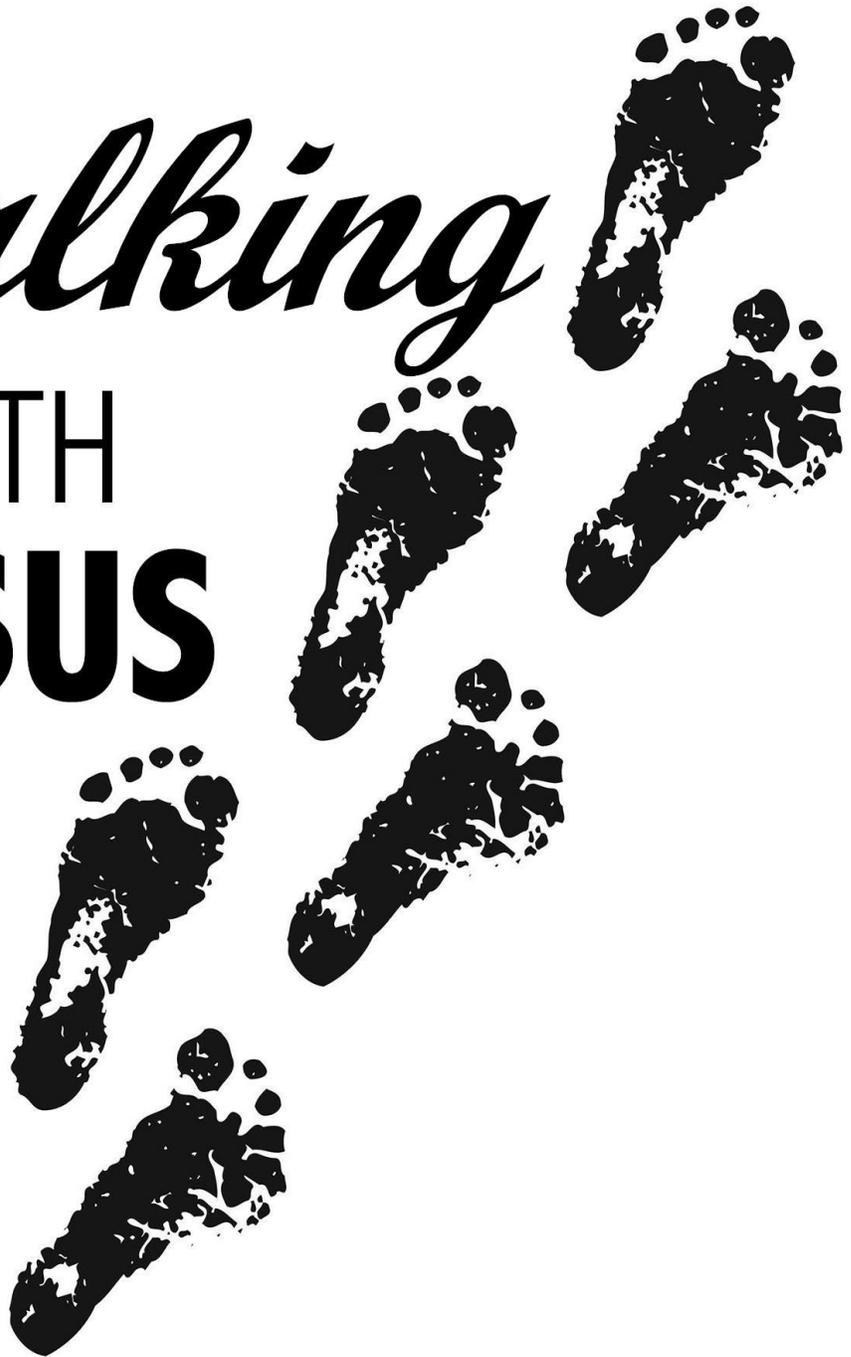


Walking

WITH
JESUS



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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

INVITATION

God draws us into his presence.

Entrance Hymn

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

[LSB 909, vv. 1, 2, 4]
(tune 367)

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come with all Your loving-kindness, Hear Your people as they pray;
And Your fullest benediction Shed within these walls today.

