

He is
LORD
of all.



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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

INVITATION

God draws us into his presence.

Entrance Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

[LSB 657]

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God’s only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat’ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world’s tyrant rage; In battle we’ll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God’s judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God’s Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day.
The Kingdom’s ours forever!

Entering Prayers

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

C: **Amen.**

L: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.**

L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

C: **The Lord is our refuge and our fortress, our God in whom we trust.**

L: Come and see what the Lord has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

C: **He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear.**

L: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

C: **Yes, the Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

L: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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

"Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)"

[BOTB 138]

All I once held dear, built my life upon, all this world reveres, and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss, spent and worthless now, compared to this:

**Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing.
You're my all, you're the best, You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.**

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INSTRUCTION

God feeds our heart, soul, and intellect.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

[LSB 424, vv. 1-3, 5]

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.

No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.

No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.

O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

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Sermon

"The Lord is the Lord of All"

Romans 10:11-13

*The Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all,
bestowing his riches on all who call on him.*

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Voluntary

[Personal notes and reflections]

INTROSPECTION

God convicts us to action.

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which You, O Lord, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God.” **(Deuteronomy 2:10)**

How does your sacrificial, first-fruit giving reflect your trust in Jesus?



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:

1. Text “GIVE” to 1-586-800-2223
2. Visit: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
3. Go to <https://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>
4. Through your Pay Pal account
5. 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: Paul’s letter to the Romans, though it begins with the harsh condemnation of the Law, teaches the Gospel of Jesus in great clarity. Please listen once again to how Romans 10 assures us that “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

(Romans 10:8b-13) “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

L: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of the Church

(see the back cover for this week’s prayer concerns)

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

(after each petition)

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C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Almighty God, Your Son was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to suffer temptation for our sake as part of our redemption. Strengthen us when we are tempted and hear us as we pray in his name and as he has taught us:

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

Offertory

“Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)”

[BOTB 138]

Oh, to know the power of your risen life, and to know you in your sufferings,
To become like you in your death, my Lord, so with you to live and never die:

**Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing.
You’re my all, you’re the best, You’re my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.**

Apostles Creed

L: Let us confess together our faith in the One True God with the words of the Apostles Creed:

C: 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: If the Lord our God kept a record of sins, who could stand before him?

C: But with Him there is forgiveness, therefore He is feared.

L: Good Lord, deliver us from all sin, error, and evil within us and around us.

C: We poor sinners implore you to hear us, good Lord. Have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. He is the God of our salvation who has defeated our enemies, atoned for our sins, overcome death and the devil, and authorized me to proclaim this good news to you: Your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INVOLVEMENT

God makes his absolution shown in the world.

The Canticle

“Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)”

[BOTB 138]

Now my heart’s desire is to know you more, to be found in you and known as yours,
To possess by faith what I could not earn – all-surpassing gift of righteousness:

**Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you, there is no greater thing.
You’re my all, you’re the best, You’re my joy, my righteousness,
And I love you, Lord.**

Service of the Sacrament

[Exodus 15:2, 11, 18]

L: The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

C: This is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

L: Who is like the Lord, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

C: The Lord will reign forever and ever. Amen.

L: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting. He is the God of our salvation who gathers us and rescues us from the nations. We give thanks to his holy name as we behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

C: (sung)

"Behold the Lamb"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.

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The Words of Institution

The Hymn of Preparation

"Behold The Lamb"

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life; paid the price to make us one.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses ev'ry stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymn

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

[WOV 657]

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions' might;
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you.
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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Post-Communion Canticle

“Behold the Lamb”

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: “Christ will come again!”
And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.

Around the table of the King.

Dismissal

Sending Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

[LSB 718]

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many a woe To our home we go.

When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heav’nly leader, still direct us Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

Prayer as you go home

Holy Spirit, Curator of the holy church and Sanctifier of our lives, use us, earthen vessels that we are, as servants of Christ in the church and in the family of humanity; for we would follow the example of Christ who was Servant of us all, that the Father may be glorified by our devotion and by all to whom we minister; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Father re one God with dominion over us forever.

You are now entering

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)

Patrons are needed - Easter Sunday is going to be a huge event this year, especially, since we haven't had a big festival service since 2019. We will be bringing back the professional chamber orchestra for this special Festival Easter Service. Patrons are needed to help defray the cost of these musicians. Please mark your donation "choir". You can also bring your donation to the church office as well. Thanking you in advance for your continued support of the Kapelle and the music ministry of St. Thomas. *"Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from our heart to the Lord."* Ephesians 5:19

Good Friday Tenebrae

The Kapelle and Drama team from St. Thomas will present a very special and poignant Tenebrae Service on Friday evening, April 15th at 7 p.m. From the light of Palm Sunday into the shadows of Gethsemane, the Upper Room, Pilate's Court and ultimately the cross, this service symbolically displays the imagery of light and darkness of Holy Week through powerful texts, expressive music and mild drama. Holy Communion will conclude this service of light and darkness. Plan now to attend this very moving Tenebrae worship experience.

Easter Sunday

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!!! Easter Sunday is April 17 and we're planning on pulling out all the stops for this very special Sunday. The festivities begin with the 8:00 am Sunrise service followed by an Easter breakfast. There will be a coloring table for the children at the breakfast, plus a craft project in the Sunday School room and an Easter Egg Hunt! At 10:00 the celebration continues with the glorious festival service, replete with the power of God's word, His sacrament, choirs, chamber orchestra, children's balloon procession, and a special children's Easter message. Invite your entire family, your friends, and neighbors as we celebrate Christ's victory over death!!!! Christ is Risen!!! He Is Risen Indeed!!!!!!

Easter Plant Orders – Would you like to help beautify our altar area with Lilies, Tulips or Hyacinths? You will find order blanks on tables around the church. All plants are \$10.00. Orders are due to Nancy Gutowsky by March 20th. You will then be able to take them home and plant them after the Easter services. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY:

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 13:31-35 / Philippians 3:17-4:1

Sermon Topic: "My Way" - Text: Luke 13:31-33

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Lenten Midweek Theme

Noon & 7 p.m. (also on Face Book Live)

We will gather in the sanctuary for reflections, prayers, and singing.

March 9 - "The Palm Branches"

March 16 - "A Pair of Large Rocks"

March 23 - "The Cross"

March 30 - "A Handful of Nails"

April 6 - "An Unlikely Crown"

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday - April 10th

9:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 14th

Journey to the Cross

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

(or experience it virtually without communion on our web page)

Good Friday Communion Worship

Noon and 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 17th

8 a.m. - Sunrise Service (park in the back)

8:45 a.m. - Easter Breakfast

10 a.m. - Festival Communion service

Upcoming Events:



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

Lenten Midweek Services

March 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and April 6th

Noon & 7 p.m. (also on Face Book Live)

Clothing Closet open March 12th

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Food Pantry open March 19th

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Drive Thru Communion - March 20th

11:00 a. m. - 11:30 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

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week
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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.
- Through our Lenten Midweek gatherings and all our electronic ministries.

And we remember the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering all grieving families, 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 †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Russel Semenjuk, Chris Huber, Betty Williams, Janet Semenjuk, Bill Brinkey (husband of Debra Barowicz), Scott Baker (Diane Ustick's grandson), Teresa Rizzo (neighbor of Ben Stubenrauch), Linda Taggart (former member), Lisa Riviera (former member), Betty MacArthur (former member).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** John Lemke (friend of Monica Hetzner), Beth White, Robert Laroche and Jan Adams (family of Karen Hubbard), 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).