



# JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH

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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](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.*

### **Opening Hymn**

*“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”*

[LSB 902]  
(tune 865)

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; Our hearts in true devotion bow.  
Your Spirit send with light divine, And let Your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Your praise In endless hymns through all our days.  
Increase our faith and light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O holy, holy Lord Most High!”  
And in the light of that blest place We then shall see You face to face.

All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

### **Entering Prayers**

[from Psalms 75 and 131]

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

**C: Amen.**

**L:** It is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another.

**C: We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, for your name is near.**

**L:** Let us recount his wondrous deeds and receive his gracious gifts.

**C: He calms and quiets our souls, like a weaned child is my soul within me.**

**L:** O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

**C: And he will calm and quiet our souls.**

**L:** O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn of Praise**

### *“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.

Holy 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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## ***INSTRUCTION***

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

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

**Luke 14:1-11**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 14.

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

**One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” And they could not reply to these things.**

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

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**

### ***"Where Charity and Love Prevail"***

[LSB 845]

Where charity and love prevail There God is ever found;  
Brought here together by Christ's love By love are we thus bound.

Forgive we now each other's faults As we our faults confess,  
And let us love each other well In Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown; Let all contention cease;  
Be God's the glory that we seek; Be ours His holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst Dwells Christ, His only Son;  
As members of His body joined We are in Him made one.

For love excludes no race or clan That names the Savior's name;  
His family embraces all Whose Father is the same.

## **Sermon**

### ***"Sabbath Work"***

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**Luke 14:1-5**

## **Voluntary**

**Time for reflection and prayer**

## ***INTROSPECTION***

*God convicts us to action.*

### **KINGDOM THOUGHTS**

"Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."

**(Hebrews 13:15-16)**

*How will you "not neglect to do good and share what you have" this week?*



**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: [stl-eastpointe.org](http://stl-eastpointe.org) and click on “Mission Support”
- 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 Letter to the Hebrews***

L: Neither the author nor the audience of this book is specifically named, but the book is written for Jesus-believing Jews who are in danger of falling away from the faith. Our reading today from chapter 13 reminds us how faith leads to loving actions.

**(Hebrews 13:1-9, 16-17)** Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?”

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ...

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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: Remembering that here we have no abiding city but that heaven is our home, give us Your aid, that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, multiplying Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

***Confession and Absolution***

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness**

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

*(time for personal reflection)*

L: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, I as a servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I 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”*

L: 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 Is Our God”*

[BOTB 89, v. 3]

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

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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## ***Service of the Sacrament***

[Psalm 42]

L: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.

**C: My soul thirsts for God, the living God.**

L: These things I remember as I pour out my soul to him.

**C: How in days of old we came to him with glad shouts and songs of praise.**

L: Our hope is in Jesus, for we shall again praise him.

**C: He is our rock and our salvation – our God who loves us forever.**

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.**

## ***The Words of Institution***

### ***Distribution of the Sacrament***

#### ***Distribution Hymn***

*“Your Table I Approach”*

[LSB 628]

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

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

**Post-Communion Canticle**

*“Holy Is Our God”*

[BOTB 89 chorus]

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

**The Sending**

**Dismissal and Post-Communion Collect**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**

*“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”*

[LSB 685]

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;  
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,  
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;  
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead  
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.  
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be  
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.  
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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*You are living  
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 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
September 4, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 14:25-35 / Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Sermon Topic: "CHOOSE LIFE"- Text: Deuteronomy 30:19-20

**Attention Singers!!!!** Kapelle rehearsal will begin on Sunday, September 18, at 8:30 am in the music room. The season will follow the same rehearsal schedule and singing schedule as last season: Rehearsals are the first, third and fifth (when a fifth Sunday) of the month. Occasionally, the choir will sing on a fourth Sunday, if a major church holiday or Festival Service falls on a fourth Sunday. Also, the Ladies and men from the group will sing a few times throughout the season. Since the rehearsal schedule has been curtailed, a majority of the music is part dominant prerecorded and sent to your email, so members individually rehearse prior to group rehearsals. In addition, there are no rehearsals during the month of January; however, I will ask for a volunteer group to sing on Epiphany Sunday, January 8. Pentecost falls on Memorial Day Weekend, May 28, next year, so a volunteer ensemble will also be asked to sing on that day. Hoping to see all Kapelle members eager to return to singing together again, along with some new members to join this great group! Any questions, please contact Lori. "I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. Psalm 104:33

