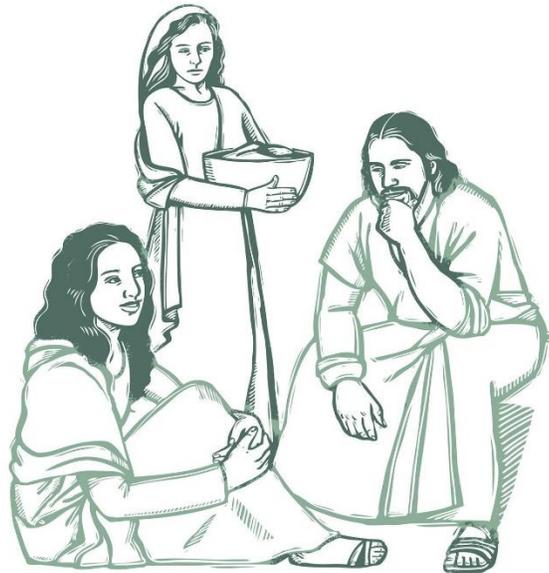


But the Lord answered her,

*"Martha,
Martha,*

you are worried and
distracted by many things."



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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

“Jesus, Name above All Names”

[LSB 970]

Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessèd Redeemer, living Word.

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Entering Prayers

[from Psalm 27]

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

C: Amen.

L: The Lord is our light and our salvation – whom shall we fear? The Lord is the stronghold of our lives – of whom shall we be afraid?

C: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, it is they who stumble and fall.

L: One thing we have asked of the Lord, that we will seek after:

C: That we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives and gaze upon the beauty of the Lord.

L: O Lord, grant us your Holy Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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

“Earth and All Stars”

[LSB 817, vv. 1, 5]

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!

Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song! Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

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INSTRUCTION

God feeds our heart, soul, and intellect.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 10:38-42

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

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

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "**Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.**" But the Lord answered her, "**Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.**"

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

"Oh, Blest the House"

[LSB 862, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5]

Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all!
A home that is not wholly His How sad and poor and dark it is!

Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound;
They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!

Oh, blest that house; it prospers well. In peace and joy the parents dwell,
And in their children's lives is shown How richly God can bless His own.

Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say:
Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!

Sermon

"It's All About ..."

Luke 10:40b-42

Voluntary

[Personal notes and reflections]

INTROSPECTION

God convicts us to action.

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“The Lord answered her, ‘Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.’” **(Luke 10:41-42)**

How do you define “living a balanced life”?



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 1:21-28) You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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: Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Continue to pour out Your mercy upon us, and grant to us all good things needful to this body and life and keep from us all things harmful. From You, through You and to You are all things, O Lord, holy Father, mighty God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit is one Lord, one God, now and forevermore.

C: **Amen**

Offertory

"Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"

[LSB 846, vv. 1, 3]

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 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

“When Peace, Like a River”

[LSB 763]

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

**Refrain: It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! **Refrain**

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

Post-Communion Canticle

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord”

[LSB 632]
(tune 810)

O Jesus, blessed 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

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

[LSB 575]

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. **Refrain**

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain**

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:

The 7TH Sunday after Pentecost
July 24, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 11:1-13 / Colossians 2:6-16

Sermon Topic: “On Being Taken Captive” - Text: Colossians 2.6-10

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.

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”.

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PRESCHOOL

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.

July through September Mission Envelopes M.C.R.E.S.T. (Macomb Country 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.

SAVE THE DATE! Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller is coming to town! On September 17, from 9 am to 3 pm, St. John Lutheran Church at 16339 14 Mile Road in Fraser will be presenting a conference from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. taught by Pastor Wolfmueller, a world renowned pastor and Bible teacher from Austin, Texas. He will speaking on the topic The Prodigal Son, Three Slaveries, Three Freedoms. Stay tuned. Tickets go on sale soon!

REGISTER FOR THE LUTHERAN ADULT GATHERING NOW!

October 14-16 | Mackinac Island - Don't miss this chance to be renewed, encouraged, and equipped at the Lutheran Adult Gathering on Mackinac Island at the beautiful Grand Hotel. Register here: <https://michigandistrict.org/event/lutheran-adult-gathering-2022/#register>

CHRISTMAS IN JULY FUNDRAISER - July 19 | Troy

Make a Difference in the Life of a Child. Christmas in July is Gifts for All God's Children's only annual fundraiser, and your participation makes sure that thousands of children are touched by the love of Jesus through our organization. Your gift supports all programming from tutoring to summer Bible camps to Christmas gifts and more. For more information or to donate: <https://giftsforallgodschildren.org/christmas-in-july/>

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

July 17, 2022

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

- Through our FHL groups and summer THE FLOCK for children.
- At work in the redeemed, increasing our generosity and joy in giving.
- In those who are new to STL.
- In the ministry of **M.C.R.E.S.T.**

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)

† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**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 Semenjuck, Dolly Houth, Mike Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), Christine Coffee (mother of Beverly Gray-Booth), Gail Burkholder (mother of Debra Closures).

†**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).

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 Crossfraining JC Style for youth
Staying connected through summer emails*

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week