

“Nicene Creed”

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

[Romans 10]

L: The word is near you; in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith that we proclaim.

C: **If we declare with our mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.**

L: There is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.

C: **Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

L: Together as His children let us call upon the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, open our ears and our hearts to your Word, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and by his blood you are made new. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I therefore 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

[Psalm 117]

L: Praise the Lord, all nations! Celebrate him, all peoples!

C: **For great is his steadfast love toward us.**

L: The faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

C: **Yes, his faithfulness endures forever.**

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

"Your Table I Approach"

[LSB 628, vv. 1, 3, 5]

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

Distribution Hymn

"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us"

[LSB 514]
(tune 478)

The Bridegroom soon will call us, "Come to the wedding feast."
May slumber not befall us Nor watchfulness decrease.
May all our lamps be burning With oil enough and more
That we, with Him returning, May find an open door!

There shall we see in glory Our dear Redeemer's face;
The long-awaited story Of heav'nly joy takes place:
The patriarchs shall meet us, The prophets' holy band;
Apostles, martyrs greet us In that celestial land.

There God shall from all evil Forever make us free,
From sin and from the devil, From all adversity,
From sickness, pain, and sadness, From troubles, cares, and fears,
And grant us heav'nly gladness And wipe away our tears.

In that fair home shall never Be silent music's voice;
With hearts and lips forever We shall in God rejoice,
While angel hosts are raising With saints from great to least
A mighty hymn for praising The Giver of the feast.

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The Post-Communion Canticle

"Thank the Lord"

[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

"The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

[LSB 399, vv. 1, 3-5]

The star proclaims the King is here; But, Herod, why this senseless fear?
For He who offers heav'nly birth Seeks not the kingdoms of this earth.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood The heav'nly Lamb in meekness stood
That He, of whom no sin was known, Might cleanse His people from their own.

And oh, what miracle divine, When water reddened into wine!
He spoke the word, and forth it flowed In streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

For this Thy glad epiphany All glory, Jesus, be to Thee,
Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Spirit evermore.

Prayer Sending Us into the Mission Field

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus came to visit us in great humility, that in the last day, when he shall come again in glory, we may rise to the life immortal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*You are now 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)*

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Life Sunday

January 23, 2022

Scripture Readings: John 15:12-17 / 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Drive Thru Communion – Today - 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Congregational Forum via Zoom - January 25th – 7 p.m.



2022 Envelopes are available in the west hallway! Please stop by the table, print your name on the list next to the envelope # you are taking home. Information for electronic giving is printed in the worship folders. If you have any questions, contact Linda in the church office. **Please, use only these envelope #'s 2022!**

Woman of the Year St. Thomas' nominee is Nancy Gutowsky. Nancy works quietly behind the scenes. Serving on the Altar Guild, His II, Retreat Committee and is a crucial part of the Clothing Closet Committee. Please congratulate and thank her for her work in the many ministries here.

Flower Chart for 2022 is up in the west hallway! If you would like to have flowers on the Altar in memory of or celebration of, please sign the chart. Price is very affordable, and is listed on the chart. Money is due prior to the date.

Faith Hope Love Gatherings

*Please join one to experience spiritual growth, personal encouragement
and a supportive community*

Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Women only - S†L Room 204

Facilitator Host: Elizabeth Kruse (cell: 313-801-4387)
"Living Beyond Yourself" By Beth Moore

Sunday: 10:45 a.m. Multi-generational – S†L Room 101

Facilitator Host: Don Cooley (cell: 586-291-7538)
Sunday Gospel Talks

Wednesday: 6:30 a.m. Men only – S†L - Fireside Lounge

Facilitator Host: Mike Dolan (cell: 586-899-5895)
"The Book of Romans"

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. Multi-generational – S†L Room 101

Facilitator Host: Mark Hetzner (cell: 586-854-5634)
"The Book of Genesis"

Thursday: 1:00 p.m. Multi-generational – S†L Room 101

Facilitator Host: Mark Hetzner (cell: 586-854-5634)
"The Book of Genesis"

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. Men only – S†L - Fireside Lounge

Facilitator Host: Steve Northcott (cell: 586-871-3175)
"The Book of Proverbs"

THE LUKE CLINIC

**January through March Mission Envelopes
(Now in both Detroit and Flint)**

IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS: The mission of the Luke Clinic is to promote the health and wellbeing of the local population by providing accessible, high-quality medical care for expectant mothers and infants under 12 months of age. They are committed to providing accessible, relationship-based services that will exceed the expectations of their patients and their communities resulting in an effective great compassion and great commission ministry. It is all about saving lives ... empowering women ... building faith.

100% of your Mission Envelope donations (either using the envelop provided in your box, through your designation electronically or with a different envelope) to STL during the months of January, February, and March will be given directly to THE LUKE CLINIC. For more information on the ministry, go to www.thelukeclinic.org or call 866-458-5352.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

January 16, 2022

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

- As we invite and encourage others to join us in worship.
- As we continually encourage one another to grow in faith, hope, and love.
- As we improve and expand our ministry to those in our remote family.
- As we actively engage and re-engage with the Gospel.

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 Elsie Adams who was called home last Saturday. For the family of Francis Andary, father-in-law of Kelly Andary, who was called home last Saturday.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Betty Williams, Steve Kruse, William Eubanks, Janet Semenjuk, Pam Winkle, Warren Cooley, Marg Bittner, Henry Bradychok, Bill Brinkey (husband of Debra Barowicz), Brandi Valley (friend of Karen Strugs), Ashley Gladden (daughter of Pastor Gladden), Mya (niece of Rosie Solano – GSRP teacher), Mary Carlini (friend of Geri Liechfelt).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Larry Cichocki, Brenda Finger, Joanne Awe, Lori Kucharek, Sieg Gannon, Chris Huber, Vada & Don Habermas, Crystal Morris, 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).

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St. Peter's Eastpointe Early Childcare Center is looking for childcare aides in their toddler rooms. They are looking for people who are interested in either full time, part time or even a day or two a week. Covid has made it very hard to hire and they are trying to find people who understand their mission to teach the little ones about Jesus. If you are interested in receiving more information, you can either call them at 586-447-9280 or notify the STL church office and we will have them contact you.

You're Invited – to Peace Lutheran Church's annual Valentines' Dinner Dance on Friday, February 11 at The Gazebo (31104 Mound Rd, Warren). Dinner, open bar, door prizes and dancing included in the ticket price of \$45 per person. Deadline for purchasing tickets is Sunday, February 6th. Please contact Peace Lutheran for tickets (586)751-8010.

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 Cross/raining JC Style for youth Sunday at 10:45

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week