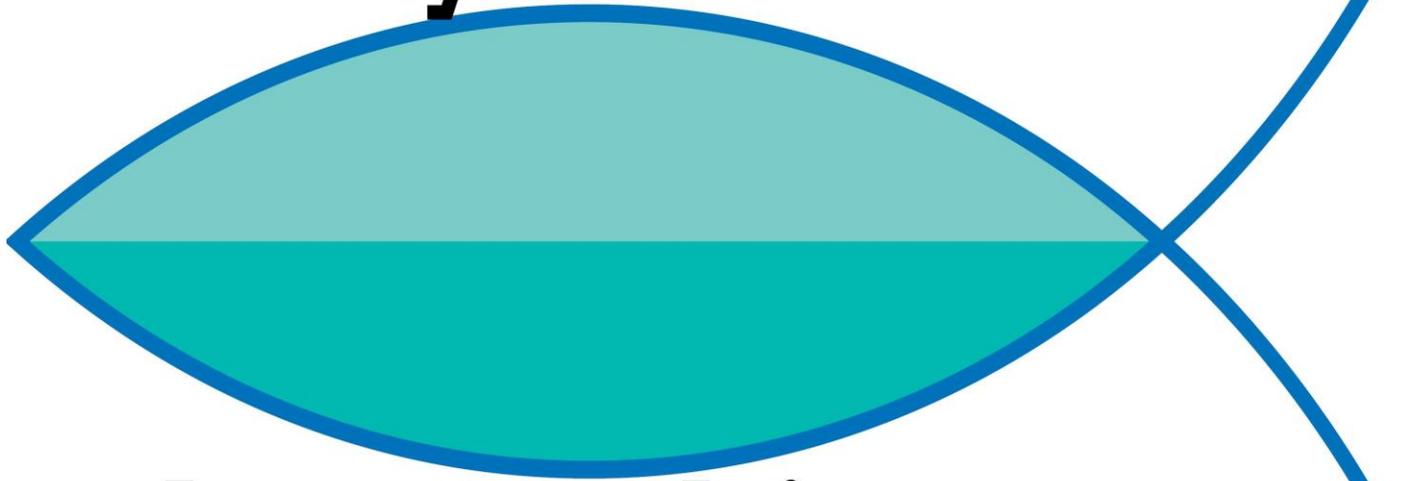


"From now
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Eastpointe, Michigan

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

“God Himself Is Present”

[LSB 907]

God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him. God is in His temple;
All within keep silence; Humbly kneel in deepest rev’rence.
He alone On His throne Is our God and Savior; Praise His name forever!

God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding. “Holy, holy, holy!”
Hear the hymn ascending, Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises That Your Church now raises.

Fount of ev’ry blessing, Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit. Like the holy angels,
Worshiping before You, May I ceaselessly adore You.
Let Your will Ever still Rule Your Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

Entering Prayers

[Psalm 138]

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

C: Amen.

L: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise.

C: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and faithfulness.

L: On the day I called, you answered me.

C: My strength of soul you increased.

L: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for his people.

C: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.

L: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; 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

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

[LSB 948, vv. 1, 2, 5]

All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one,
Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.
Among us may His gracious will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

We praise You, God; Your name we bless And worship You in humbleness;
From day to day we glorify The everlasting God on high.
Of Your great glory do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.

You only are the Holy One And over all are Lord alone.
O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
With Him You evermore shall be One in the Father’s majesty.

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 5

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.” And Simon answered, “Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.” And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” **For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed 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, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake

[LSB 688, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5]

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.

“I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.

“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation,
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Sermon

“Calling”

Luke 5:8b-11

Voluntary

“Remember Him”

N. Price/D. Besig

Time for reflection and prayer.

[Personal notes and reflections]

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“One called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!’” (Isaiah 6:3)

To whom will you tell of the glory of the Lord of hosts this week?



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.elixiogiving.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: The Church remains the little boat from which Jesus teaches his people today. As we listen to today's reading from 1st Corinthians the Holy Spirit is at work in us.

(1 Corinthians 14:12b-20) Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

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.

L: Lord in your mercy
C: Hear our prayer.

