



October 2, 2022

Saint Thomas Lutheran

23801 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, Michigan 48021 - 586-772-3370

www.stl-eastpointe.org

Rev. Mark W. Hetzner, Senior Pastor, Deacon - Don Cooley

Specific Ministry Pastors - Rev. Richard A. VanBriggle, Rev. Jerry Corbett

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 about ministry in the community, go to www.stl-eastpointe.org, or like us on FaceBook. 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

RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS

Opening Praise

“In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones He came to save.
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me.
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand.
‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.
Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.

Words and Music by STUART TOWNEND and KEITH GETTY
© 2002 Thankyou Music

Entering Prayers

[Habakkuk 1:1-3; James 1:2-4]

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

C: Amen.

L: O Lord, how long shall we cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

C: Why do you make us see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong, for destruction and violence are before us, strife and contention continue to arise?

L: Count it all joy, my brothers and sisters, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

C: Let steadfastness have its full effect on us, that we may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

L: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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

“Speak O Lord”

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word;
take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
that the Light of Christ may be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;
test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow’r that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truth unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we’ll stand on Your promises, and by faith we’ll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, ‘til Your Church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory!

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Copyright © 2006 Thankyou Music

The Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 17

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” And the Lord said, “If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and recline at table’? Will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink’? Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.’”

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

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

[LSB 720]

We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear
From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod;
But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound
To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.

For You, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light
We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.

Sermon

"R + R"

Luke 17:1-4

Voluntary

"Alleluia and God is So Good"

J. F. Wilson

Time for reflection and prayer.

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

"We also, when we have done all that we were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" (Luke 17:10)

How do you balance humility, pride, and sacrifice for Jesus?



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 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 2 Timothy

L: In his second mentoring letter to Timothy, St. Paul focuses upon what true leadership in the church looks like. In today’s reading from chapter 1, he emphasizes that true Christian leadership is motivated by love that comes from a pure heart, a good conscience, and a sincere faith – all provided through the overflowing grace and mercy of God in Christ.

(2 Timothy 1:1-14) Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted 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: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Lord God, heavenly Father, receive our thanks for the callings You have given us. Grant that we might rejoice to labor in service to You until You gather us to Your banquet table in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the Treasure that I seek. You are my All in All.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All!

**Chorus: Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.**

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
rising again, I bless Your name. You are my All in All.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup. You are my All in All! **Chorus**

Written by Dennis Jernigan ©Copyright 1991 Shepherd's Heart Music Inc. (Adm. By Dayspring Music, Inc.) (BMI),

We Confess our Faith

"The Nicene Creed"

P: Let us join in confessing our faith in our gracious and eternal Triune God:

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

Confession and Absolution

(Psalm 130)

L: Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord.

C: **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of our pleas for mercy.**

L: If you, O Lord, kept an account of our wrongdoings, who could stand?

C: **But with you there is forgiveness, and you are therefore worshipped and adored.**

(time for personal reflection)

L: Father, hear us as we pray:

C: **O Lord, hear my voice, and have mercy! Both me and my family have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the nations, that we as one people may give thanks to your holy name and give glory in your praise.**

L: Blessed be the Lord, our God, from everlasting to everlasting. He has remembered his covenant, and sent Jesus to pay for our sins, and the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SENT TO THE MISSION FIELD

Service of the Sacrament

L: Our hope for salvation is in you, O Lord, so we follow your ways.

C: We rejoice in your Word like one who finds great spoil.

L: Those who love your Word have great peace.

C: My soul lives in your promises, and loves them exceedingly.

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

The Canticle

[LSB 606, vv. 1]

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus to wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

Private Prayer before Communing

O Lord, our God, in the name of whose only-begotten Son we have been called to be Christians and have been blest with Baptism for the remission of sins, make me, I pray, ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins and to give thanks with a grateful heart to you, O Father, to your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

“What Is This Bread”

[LSB 629]

What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.

So who am I, That I should live and He should die
Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole
Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.

Text: © 1991 Fred and Jean Baue

The Post-Communion Canticle

[LSB 181]

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Sending

Dismissal

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

Sending Hymn

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

[LSB 575, vv. 1, 3, 4]

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.

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**

You are now entering

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)



Today's flowers were given to glorify our risen Lord
in celebration of the birthday of Vada Habermas
from Tom and Shannon Dawda.

