



Holy
Baptism



Confirmations and
Affirmations of Faith

Remembrance Sunday

*Weddings
and
Anniversaries*



Remembering our
loved ones
called home

November 20, 2022

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, 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.

Remembrance Sunday
“Our Mission – Remembered and Imagined”
“CONNECTING TO JESUS”

Prelude

“Come With Singing”

M. Patterson

The Scripture Reading

Romans 6:3-5, 10-11

Today, as we celebrate milestones in the new life we have in Christ, we recall how “all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his... For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So, we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.”

Stories of God @ Work – God is Faithful

Opening Hymn

“By Faith”

By faith we see the hand of God in the light of creation’s grand design;
in the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth, with the pow’r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God’s own hand, a place where peace and justice reign. **Chorus**

**Chorus: We will stand as children of the Promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.**

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear,
with the pow’r to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith the Church was called to go in the pow’r of the spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach Good News in ev’ry corner of the earth. **Chorus**

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the Gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His Name. **Chorus 2x's**

We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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Baptismal Remembrance

[Psalm 34]

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

C: Amen.

L: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

C: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

L: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

C: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers us out of them all.

L: Let us, therefore, turn to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness and aid.

C: Lord, be merciful to us: Forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, give us Your comfort and peace, transform our lives, fill us with hope, and increase our love for all.

L: In the stead and by the command of my 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.

L: Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful Father, through Holy Baptism you have washed us in the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, made us to be your children and heirs of eternal life.

C: Renew in us this gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in faith, hope, and love,

L: And be united in fulfilling your mission on earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: As heirs of eternal life and members of Christ's mission team on earth, let us confess our faith:

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Hymn

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

[LSB 594, vv. 1-3]

God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!

Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?

Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!

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The Baptismal Roll Call:

*Elliot Jo-Allard Fortier, Timothy Michael Milligan, Maya Joy Schuh,
Eleanor May Perich, Charlotte Christine Ferinande,
Andrew Frank Yow, Brian Firestone Elder, Sophia Houghtalin Elder,
Lucy Margaret Hopner*



Roll of New Mission Team Members

*Gary Mertens, Janet Mertens, Alan Houth, Dolores Houth,
Alan Hoger, Mary Soules, Tyler Kowalik, Aaliyah Booth,
Jessica Pollack, Ann Schnepfer, Hope Nawrocki, Kathryn Bunch*

Prayer

Hymn

“God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It”

[LSB 594, vv. 4-5]

Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith’s assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.

There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I’ll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I’m a child of paradise!

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“... AND TO ONE ANOTHER”

Recognition of Weddings and Anniversaries

R: A Scripture reading from Colossian 3:12-17.

C: **Open my ears, O Lord, that I may hear your word.**

Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to

God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”

[LSB 922]
(wedding & 4)

In this union I have joined you Husband and wife,
Now, My children, live together As heirs of life:
Each the other’s gladness sharing, Each the other’s burdens bearing,
Now, My children, live together As heirs of life.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace:
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, My children; I will keep you And give you peace.

Roll Call: Weddings and Anniversaries



Prayer

“LIVING WITH JESUS”

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:27-34, 39-43

R: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, chapter 23.

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

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. **But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”**

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. **And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”** And they cast lots to divide his garments.

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” **And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”**

R: This is the Gospel of our 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

"The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

[LSB 794, vv. 1-3]

The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

Sermon

"Three VIP Memories"

Luke 23:28-30, 34, 43

Voluntary

"God of Heaven"

H. Sorenson

Time for reflection and prayer.

KINGDOM THOUGHTS

"Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." (Colossians 3:17)

How do these words impact your life and giving?



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).

"THE INTIMATE CONNECTION"

Prayer of the Church

Offertory

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

[LSB 955]

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
 Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
 That we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
 Grace our table with Your presence, and give us A foretaste of the feast to come.

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The Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **We thank You for the life we have today, and for the new world to come, all given freely to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Lord's Prayer

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**

Words of Institution

Communion Canticle

“Behold the Lamb”

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us, and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.

