



Just as

you have  
received

Christ  
Jesus  
as Lord,  
continue  
to live in Him.

Colossians 2:6

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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](http://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**

*“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”*

[LSB 779, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6]

Come, my soul, with ev’ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.

Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and pow’r are such None can ever ask too much.

Lord, Thy rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain And without a rival reign.

Show me what is mine to do; Ev’ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith; Let me die Thy people’s death.

### **Entering Prayers**

[from Psalm 138]

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

**C: Amen.**

**L:** We give you thanks, O Lord, with our whole heart, before all of creation we sing your praise.

**C: I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted about all things your name and your word.**

**L:** For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

**C: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me – your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.**

**L:** O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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!**

Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom!  
Sing to the Lord a new song! Daughter and son!  
Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

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## ***INSTRUCTION***

*God feeds our heart, soul, and intellect.*

### ***The Holy Gospel***

**Luke 11:1-13**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 11.

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

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.”

And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

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. **For the next 4 weeks a survey will be attached, and we ask that you fill out this survey every week. (see article at end of folder)**

***Hymn of the Day***

***“In Holy Conversation”***

[LSB 772]  
(tune 684)

In holy conversation We speak to God in prayer,  
And at His invitation Our deepest thoughts we share.  
We come, His will obeying, As children bringing needs;  
And to support our praying, His Spirit intercedes.

These holy conversations Begin in childlike ways;  
We bring our supplications And words of thanks and praise.  
With care our Father listens To ev’ry thought expressed,  
Then answers our petitions In ways He knows are best.

As holy conversation, In silence or by word,  
In ev’ry situation Through Jesus, we are heard.  
So let us pray securely, Expressing hopes and fears  
With confidence that surely Our Father ever hears.

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***Sermon***

***“On Being Taken Captive”***

**Colossians 2:6-10**

*Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.*

***Voluntary***

[Personal notes and reflections]

# INTROSPECTION

*God convicts us to action.*

## KINGDOM THOUGHTS

“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children,  
how much more will your Father in heaven  
give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” **(Luke 11:13)**

*What is the best gift God could give you this week? Why?*



**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.” And this reality frees us to live lives filled with love for all.

**(Colossians 2:6-16)** Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him. Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath.

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: Lord God, heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray — Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; 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***

*“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: 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***

*“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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*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

[LSB 649]

Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love;  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.  
  
Before our Father’s throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.  
  
We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.  
  
When here our pathways part, We suffer bitter pain;  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet again.  
  
From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.

### ***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***

*“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*

[LSB 770]

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

### ***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 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*** July 31, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 12:13-21 / Colossians 3:1-11

Sermon Topic: "Rich Fools" -Text: Luke 12:13-21

**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.

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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)**

### **Mission and Ministry Inventory Instructions for the four-consecutive week worship survey**

One sheet should be filled out for each person present at worship every week you're in attendance for the next 4 weeks and collected at each service.

Four content areas are to be marked:

1. Categories of individuals – member, non-member, adult, child
2. Length of membership, if a current member
3. Male or female
4. Age

Each person will make four checkmarks per sheet. Parents should fill out a sheet for each child. **One sheet per person is best!**

After four Sundays, this information will be totaled on the summary sheet for the Mission and Ministry Inventory.

**Online worshippers** – Your survey page is attached to the QR Code form you fill out for your attendance. The survey will appear once you check “online” for your attendance. Please answer the 3 questions and submit. Answer these questions every time you worship for the next 4 weeks.

## Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week - July 24, 2022

### In your prayers this week please remember:

- All families as they find ways to enjoy the summer's break from school.
- The childless and parents who have buried a child.
- Families that are torn apart by strife or conflict.
- Those who feel isolated or alone, along with those who suffer with depression.
- Christian schools as they prepare for the fall.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan ([mdolan421@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**And we remember the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end,** remembering all grieving families, and Lois Heft who is in hospice care.

### † In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

‡**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Gertrude Opperman and Suzie Opperman, mother and sister of Siegfried Gannon, who were called home this past weekend. The family of Doug Lyon, former member who was called home this past 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 Semenjuck, Dolly Houth, Mike Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), Christine Coffee (mother of Beverly Gray-Booth), Gail Burkholder (mother of Debra Closurdo).

‡**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).