



I leave with you;

My *Peace*

I give to you.



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Saint Thomas Lutheran

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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 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 Holy Spirit, Enter In”

[LSB 913, vs. 1 & 3]

O Holy Spirit, enter in, And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us. Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine, To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be Truly living, To You giving Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life, Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith, From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace On us shower; By Your power Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior’s blessing.

Entering Prayers

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

C: Amen.

L: God has declared, “In the last days it shall be that I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.”

C: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

L: “In those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.”

C: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

L: “And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

C: For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

L: “I will pour out my Spirit on all people,” says the Lord. “Your sons and daughters will prophesy.”

C: Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

L: God our creator, earth has many languages, but your Gospel announces your love to all nations in one heavenly speech. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, everyone everywhere may unite in one song of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“O Holy Spirit, Root of Life”

[WOV 688]

O Holy Spirit, root of life, creator, cleanser of all things;
anoint our wounds, awaken us with lustrous movement of your wings.

Eternal Vigor, Saving One, you free us by your living Word,
becoming flesh to wear our pain, and all creation is restored.

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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Holy Gospel

John 14:23-31

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 14.

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

Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. **Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.** You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me, but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us go from here.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Announcements

Children’s Sermon and Attendance Registration

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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

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord To renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover ev’ry sin In each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Hole Spirit, from creation’s birth, Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth; Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ Will be clear for all the world to see.

Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

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Sermon

“The Peace of Christ”

John 14:27

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

Voluntary

[Personal notes and reflections]

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“Jesus answered him, ‘If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.’”

(John 14:23)

Dear Lord, help me to keep your word in my heart and to live in your love.



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 Genesis

L: As the second Adam, Jesus, came to the earth to overcome the curse of death that came upon all mankind through the first Adam in Genesis 3, so the Spirit was sent on Pentecost to overcome the confusion and scattering of Babel as recorded in Genesis 11. Our reading from Genesis reminds us of this story.

(Genesis 11:1-9) Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

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: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offertory

“O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

[LSB 834, vs. 1 & 4]
(tune 810)

O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy living finger never wrote
That life should be an aimless mote, A deathward drift from futile birth.
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled In splendor through Thy broken world.
Since light awoke and life began, Thou hast desired Thy life for man.

O Spirit, who didst once restore Thy Church that it might be again
The bringer of good news to men, Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and latter days There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

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We Profess our Faith:

“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: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

L: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer:

C: We poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. O Lord God, grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

SENT TO THE MISSION FIELD

The Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

[LSB 208]

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav’n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Institution

The Proclamation of Christ

L: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

L: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us your body and blood to eat and to drink, you lead us to remember and confess your holy cross and passion, your blessed death, your rest in the tomb, your resurrection from the dead, your ascension into heaven, and your coming for the final judgment. So 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

Hymn of Preparation

“Your Table I Approach”

[LSB 628, vv. 1, 3, 6]

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.

Oh, may I never fail To thank you day and night
For your true body and true blood, O God, my peace ad light.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymn

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”

[LSB 496]

Holy Spirit, light divine, Shine upon this heart of mine;
Chase the shades of night away, Turn the darkness into day.

Let me see my Savior’s face, Let me all His beauties trace;
Show those glorious truths to me Which are only known to Thee.

Holy Spirit, pow'r divine, Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;
In Thy mercy pity me, From sin's bondage set me free.

Holy Spirit, joy divine, Cheer this saddened heart of mine;
Yield a sacred, settled peace, Let it grow and still increase.

Holy Spirit, all divine, Dwell within this heart of mine;
Cast down ev'ry idol throne, Reign supreme, and reign alone.

Post-Communion Canticle

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

[LSB 643, v.1]

Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended.
O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

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Dismissal

Sending Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"

[LSB 920, vv. 1, 4, 5]

Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.

Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak; Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show That in His Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores True peace, true love to all mankind.

