



**All scripture is inspired by God  
and is useful for teaching, for  
reproof, for correction, and  
for training in righteousness ...**

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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 about ministry in the community, go to [www.stl-eastpointe.org](http://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*

### *Prelude*

### *Stories of God @ Work*

## **RECEIVING THE GOOD NEWS**

### **Opening Praise**

*“See This Wonder in the Making”*

[LSB 593]

See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens  
And the Father beams, “Belovèd, Heir of gifts a king would covet!”

Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,  
God, into Your arms we place her, With Your love and peace embrace her.

Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God’s precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

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### **The Rite of Holy Baptism**

**Charlotte Christine Ferdinande** is baptized into the Lord’s family.

*She was born on August 3, 2022*

She is the daughter of **David and Danielle Ferdinande**.

Her sponsors are **William Coderre and Stacey Misukewicz**.



H: Through Baptism God has added **Charlotte Christine** to his own people here at Saint Thomas, to join with us in declaring the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

C: **We welcome you into the Lord’s family, and to our family here at Saint Thomas. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.**

L: And you, **Charlotte Christine**, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

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!

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## **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 18:1-8**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 18.

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

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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**

*“Hear Us, Father, When We Pray”*

[LSB 773, vv. 1, 2, 4]

**Solo:** Hear us, Father, when we pray, Through Your Son and in Your Spirit.  
By Your Spirit’s Word convey All that we through Christ inherit,  
That as baptized heirs we may Truly pray.

**All:** When we know not what to say And our wounded souls are pleading,  
May Your Spirit, night and day, Groan within us interceding;  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.

**All:** By Your Spirit now attend To our prayers and supplications,  
As like incense they ascend To Your heav’nly habitations.  
May their fragrance waft above, God of love.

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**Sermon**

*“The Basics”*

**2 Timothy 3:14-17**

*As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

**Voluntary**

*“Then Sings My Soul”*

S. Hine & M. McDonald

*Time for reflection and prayer.*

[Personal notes and reflections]

## **RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS**

### **KINGDOM THOUGHTS**

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

*What is your daily routine for inhaling the breath of 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](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 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 chapters 3 and 4, he speaks of the power and purpose of God’s word while emphasizing some challenges that come with being true to what God has to say.

**(2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5)** As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

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: Gracious Lord, You desire us to come to You in prayer and not lose heart in the midst of suffering. As we struggle with the many challenges we face, strengthen us by the suffering and cross of Your Son. Have mercy on us when our spirits fail, and we are overwhelmed by despair. Renew our faith by the proclamation of the Gospel to come to You in hope day and night. You are our Keeper. Guard us when death draws near, and grant that we would be found faithful on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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**

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**Confession and Absolution**

(Psalm 121)

L: We lift our eyes to the hills. From where does our help come?

**C: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

L: The Lord is your keeper; he is your shade on your right hand.

**C: The Lord keeps us from all evil; he keeps our life from this time forth and forevermore.**

*(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**

[Psalm 74]

L: Remember your congregation, O Lord, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed.

**C: Remember this, O Lord, how the enemy scoffs, and foolish people revile your name.**

L: Have regard for your covenant, and for us, your covenant people.

**C: Arise, O God, defend both your cause and your people.**

**The Words of Institution**

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;  
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.  
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;  
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

**Distribution Hymns**

*“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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*“In Holy Conversation”*

[LSB 772]

(tune 906)

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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**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**

**The Dismissal**

**The Post-Communion Collect**

**The Benediction**

**The Sending Hymn**

*“Thy Strong Word”*

[LSB 578, vv. 1, 3, 5, 6]

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with Thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hopes confess.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats that shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.

Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!

God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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in celebration of Charlotte's baptism  
from her grandparents.

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*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)*

**Open Forum** on Monday, October 17 at 6 pm at STL, in the church. This forum will be an informational meeting to start **the development of a pastor profile** that will assist district in forming a call list. Dr. Rob Kasper from the district office will be here to go over our survey information and answer any questions we might have. **All are encouraged to attend.**

This fall's **Detroit Lutheran Singers** concert, "All Nature Sings," celebrates God's hand in all of nature. From excerpts of Haydn's "Creation" to Arvo Pärt's "The Deer's Cry," you will be treated to an outstanding collection of hymns and anthems which remind us of the beauty of our world. You may even decide raking leaves is a thing of beauty. Come join us at:

Saturday, October 22 at 7:00 pm  
St Paul Lutheran Church  
202 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Royal Oak, MI

Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 pm  
St. Michael Lutheran Church  
7000 North Sheldon Road  
Canton, MI



**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.

**Life Line Screening**, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at St. Thomas Lutheran Church on **11/11/2022**. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, text the word "circle" to 797979, or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). We have received 3 complimentary screenings – if you are interested in receiving one, please contact Linda in the church office. These will be on a first come first serve basis.

**L.W.M.L. WOMEN'S SERVICE**  
(Lutheran Women's Missionary League)  
**OCTOBER 23, 2022**  
**WOMEN WEAR YOUR PURPLE**  
**CELEBRATING 80 YEARS!**



**Mite Box Sunday – October 30th**

## **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS GRIEFSHARE EVENT**

**November 13 | Clinton Township**

Many who have experienced grief aren't looking forward to the holidays this year. While some are decorating, celebrating and enjoying the company of their family and friends, grief can leave others depressed, lonely, and hopeless. On Sunday, November 13, from 12:30-3 p.m. in the Church Lounge, Trinity, Clinton Twp. hosts *Surviving the Holidays*, a one-day event sponsored by GriefShare to help the grieving cope during the holiday season. To register, <https://www.griefshare.org/holidays/events/42583>.

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

## ***The 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

*L.W.M.L. SUNDAY*

October 23, 2022

Scripture Readings: Luke 18:9-17 / 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Sermon Text: Luke 18.15-17 - Title: "Like a Child"

**October through December Mission Envelopes  
CAMP RESTORE - DETROIT  
(Housed in Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church)**

**DID YOU KNOW? The area surrounding Camp Restore Detroit (9<sup>th</sup> Precinct of Detroit) is only 20% populated.** This means many houses, lots, and even entire blocks are abandoned. Camp Restore works to restore hope in the community through hosting groups of all ages and sizes, housing and feeding them, and partnering with community leaders and community organizations in activities of environmental cleanup, construction, and human care.

**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 October, November, and December will be given directly to CAMP RESTORE DETROIT. For more information on the ministry, go to [www.camprestore.org](http://www.camprestore.org) or call 313-527-3366.**

Interested in receiving a little midweek encouragement every Thursday morning?

Send your request to [pastor@stl-eastpointe.org](mailto:pastor@stl-eastpointe.org)

and we will start sending you "Thursday's Thirst".

## *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).
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*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*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

October 16, 2022

### Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is on Christ's work through his Word:

- All new believers and the newly baptized members of Christ's kingdom
- Healing all who are stymied by fear, shame, pain, or grief.
- Greater diligence in reading, marking, learning, and inwardly digesting God's Word.
- Everyone who participated (guests, servants, and donors) in yesterday's S.A.S.S.

**And we remember those at both ends of life on this earth**, the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering especially all pregnant mothers, 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 †

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Debra Barowicz, Kim Dunaway, Jane Gurnack, Lori Kucharek, Marge Bittner, Ed Redmond, Chris Huber, Elowyn Pollard (cousin of Shannon Dawda), Jason Mowen (son of Kelly Crivella), Mike Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), Hank Papenheim.

†**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).