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*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 about 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

Call to Worship

“Now the Silence”

[LSB 910]

Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing Now the pow'r Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body Now the blood Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany Now the Father's blessing
Now Now Now

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Entering Prayers

[Psalm 30]

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
C: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
L: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
C: To you, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy.
L: You have turned for us our mourning into dancing and clothed us with gladness.
C: I will sing your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God I will give thanks to you forever!
L: Christ has risen from the dead and God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.
C: He has given him dominion over the works of his hands; he has put all things under his feet.
L: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness, and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Words and Music by STUART TOWNEND and KEITH GETTY

The Holy Gospel

John 21:1-14

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, chapter 21.

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

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **Jesus said to them, "Lads, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!"** When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

[LSB 633, vv. 1-6]

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'r beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Sermon

"Jesus Calling"

John 21:5-7a

Voluntary

[Personal notes and reflections]

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

"When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.'
He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.'" (John 21:15)

In what ways are you being fed by Jesus these days?



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 Revelation of John

L: Decades after the first Easter, our Lord Jesus, in a vision, revealed to St. John what would take place in the cosmos in the new age that began with our Lord's first coming and will end when he returns. Today's reading reveals a scroll that is in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne.

(Revelation 5:7-14) And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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.

L: Lord in your mercy

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: **Amen.**

Offertory

"Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul"

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul – Worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, oh my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

Music by M. Redman

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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: Having heard God's Word, we recognize that we all too often place too much confidence in our own abilities, and not enough confidence in God's calling on our lives. Left alone, we cannot possibly walk in our callings. But we are never alone, and God is our strength in the midst of our weakness.

C: **Strengthen us, Lord, and grant us your forgiveness. We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We repent of our many sins, those known to us and those unknown as well. Create in us clean hearts, gracious Lord, and put new and right spirits within us that we may know the fullness of your love and be at peace with all people. Grant that the Holy Spirit guide and direct us into new opportunities for growth in Christian learning and strengthened faith.**

(silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: By grace, you are known and loved by the God who made you, by the God who saved you, by the God who calls you now to serve his world faithfully. Through the suffering, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, he has redeemed you, and by the power of his Holy Spirit, he gives us all we need to serve him in our vocations. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by his authority, 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

- L: Christ has risen from the dead! Alleluia!
- C: **God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor. Alleluia!**
- L: Alleluia. Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again.
- C: **Death no longer has mastery over him or us. Alleluia!**
- L: Empowered by our Risen Christ we are bold 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

Pre-Communion Canticle

"This is the Feast"

[LSB 171]

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

All: 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.

Private Prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, we come to your table at your gracious invitation to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let us find favor in your eyes to receive this holy sacrament in faith for the salvation of our souls and to the glory of your holy name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymn

"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"

[LSB 774]

Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

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"The Lamb"

[LSB 547]

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
 Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price! **Refrain**

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
 So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
 He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
 His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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Post-Communion Canticle

"Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul"

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul – Worship his holy name.
 Sing like never before, oh my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger, Your Name is great and Your heart s kind.
 For all your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul – Worship his holy name.
 Sing like never before, oh my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

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Dismissal

Sending Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

[LSB 525, vv. 1, 3-5]

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
 Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.
 Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,
 Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
 No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
 But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of lie, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.

Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.



Today's Altar Flowers were given to honor and glorify our risen Lord
by Keith and Christine Coderre in celebration of
their daughter, Danielle's 30th birthday.

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)

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The 4th Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

Scripture Readings: John 10:22-30 / Revelation 7:9-17

Sermon Topic: "Our Good Shepherd" - Text: John 10:27-29

VBS - Saint Thomas and Christ the King are having a combined Vacation Bible School this summer (June 20-24)! At VBS we'll learn about Jesus, our Savior, through five Bible stories, meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! It's going to be fun, but it would be more fun with you there. Can you join us? Registration is \$25 per child. VBS is for children Pre3 - 2nd grade. We will be using the Christ the King campus, 20338 Mack Ave, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Lifeline Screening - May 13th
Schedule your appointment at www.lifelinescreening.com

***LWML Macomb South Zone
Prayer Service***

May 21, 2022 at 10 a.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

16339 Fourteen Mile Road, Fraser, MI

Offering goes to MITES!

Potluck salad luncheon will follow the service.

You are encouraged to bring a salad or dessert, if you can.

GriefShare Support Group

*Help and encouragement after the death of
a spouse, child, family member or friend.*

MONDAYS @ 2:30 p.m.

Offered jointly by **Dedicated Senior Medical Center**
21811 Kelly, Eastpointe and **Saint Thomas Lutheran**

WHAT TO EXPECT: GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your GriefShare experience:

- **Video Seminar** – encouraging, information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts.
- **Support Group** – small group discussion about the weekly content.
- **Workbook** – journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

GriefShare is a network of 15,000+ churches worldwide equipped to offer grief support groups. The program is nondenominational and features biblical concepts for healing from your grief. Learn more about GriefShare at www.griefshare.org. Facilitated by Mary Papenheim. If you need transportation, please call: 586-649-3388.

RUMMAGE SALE: Peace Lutheran Church - Warren

11701 E. 12 Mile, Warren, MI 48093

Saturday, June 11th. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. with Early Bird at 8 a.m. for \$1
\$2 Bag Sale 1 - 3 p.m. Great Deals!

April through June Mission Envelopes
ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES

Abigayle Ministries is a Christian interdenominational non-profit organization in Southeast Michigan. The ministry assists adult pregnant women and their children by introducing them to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equipping them to be self-sufficient through its residential housing program.

Their vision is to provide a two-year residential program for the single mother with child, whereby she can obtain mentoring and educational support for healthy child development and parent-child relationships while becoming self-supporting. We aspire to be a catalyst in promoting relationships based upon the love of Christ.

100% of your Mission Envelope donations (either using the envelop provided in your box or through your designation electronically or with a different envelope) to STL during the months of April, May, and June will be given to Abigayle Ministries. For more information on the ministry, go to Businessoffice@abigayleministries.org or call 586-323-1411.

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).

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*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 CrossTraining JC Style for youth Sunday at 10:45

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

May 1, 2022

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

- As we continue to celebrate our Lord's victory over death and Satan.
- 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 - especially Rev. John Rumsey (father-in-law of Rev. Dietrick Gladden at Charity).



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:** The family of Jean Bawden, Elizabeth Kruse's mother, who was called home last weekend. The family of George Donis, husband of Diane Farina, who was called home this past week.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** John Cherry, JoAnn Dieball, Lori Kucharek, Chris Huber, Janet Semenjuk, Lisa Riviera (former member), Linda Taggart (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).