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Prayer as you go home

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels and all just works proceed, give to me, and all your servants that peace the world cannot give that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments and also that we, being defended by you, may pass our time in rest and quietness through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*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)*

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS

Trinity Sunday

June 12, 2022

Scripture Readings: John 8:48-59 / Proverbs 8:1, 22-27, 32-33, 35

Sermon Topic: “Getting to Know Jesus” - Text: John 8:56-58

Summer Office Hours: STL will have reduced office hours from June 20 through August 14. The Church Office will be open 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday. The office will be **closed Fridays**, starting May 27, and continuing through August 15. This will allow staff to get their vacation time in or to work throughout the building without being concerned about answering the phone or opening the door. Remember the alarm is ON when no activity is planned in the building. Contact Linda prior to coming up to the church to have alarm disarmed.

Soup and Sandwich Saturday: Our Spring S.A.S.S. will be Saturday, June 18. Signup sheets for donations and volunteers are available in the church narthex, or you can call the church office for more information. The menu will feature summer barbeque items like hot dogs and hamburgers. THIS IS ONE OF OUR PRIMARY COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS, so please spread the word and encourage participation.

Lutheran Benefits Group in Sterling Heights is seeking an account service representative to work closely with church and school clients to help them with their health care needs. Ultimately, the duties of an ASR are to give excellent customer support and to help in the growth of the agency. If interested, please contact Keith Mueller at 586.739.5700 or keith@luthben.com.

Lutheran Special Education Ministries is looking for a full-time resource room teacher position at Lutheran High School North in Macomb, MI. Applicants must hold a current Michigan Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

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!

Field of Dreams

“If you build it, they will come...”

As we watch the Boys of Summer, cheering on our favorite baseball teams, I am reminded of the movie Field of Dreams. You’ll recall the main character builds a baseball diamond in the middle of his Iowa cornfield after hearing voices. whisper the above quote. Simply creating the field was not the end of the story. He chases across the country to discover the answer to two important questions. “Why?” and “What happens now?”

During the construction of the baseball field he is questioned, criticized, and ridiculed. He comes close to losing the farm. But he perseveres, confident his efforts will result in something amazing. My favorite scene is after the old-time players finish the game and leave the field. One player remains, his father, as a young man. They play catch and talk, as he relishes the opportunity to spend time with the man he rejected when he was a boy.

We also have the chance to spend time with our Father. Do we make the best use of our opportunities? How much time do we spend in quiet contemplation reflecting on God’s Word? Or do our busy schedules make it a challenge to carve out some time each day? But He is always there reaching out to us, ready to spend time and communicate with us.

As parents we take on the task of influencing our children and grandchildren. What we do and say is a living example for them. Praying, having devotions, going to church, and just spending time with them, demonstrating our values can make a lifetime of difference. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us, “Train up a child in the way they should go and even when they are old, they will not turn from it.”

I recently had the pleasure of taking two of my grandchildren to The Ark Encounter in northern Kentucky. Seeing the reality of Noah’s Ark come to life, opened the door to some great conversations. My prayer is, experiencing, reading the stories, and discussing how this biblical account happened, cements the faith that has been nurtured in their young lives.

What impact can you have on the lives of your grandkids, friends, and neighbors? Take the time to share your faith. Demonstrate your faith in how you live your life. It can make a lifetime of difference. We invite you to join with Church Extension Fund to work with us to Build the Kingdom.

Bill Burmeister, Director of Congregational Services
Church Extension Fund



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 www.abigayleministries.org or call 586-323-1411.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

June 5, 2022

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

- As we reflect upon what God has done through STL over the years.
- As we praise God for his activity in and among us today.
- As we look to how he is shaping us for a dynamic future.
- As we prepare for S.A.S.S. AND VBS.

And we remember those on our cradle role, and those who are in hospice care - especially Zerline Turner, mother of Karen Strugs, GSRP preschool aide.



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:** Paul Kress, Ed Redmond, Betty Williams, Beverly Schnepfer, John Cherry, JoAnn Dieball, Lori Kucharek, Chris Huber, Janet Semenjuk, Lisa Riviera (former member), Linda Taggart (former member), Tina Croke (sister of Debbie Churchill), Mike Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze).

✠**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 Davis Cardamone), 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).

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