NEXT SUNDAY:

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 17:11-19 / 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Sermon Topic: "It's Not Thanksgiving Day, or is it?" Text: Luke 17: 17-19

The **Lutheran High Northwest woodwind ensemble**, under the direction of Brian Pollatz (former student of St. Thomas Lutheran School and son of the late Pastor Pollatz) will be enhancing our worship service on October 9. Please welcome these young musicians and servants of Christ as they share God's gift of music! To God be the Glory.

FHL, JC and "The Flock" I pray that you will join us in a group this fall, currently we have two groups that will be meeting on Sunday after service. Elizabeth Kruse will be hosting a women's only group in room 207 (west hallway) and I will be hosting my Exploring the Gospel lesson in conference room 1. Our youth ministries will also be starting up with JC Style, room 202, and the Flock. We also have groups that meet during the week, if you are interested in more information, please contact the church office. We are looking for facilitators to host more groups, so if you are interested in that please contact me at dkchome@hotmail.com. Blessings, Deacon Don

Interested in a Weekday FHL Gathering? Pastor Mark Hetzner hosts two FHL gatherings on Thursday - mornings at 9:30 am and in the afternoons at 1:00 pm. First gatherings was on September 22nd, but you're welcome to join in, and the study will be starting in the Psalms. Please join him for this gathering, if not every Thursday, come when you can to either one, both are the same study.

Men have 2 FHL gatherings every week – one on Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am, and one on Saturday mornings at 8:30 am, both in the Fireside Lounge. Men, please join in one that is convenient for you.

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.

St. Thomas is going to be starting Liturgical Dance. Liturgical Dance is simply a Christian form of prayer, spiritual joy and worship through bodily movement. It originates back in biblical times, with many examples stated in the Old Testament. It is a form of worship, NOT entertainment and represents purity and modesty, with specific movements that have biblical meaning. St. Thomas has been using a form of Liturgical Dance with the Good Friday Tenebrae and Christmas Eve services. We would like to expand Liturgical Dance by using this beautiful form of worship within other church services. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this new ministry, please contact Lori or Alicia Anno. Lyrical, ballet and Jazz dance experience is helpful but not necessary. Faith, grace, joy and being able to move is all that's required.

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.

S.A.S.S.

Soup and Sandwich Saturday – October 15th

We invite our community to come and join us in a hot meal, fellowship and the sharing of the love of Jesus.

Want to be a part of this exciting ministry?

Please sign up on the sheets are in the west entrance.

We need your donations, time and talents!

Macomb South Zone LWML Presents

INTERNATIONAL DINNER BUFFET

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS OF MISSION SERVICE

At Hope Lutheran, October 14, 2022, 5-8 p.m.

All proceeds going to Michigan District Mites

Donations: \$20 per adult, \$10 child, free for 5 & under

Contact Heather Miller or Marilyn Redmond for reservations.

Deadline is October 10th.

Rummage Sale

St. John Lutheran Church

16339 Fourteen Mile Road, Fraser (1 block west of Utica Road)

Friday October 7th, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Early Bird 8:00 a.m. \$1.00 entrance fee

Saturday October 8th at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bag Sale in Gym \$3.00 at 9:00 a.m.

October through December Mission Envelopes

CAMP RESTORE - DETROIT

Copyright Permission CCLI License #1438022 - Created with Lutheran Service Builder

© 2018 Concordia Publishing House. LSB Hymn License #110002509

Watch services on Facebook or at www.stl-eastpointe.org – videotaping in progress during service

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week
October 2, 2022

In your prayers this week please remember:

- Our conversations, words, and attitudes amidst diversity and hostility
- 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 and our GSRP Preschool as they further Christ's mission on earth.

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



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 Dorothy Riley, sister of Patricia, who was called home last week.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Kim Dunaway, Jane Gurnack, Lori Kucharek, Marge Bittner, Ed Redmond, Chris Huber, Rick Semenjuk (brother of Russ), Lowyn Pollard (cousin of Shannon Dawda), John Wentworth (cousin of Jan Patty), Lillyona Bain (granddaughter of Jan Patty), Barb Szymanski (former member), Alicia Baker (daughter of Diane Ustick), Robert Binge (friend of Russ Semenjuk), Jason Mowen (son of Kelly Crivella), Mike Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Betty Williams, 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), Linda Taggart (former member).

†**Protection and Strength For:** Joseph Prokes, fiancé of Rachel Stolzenfeld, and his troop who are being deployed in early November.

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 Cross†raining JC Style for youth

Staying connected through summer emails

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week