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***Saint Thomas Lutheran***

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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](http://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**

*“Praise Be to Christ”*

[LSB 538]

Praise be to Christ in whom we see The image of the Father shown,  
The firstborn Son revealed and known, The truth and grace of deity;  
Through whom creation came to birth, Whose fingers set the stars in place,  
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth, The furthest bounds of time and space.

Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway And will upholds creation's plan;  
Who is, before all worlds began And when our world has passed away:  
Lord of the Church, its life and head, Redemption's price and source and theme,  
Alive, the firstborn from the dead, To reign as all-in-all supreme.

Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The fullness of the Godhead shares;  
And yet our human nature bears, Who came as man to bleed and die.  
And from His cross there flows our peace Who chose for us the path He trod,  
That so might sins and sorrows cease And all be reconciled to God.

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**Entering Prayers**

[Psalm 71]

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

**C:** Amen.

**L:** In you, O Lord, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.

**C:** **In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us; be to us a rock of refuge to which we may continually come.**

**L:** Rescue us, O God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.

**C:** **For you, O Lord, are our hope upon whom we have leaned from before our birth.**

L: Almighty God, you know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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**

**Luke 4:31-43**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 4.

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

[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, **“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.”** But Jesus rebuked him, saying, **“Be silent and come out of him!”** And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. And they were all amazed and said to one another, **“What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!”** And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying, **“You are the Son of God!”** But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, but he said to them, **“I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.”**

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***

#### ***"Away from Us!" the Demon Cried"***

[LSB 541]  
(tune LSB 528)

"Away from us!" the demon cried When Christ, the Lord, drew near.

"Our dark, disordered world is lost When You, the Light, appear!"

But Jesus spoke with God's own pow'r; "Come forth!" was His command;  
For evil cannot bear the Light Nor sin the Truth withstand.

O risen Christ, God's living Word, To us, we pray, draw near.  
Come, speak the truth that cleanses sin With love that conquers fear.

Drive out the doubt that cripples faith; Expel our pride and greed  
That we, from pow'rs that threaten us, May, by Your grace, be freed.

Then help us, Lord, to greet each day With hearts and wills made new  
And, when You call us forth to serve, To rise and follow You.

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### ***Sermon***

#### ***"Authority"***

**Luke 4:34-37**

### ***Voluntary***

*Time for reflection and prayer.*

[Personal notes and reflections]

# RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

## KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“You, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.  
Upon You I have leaned from before my birth.  
You are He who took me from my mother’s womb.  
My praise is continually of You.” (Isaiah 50:4)

*What are some way in which the Lord has recently delivered you?*



**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 New Testament***

L: Jesus was sent to “preach the good news of the kingdom of God.” His preaching is an epiphany, or manifestation, of God because His Word reveals the authority of his cross and resurrection, by which he atoned for the sins of the world. For the sake of his divine love, he is “patient and kind” toward us. He “bears all things,” “endures all things” and delivers up his body. His is the love of which we read in 1 Corinthians 13.

**(1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13)** I will show you a still more excellent way.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

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

**C: Amen.**

## ***Offertory***

*"Where Charity and Love Prevail"*

[LSB 845, vv. 1, 3, 5]

Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.

Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.

Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.

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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***

*"There Is a Balm in Gilead"*

[LSB 749]

**Refrain: There is a balm in Gilead To make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead To heal the sin-sick soul.**

Sometimes I feel discouraged And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit Revives my soul again. **Refrain**

If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus And say He died for all. **Refrain**

Don't ever feel discouraged, For Jesus is your friend;  
And if you lack for knowledge, He'll ne'er refuse to lend. **Refrain**

### ***The Post-Communion Cantic***

*"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***

*"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"*

[LSB 722]

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.  
Then nothing can impede me, O blessèd Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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### ***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.

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**Today is Mite Box Sunday!**

*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**

*The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*

February 6, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 5:1-11 / 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20

Sermon Topic: “Calling” - Text: Luke 5:8b-11



**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, do not use these envelopes until 2022!**

**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 envelope 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](http://www.thelukeclinic.org) or call 866-458-5352.**

## **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

### **4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month: H.I.S. II**

### **Women only at 7:00 p.m. in the S†L - Fireside Lounge**

Bible Study, friendship and service

### **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”

## ***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).

## Upcoming Events:



(visit the web page or see the STL publications for more information)

### **Clothing Closet open February 12<sup>th</sup>**

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**S.A.S.S.** (Soup and Sandwich Saturday)

**February 19, 2022** - 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Many hands are needed!

Sign up in the west entrance to share your time, talents and donations

### **Faith and Fellowship Brunch**

**February 20, 2022** - 11:00 a.m.

Meet in the gym following the 9:30 a.m. worship service

### **Drive Thru Communion - February 20<sup>th</sup>**

11:00 a. m. - 12:00 p.m. - southeast entrance

### **Blood Drive**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

Schedule your appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)

### **Lifeline Screening**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Schedule your appointment at [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com)

*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 Crossftraining JC Style for youth Sunday at 10:45*

*Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week*

**Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week**  
**January 30, 2022**

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

- As our FHL groups, CrossTraining for Youth, THE FLOCK, and PB+J discuss the Gospel.
- At work in the redeemed, increasing our generosity and joy in giving.
- In those who are new to STL.
- As we share Christ's priceless treasures across the generations.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan ([mdolan421@gmail.com](mailto: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, and those who are in hospice care.**

**† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †**

✠**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Don Habermas, Vada's husband, and Shannon Dawda's father, who was called home on Wednesday.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** James & Helen Ham, 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), Don Habermas (husband of Veda), Scott Baker (Diane Ustick's grandson).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Larry Cichocki, Brenda Finger, Joanne Awe, Lori Kucharek, Sieg Gannon, Chris Huber, 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).