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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

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

An Explanation

“The Holy Trinity”

L: In the Christian Church we worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal. Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. For instance, the Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal. Yet they are not three eternals, but one eternal, as there are not three uncreated, but one uncreated. Also, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, and the Holy Spirit almighty, and yet they are not three almighties, but one almighty. The Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, and yet they are not three Gods, but one God. So, likewise the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord and the Holy Spirit is Lord. And yet they are not three Lords, but one Lord. For as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every person by himself to be God and Lord, so we cannot say that there are three Gods or three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone, not made nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding. So, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another; but the whole three persons are coeternal together and coequal. He, therefore, that will be saved is compelled thus to think of the Trinity.

C: Lord God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise and worship you this day, as the One True God. You are our creator, redeemer, and sanctifier, and in you alone do we find our faith and hope, now and forever. Amen.

Opening Praise

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

[LSB 507, vs. 1, 3 & 4]

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Entering Prayers

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

C: **Amen.**

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.

C: **Let us give glory to him, for he has shown his mercy to us.**

L: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is majestic.

C: **The Lord gives strength to his people and blesses his people with peace.**

L: Lord God, almighty, immortal, invisible, the mysteries of whose being are unsearchable: Accept our praises for the revelation which you have made of yourself, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons and one God; and mercifully grant that, ever holding fast this faith, we may magnify your glorious name; for you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Hymn of Praise

“Holy is Our God”

[BOTB 89]

**Holy is our God, whose name we praise forever.
Glory to the Son, who reigns in majesty!
Come, Spirit come and fill our hearts with wisdom,
That we may long to worship you alone.**

Our Father is the great Creator of all we have and all we see.
He made us in His image that we may honor and worship Him. **Chorus**
For Jesus is the Father’s only Son, given in love for everyone.
Lamb of sacrifice, a humble King, He gave His life so we might live. **Chorus**

Oh Spirit, come and unite us in one communion with our Lord.
Free us from the chains that bind us, for the Comforter has come. **Chorus**

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Holy Gospel

John 8:48-59

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 8.

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

The Jews answered [Jesus], “Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?” Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. Yet I do not seek my own glory; there is One who seeks it, and he is the judge. Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word, he will never see death.” The Jews said to him, “Now we know that you have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, ‘If anyone keeps my word, he will never taste death.’ Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do you make yourself out to be?” Jesus answered, “If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ But you have not known him. I know him. If I were to say that I do not know him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know him and I keep his word. **Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see my day. He saw it and was glad.**” So the Jews said to him, “**You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?**” Jesus said to them, “**Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.**” So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

[LSB 540, vv. 1-4]

(tune LSB 573)

Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I AM;
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light and life You bring to all;
Light our path with Your own presence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.

Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.

Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard Till eternal life we gain.

Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, Watching all Your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us; Let us hear Your voice alone.

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Sermon

"Getting to Know Jesus"

John 8:56-58

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

Voluntary

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

H. Lemmel

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“You have given him (man) dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea.” *(Psalm 8:6-8a)*

What will you do this week to express your care for all of creation?



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 Acts of the Apostles

L: Proverbs 1:7 tells us that true knowledge and wisdom sprout from knowing the Lord. As we listen to our reading from Proverbs 8 this morning, we are reminded that wisdom is personified in the Holy Spirit.

(Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-27, 32-33, 35) Does not wisdom call? Does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries aloud: “To you, O men, I call, and my cry is to the children of man. . . .

“The LORD possessed me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of old. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before he had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When he established the heavens, I was there.

“And now, O sons, listen to me: blessed are those who keep my ways. Hear instruction and be wise, and do not neglect it.... For whoever finds me finds life and obtains favor from the LORD,

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of the Church

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: Blessed Father, Your Son was the voice that spoke all things into existence, and Your grace still preserves all that You have made. You did not abandon Your people when they abandoned You, but You have delivered us by the blood of Christ. Grant us Your Spirit, that we may know Your Word and keep it in faith through all the days of our earthly pilgrimage until we are joined with the patriarchs, prophets, apostles and evangelists, in Your presence forevermore; 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

“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.

Confession and Absolution

L: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness; therefore, you are feared.**

L: Together as your people we take refuge in your infinite mercy, O God, our heavenly Father, seeking your grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

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

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**

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.

The Words of Institution

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Pre-Communion Canticle

"Lord Jesus Christ"

[LSB 623, vv. 1-2]
(tune: LSB 810)

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today;
Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.
Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,
The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

Distribution Hymn

"O Blessèd, Holy Trinity"

[LSB 876]

O blessèd, holy Trinity, Divine, eternal Unity,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, This day Your name be uppermost.

My soul and body keep from harm, And over all extend Your arm;
Let Satan cause me no distress Nor bring me shame and wretchedness.

The Father's love shield me this day; The Son's pure wisdom cheer my way;
The Holy Spirit's joy and light Drive from my heart the shades of night.

My Maker, hold me in Your hand; O Christ, forgiven let me stand;
Blest Comforter, do not depart; With faith and love enrich my heart.

Lord, bless and keep me as Your own; Lord, look in kindness from Your throne;
Lord, shine unfailing peace on me By grace surrounded; set me free.

Post-Communion Canticle

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord"

[LSB 632]
(tune: LSB 810)

O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.
Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Dismissal

Sending Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Christ, the Word of God Incarnate”

[LSB 540, vv. 5 & 6]
(tune LSB 650)

Christ, the way that leads unailing To the Father’s home on high,
Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav’nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church’s glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

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.

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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)*

NEXT SUNDAY

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 19, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 8:26-39 / Galatians 3:23-4.7

Sermon Topic: “Jesus Heals” - Text: Luke 8:235-36

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.

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.

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.

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.

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).

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

June 12, 2022

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

- As our FHL groups, CrossTraining for Youth, and THE FLOCK.
- At work in the redeemed, increasing our generosity and joy in giving.
- In those who are new to STL.
- Through our planning and preparation for Vacation Bible School.
- In the ministry of **Abigayle Ministries**.

And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth, this week remembering global healthcare needs and political situations.



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:** For the family of Zerline Turner, the mother of Karen Strugs, preschool aide, who was called home this past week.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Vicki LeBerg, Paul Kress, Ed Redmond, Betty Williams, Beverly Schnepfer, John Cherry, Lori Kucharek, Chris Huber, Janet Semenjuk, Dolly Houth, 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).

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 11:30 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