**So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

The body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life; paid the price to make us one.

**So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

The blood that cleanses ev’ry stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

**So we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

As we share in His suffering, we proclaim: “Christ will come again!”

And we’ll join in the feast of heav’n around the table of the King.

Around the table of the King.

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Continuous Line Distribution

Please carry your worship folder and continue to sing as you participate.

Alcohol-free wine is available in the center of each individual cup tray.

Gluten-free host is available upon request from the host server.

If you are coming for a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest

Hymns during distribution

Anthem

“Ode To Joy”

L. VanBeethoven/C. Maggs

“When Peace, like a River”

[LSB 763]

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

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

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,

That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. **Refrain**

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

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

Dismissal

“THE ULTIMATE CONNECTION”

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L: Lord God, Heavenly Father:

P: We thank you for adopting us into your family through Holy Baptism.

L: Lord Jesus, our Redeemer:

P: We praise you as the first-fruits of the resurrection of all flesh.

L: O, God the Holy Spirit:

P: We ask you to make us faithful to death, that we may receive the crown of eternal life.

L: That we might celebrate with all who have gone before us in your glorious presence,

P: in that ultimate connection with You forever and ever. Amen.

Roll Call:

*Donna Mertz, Christopher Dawson, Doris Seely, Elsie Adams,
Robert Tunney, Rudolph Hill, Gertrude Opperman,
Suzanne Opperman, Lois Hoeft, Paul Kress, Victoria Leberg,
Barbara Smith, Beverly Schnepfer, Kristina Messner*



Prayer

Carnations & Prayers

Solo

"Pie Jesu"

A. L. Webber

*Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
O Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest.*

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Thine the Amen"

[LSB 680]

Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be
Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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FAITH and FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH
Immediately following worship
in the gymnasium.

*"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 1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 2022

Scripture Readings: Matthew 24:36-44 / Romans 13:8-14

Sermon Title: "Love Fulfills the Law" - Text: Romans 13:9-11

Up Coming Events/Worship Opportunities:

November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship – 12 pm & 7 pm

November 30, December 7 & 14 – AVENT CAR-oring – 12 pm (inside) & 7 pm (front parking lot)

December 21 – Christmas Caroling – 6:00 pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve worship – 4 pm & 11 pm

December 25 – Christmas worship – 9:30 am

Financial Peace University classes will start January 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm. Cost is \$80/household, we have the materials, so you will pay St. Thomas. To register for these classes, go to <https://www.ramseysolutions.com/ramseyplus/classes/1156885>. Contact the church office for more information.

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.

Reading the Bible in a Year

Pastor Hetzner gave the best advice about maturing in Jesus and the Christian faith: this year, read through the entire Bible. When you are done, repeat the same (at least) once every year for the rest of your earthly life. No other single activity will enhance your effectiveness as a follower of Jesus more than this. And it will take you just 20-30 minutes of daily reading or listening.

Here is a link to the reading plan - a PDF file: <http://www.faithabilene.org/resources/Reformation-Reading-Plan-Printable.pdf>

And another link to an article promoting the Reformation Reading Plan from the Michigan District, LCMS: <https://michigandistrict.org/healthy-workers/reformation-reading-plan/>

You can also use You Version Bible app and they have a Bible in a Year plan that guides you through. <https://my.bible.com/>

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

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

November 20, 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.
- Many to publicly express thanks to Jesus in words, deeds, and generous gifts.

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 Jane Gurnack (who is 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 †

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Marsha Shelepts, Lori Kucharek, Russ Semenjuk, Janet Edwards, Marge Bittner, Shirley Gessert, Walter Jakubiec, Debra Barowicz, Kim Dunaway, Lloyd White, Mary Evans, Shelby Jones, Marquis (friends of the Hogans), Angela DeMuyneck (niece of Joyce Vincent), Cheryl Frontiera (daughter of Joann Dieball), Bill & Sue (brother and sister-in-law of Roblynn Smith), Tony Rizzo (neighbor of Ben Stubenrauch).

✠**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), 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).

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