**Patrons** are needed to help defray the cost of the professional musicians hired for Christmas Eve. If you would like to be a patron for Christmas Eve, please place your contribution in an envelope marked "patron" or "Kapelle" in the offering plate/box or bring your gift to the church office. If you choose to give online, please specify "kapelle" when giving. Thank you for supporting the choir and their efforts in edifying the church through worship in song.

**Flu Shots** will be offered here on October 2, 2022, following the church service from 11 - 12! Make you plans to get your shot! See the poster in the west entrance for the information on getting your appointment. Go to <https://alanas.vna.org> Clinic ID: 1302 | Passcode: ALANAS2022. Talk to Sue Wensink if you have any questions.

**M.C.R.E.S.T.** (Macomb Country Rotating Emergency Shelter Team) Our week for helping/hosting the women and children in the MCREST program is September 25 – October 1. During this week, we provide them with 3 meals a day, bus tickets, gas gift cards, and personal items. We will prepare the meals here at STL and then serve the dinner meal at the MCREST facility in Mt. Clemens. Many hands and funds are needed to accomplish this ministry. Please watch for the sign-up sheets in the west entrance to donate your time or talents. Donations are needed!

**School Kits** – HIS II is participating in the Lutheran World Relief program that provides much needed school supplies for children. Can you help provide the following for one backpack? Backpacks will be provided by HIS II. Please drop off in the west entrance. Contact Heather Miller if you have any questions.

### **INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH SCHOOL KIT**

- **FOUR** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 ½"; no loose-leaf paper
- **ONE** 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- **ONE** pencil sharpener
- **ONE** pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- **FIVE** unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- **FIVE** black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- **ONE** box of 16 or 24 crayons
- **ONE** 2 ½" eraser

**CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE** - Lutheran Benefits Group in Sterling Heights is seeking a full time customer service representative (CSR) to work with clients and prospects. Provide excellent customer care to churches, schools and employees while assisting in the growth of the agency. Self-motivated with strong administrative and organizational skills. Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, Adobe, general technology and learn third party software. Job descriptions on the bulletin boards.

If interested, please contact Keith Mueller at 586-739-5700 or [keith@luthben.com](mailto:keith@luthben.com).

### **July through September Mission Envelopes M.C.R.E.S.T. (Macomb Country Rotating Emergency Shelter Team)**

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 will be given **directly to M.C.R.E.S.T.** For more information on the ministry, go to [mcrest.org](http://mcrest.org) or call 586-415-5101.

### *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).

**Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week**  
**August 28, 2022**

**In your prayers this week please remember:**

- All families as they return to 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 welcome new and returning students.

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



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.

**† In Our Thoughts and Prayers †**

✠ **For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Margaret Keller, mother of Richard Keller (former member) who was called home on Thursday, August 25. Memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 27 at Redemption, Sterling Heights.

✠ **God's Healing Hand on:** Marge Bittner, Ed Redmond, Betty Williams, Chris Huber, Mike Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), Christine Coffee (mother of Beverly Gray-Booth), David Dieball (Diane Carr's brother), Rick Semenjuk (brother of Russ), Elwin Pollard (cousin of Shannon Dawda), Renee Schulte (cousin of Caroline Henze), Matthew Stier (brother of Sandra Patch), Jeff Miller (brother of Diane Blocki), Melissa Murray, Roberta Shosh, Linda Pare' (niece of Janice Engel), John Wentworth (cousin of Jan Patty), Lillyona Bain (granddaughter of Jan Patty).

✠ **Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Vada Habermas, 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).

*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 Crosstraining JC Style for youth*  
*Staying connected through summer emails*

*Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week*