L: O Lord never depart from us. ... 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.

Offertory

"Create in Me a Clean Heart"

[LSB 192]

Create in me a clean heart. O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

We Profess our Faith

"The Apostles Creed"

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who

was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Confession and Absolution

L: O God, be not far from us.

C: **O my God, make haste to help me.**

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father. O most merciful God,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, 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

(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

"What is This Bread?"

[LSB 629, vv. 1, 2, 4]

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole—
Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.

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Distribution Hymn

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

[LSB 609, vv. 1-4, 7]

Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here our ills have perfect healing.
Firmly in these words believe: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shepherd e’er forsaketh;
Weary souls that lost their way Christ, the Shepherd, gently taketh
In His arms that they may live: Jesus sinners doth receive.

I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession.
Savior, mercy show to me; Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners doth receive.

Jesus sinners doth receive; Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave: Jesus sinners doth receive.

The Nunc Dimittis

“O Lord, Now Let Your Servant”

[LSB 211]

O Lord, now let Your servant depart in heav’nly peace,
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,
God’s triune name resounding through all eternity.

The Sending

The Dismissal

The Post-Communion Collect

The Benediction

God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow’r;
Crown Your ancient Church’s story; Bring its bud to glorious flow’r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

Prayer Sending Us into the Mission Field

Lord God, bless your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as you have promised, your Word may achieve the purpose for which you send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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*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)



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 envelopes in 2022!**

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

4th 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"

NEXT SUNDAY

The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 6:17-26 / 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Sermon Topic: "Blessed" - Text: Luke 6:20b-23a

Woman of the Year nominee for St. Thomas Lutheran, Eastpointe is Nancy Gutowsky. Nancy has been very active over the many years as a member of St. Thomas. She volunteered as a parent in the school, worked for many years on the Annual Women's Retreat, she is a member of the women's HIS II. She has worked quietly behind the scenes in the Altar Guild, taking care of ordering flowers especially for the holidays, she is a crucial part of the Clothing Closet and is always willing to step forward when something needs to be done.

Lutheran Women of the Year event luncheon will be Tuesday March 15, 2022, at 11:00, at Macomb Community College Sports and Expo Center, 14500 12 Mile Rd., Warren MI 48088. The speaker is Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz of the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberties. If you'd like to attend, please contact Judy Michelsen at 586-295-7111 or 586-445-7717. Tickets are \$32.00 and can be paid to Judy. The Deadline to purchase tickets is March 1st.

Lutheran Northwest is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, February 16! Prospective families with students at all grade levels are invited to learn more about us via a guided tour that covers the full range of the high school experience at Lutheran Northwest: Acclaimed academics, awesome athletics, amazing fine arts, active student life & leadership and, above all, a caring, Christ-centered family. Meet our administrative team, members of our faculty, and current students! Tours begin every 10 minutes from 6:30-7:30. (Plan an hour for the entire experience.) Visit our website at www.lutherannorthwest.com/events to pre-register. Questions? Call our Admissions Office at 248-852-6677.

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.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE PRESCHOOL

We are so thankful to be a part of St. Thomas.

Special thanks to the congregation for buying Christmas gifts for our students for Christmas! They were so generous and appreciated by our preschool families.

Also, a BIG thank you to Pastor Mark, Linda and Caroline for always being there and supporting us all year long.

Your partnership is a Blessing from our Lord.

From your preschool team: Michele, Rosie, Karen and Val

Upcoming Events:



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

Clothing Closet open February 12th

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 20th

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

Blood Drive

March 20th - 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org

Lifeline Screening

May 13th

Schedule your appointment at 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 Crossfraining JC Style for youth Sunday at 10:45

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Your personal prayer guide for the week of:
February 6, 2022

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.
- Through our Soup And Sandwich Saturday on February 19.
- 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.



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 †

✠**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), Mary Carlini (friend of Geri Liechfelt), Scott Baker (Diane Ustick's grandson), Teresa Rizzo (neighbor of Ben Stubenrauch), Linda Taggart (former member), Lisa Riviera (former member), Dave Wisnieski (husband of former member Sandy), Betty MacArthur (former member).

✠**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).

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).