Praise and honor to the Father, Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run!

Entering Prayers

[from Psalm 41]

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

C: Amen.

L: Blessed is the one who considers the poor – in the day of trouble the Lord delivers him.

C: The Lord protects him and keeps him alive – he is called blessed in the land.

L: The Lord sustains him on his sickbed; in his illness he restores him to full health.

C: As for me, I said, “O Lord, be gracious to me. Heal me, for I have sinned against you.

L: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Oh, victory!
Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Refrain: He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Limestone and beams!
Loud building workers! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

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INSTRUCTION

God feeds our heart, soul, and intellect.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 10.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Announcements and Attendance/Communion Registration



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.

Christ, our human likeness sharing, Heaven’s love on earth portrayed;
Christ the Shepherd, tending, caring, In His death our ransom paid:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Be Your life in us displayed.

Hear the word that Christ has spoken, Help the weak, the hungry feed;
See the pow’rs of darkness broken, Sinners pardoned, captives freed:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Help us meet our neighbor’s need.

Come, O living Christ, renew us, As of old in wind and flame;
With the Spirit’s pow’r endue us, Servants of Your saving name:
Christ the Savior, Christ the Servant, Christ whose kingdom we proclaim.

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Sermon

“Walking with Jesus”

Colossians 1:9-13

From the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

Voluntary

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

L. Larson

[Personal notes and reflections]

INTROSPECTION

God convicts us to action.

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” **(Colossians 1:10)**

What are your reasons for trying to live your life this way?



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 Colossians

L: Though Paul was in prison, and had never been to the church in Colossae, he wrote them an encouraging letter that emphasizes the fact that “When you’ve got Jesus the Messiah, you’ve got it all.” We listen to today’s reading knowing that these words are meant for us as well.

(Colossians 1:3-14) We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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: Father in heaven, You have been faithful to us, who deserved none of Your mercies. Lead us to receive them with grateful hearts and to be faithful unto death, that we may receive the crown of everlasting life. Hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever:

C: Amen

Your hand, O Lord, in days of old Was strong to heal and save;
It triumphed over ills and death, O'er darkness and the grave.
To You they came, the blind, the mute, The palsied and the lame,
The lepers in their misery, The sick with fevered frame.

O be our great deliv'rer still, The Lord of life and death;
Restore and quicken, soothe and bless, With Your life-giving breath.
To hands that work and eyes that see Give wisdom's healing pow'r
That whole and sick and weak and strong May praise You evermore.

Confession and Absolution

L: Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God of hosts, who is here to heal and save us.

C: **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

L: From the rising of the sun to the setting of the same, we cry aloud with joyful voice and say:

C: **Glory be to you, O God, the Savior of all, forever and ever. Amen.**

(time for personal reflection)

L: Lord Jesus Christ, hear us as we pray:

C: **We confess that we have run away from you, and have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves. We have refused to bear the troubles of others and have turned from our neighbors. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. Lord Jesus, in your mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; in Your name we pray. Amen.**

P: Christ Jesus did, indeed, die for your offences, and was raised for your justification. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

We Confess our Faith

"The Nicene Creed"

P: Let us then join in confessing our faith in the God who forgives us and gives us eternal life:

C: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen**

INVOLVEMENT

God makes his absolution shown in the world.

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: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for you have had mercy on us and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

C: We give thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

L: Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of his cross,

C: And receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in his body and blood.

L: 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.

The Words of Institution

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.

The Distribution of the Sacrament

Distribution Hymn

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

[LSB 554]

O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!

Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

Post-Communion Canticle

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord”

[LSB 632]
(tune 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

“May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”

[LSB 698]

May we Thy precepts, Lord, fulfill And do on earth our Father’s will
As angels do above; Still walk in Christ, the living way,
With all Thy children and obey The law of Christian love.

So may we join Thy name to bless, Thy grace adore, Thy pow’r confess,
From sin and strife to flee. One is our calling, one our name,
The end of all our hopes the same, A crown of life with Thee.

Spirit of life, of love and peace, Unite our hearts, our joy increase,
Thy gracious help supply. To each of us the blessing give
In Christian fellowship to live, In joyful hope to die.

Prayer as you go home

Dear Lord Jesus, I thank and praise you that you have again refreshed me with the gift of your holy body and blood in this comforting sacrament. Bless my participation that I may depart from your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that I am reconciled to God. I ask this in your name. 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

The 6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 17, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 10:38-42 / Colossians 1:21-28

Sermon Topic: "It's All About ..." - Text: Luke 10:38-42

Summer Office Hours: STL will have reduced office hours 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**, through August 15.

**CLOTHING CLOSET WILL NOT BE OPEN ON THE
SECOND SATURDAY IN JULY!**

*Interested in receiving a little midweek encouragement every Thursday morning?
Send your request to pastor@stl-eastpointe.org
and we will start sending you "Thursday's Thirst".*



ATTENTION FREE PRESCHOOL FOR 4 YEAR OLDS

St. Thomas has a wonderful Great Start Readiness Program Preschool for 4 year olds. **We are taking applications for our fall class.** Our preschool is all day from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday, **and it is FREE.**

This is a great opportunity for your 4-year-old to start their lifetime of learning! Call TODAY to make an appointment to enroll. The program fills up FAST! Call Michele 586-260-6576.

Practice Stewardship When You Invest



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information

"Stewardship" is a familiar word when talking about giving. But it's also appropriate to use when talking about how we save and invest for future needs. Church Extension Fund offers a great way to manage some of your funds through investments that not only produces interest income for your needs, but also helps build new churches and schools. Just or call 800-242-3944 for more

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July through September Mission Envelopes

M.C.R.E.S.T.

(Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team)

DID YOU KNOW? 43% of homeless population in Michigan are families with children. In 2018-2019 there were 1,441 homeless children in Macomb County. 500-600 homeless people are taken in and offered a fresh start by MCREST each year. As you make your missions contribution, please also say a prayer that the MCREST facility for women and children will be able to open this calendar year.

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 July, August, and September will be given directly to M.C.R.E.S.T. For more information on the ministry, go to mcrest.org or call 586-415-5101.

Michigan District, LCMS Convention Notes

Two important notes (more to follow at a later date) from our District Convention held in Ann Arbor on June 26-28. Our two representatives were Mark Matheson and Pastor Mark Hetzner. You can contact them for more information

1. With our District President (Rev. Dr. David Maier) and three of the four regional VP's ineligible for re-election due to term limits, we have a virtually new presidium. Rev. Dave Davis (former VP) is the new District President. The four VP's, in order of their ranking are: 1) Rev. Dean Davenport (incumbent, Metro West); 2) Rev. Darryl Andrzejewski (Metro East); 3) Rev. Craig Bickel (West); and 4) Rev. Erik Cloeter (North and East).
2. An important resolution in light of the Supreme Court's recent ruling states: "**Resolved** that we encourage our churches and schools to step forward and meet the needs of expectant mothers and their babies by upholding local crisis pregnancy centers and by promoting foster care and adoption among our members; and be it **further resolved** that we continue to affirm our calling to protect and minister to the life of mother and child personally and through the support of ministries such as the Luke Clinic, Flint Mission Networks Mercy House and Wellspring Lutheran Services' Child and Family Services." STL supports the Luke Clinic with our mission offerings in January – March. Or you can support them directly by going to: [Free Prenatal Care | The Luke Clinic Free Prenatal Care](#)

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 11:30 a.m.

"The Flock" for children and Crossftraining JC Style for youth

Staying connected through summer emails

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

July 10, 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 invite and welcome new people into our fellowship.

And we remember those on our cradle role, and those who are in hospice care - especially Lois Hoeft, former member.



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 William Eubanks, husband of Barbara, who was called home last week.

† **God's Healing Hand on:** Diane Ustick, Marge Bittner, Joanne Awe, Paul Kress, Ed Redmond, Betty Williams, Beverly Schnepfer, John Cherry, Lori Kucharek, Chris Huber, Janet Semenjuk, Dolly Houth, Mike Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), Christine Coffee (mother of Beverly Gray-Booth).

† **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), Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond).