

*"I will put my Spirit on him and  
he will bring justice to the nations."*

*Isaiah 42:1*



*January 15, 2023*

## *Saint Thomas Lutheran*

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*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 glad you are here.** When you come to worship at STL, you are among 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 to give you a call.

### *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).

### *Serving in God's House*

**Preacher:** Rev. Mark W. Hetzner

**Liturgist:** Rev. Jerry Corbett

**Organist:** Lori Stolzenfeld

**Music:** Jan Patty

**Sanctuary Team:** Chris deRuiter

**Reader:** Mark Matheson

**Servers:** David Anno, Richard Cain, Tim Kruse, Liam Quinn

**Altar Guild:** Caroline Henze, Heather Miller

*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*

# *Divine Service*

## ***Stories of God @ Work – the faithfulness of God***

### ***Call To Worship***

*“Jesus, Come! For We Invite You”*

[WOV 648]  
(tune LSB 367)

Jesus, come! For we invite you, guest and master, friend and Lord;  
Now, as once at Cana’s wedding, speak and let us hear your word:  
Lead us through our need or doubting, hope be born and joy restored.

Jesus, come! Transform our pleasures, guide us into paths unknown;  
Bring your gifts, command your servants, let us trust in you alone:  
Though your hand may work in secret, all shall see what you have done.

Jesus, come! In new creation, heav’n brought near in pow’r divine;  
Give your unexpected glory, changing water into wine:  
Rouse the faith or your disciples come, our first and greatest Sign!

Jesus, come! Surprise our dullness, make us willing to receive  
More than we can yet imagine, all the best you have to give:  
Let us find your hidden riches, taste your love, believe, and live!

Text: Christopher Idle, Music: Harold Friedell,  
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### ***Opening Liturgy***

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

**C: Amen.**

**L:** If we declare with our mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved.

**C: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**

**L:** Together as His people let us call upon the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ.

**C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, open our ears and our hearts to your Word, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*(silence for reflection and self-examination)*

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and by his blood we are made new. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

***Hymn of Praise***

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

[LSB 411, v. 1]

***The Rite of Holy Baptism***

***Tiffany Marie Katherine Hall*** is baptized into the Lord's family.

*She was born on April 21, 2004*

She is the daughter of ***Matthew Hall and Kathy Bunch.***



***The Welcome***

Host: Through Baptism God has added **Tiffany Marie** 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.

People: **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.**

Pastor: And you, **Tiffany Marie**, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.

People: **Amen.**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

(We share the peace with one another)

***Old Testament Reading***

**Isaiah 42:1-9**

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***New Testament Reading***

**Romans 6:1-11**

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### ***Holy Gospel***

**Matthew 3:13-17**

C: (rise to sing)

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus.**

[LSB 411 refrain]

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, Chapter 3.

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

*(after the reading)*

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### ***Announcements***

### ***Children's Sermon***

(please record your attendance)

### ***Hymn of the Day***

*"When Jesus Came to Jordan"*

[WOV 647]

(tune LSB 660)

When Jesus came to Jordan to be baptized by John,  
he did not come for pardon but as the Sinless One.  
He came to share repentance with all who mourn their sins,  
to speak the vital sentence with which good news begins.

He came to share temptation, our utmost woe and loss,  
for us and our salvation to die upon the cross.  
So when the dove descended on him, the Son of Man,  
the hidden years had ended, the age of grace began.

Come, Holy Spirit, aid us to keep the vows we make;  
this very day invade us, and ev'ry bondage break.  
Come, give our lives direction, the gift we covet most:  
to share the resurrection that leads to Pentecost.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, Music: English folk tune, adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams,  
Text © 1980 Hope Publishing Co., Music © 1906 Oxford University Press

**Sermon**

*“God’s Chosen Servant”*

**Isaiah 42:1**

*Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.*

**Voluntary**

*“This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now”*

T. Herbranson/R. Hopp

*Time for reflection and prayer.*

[Personal notes and reflections]

### **KINGDOM THOUGHTS**

“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness.  
I will take you by the hand and keep you.” (Isaiah 42:6)

*How does this fact change your day-to-day living?*



- 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).

*(after each petition)*

L: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Offertory**

*"I Want to See the Brightness of God"*

LSB 411, vv. 2-3

**Preparation for the Sacrament**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

L: Therefore with angels and archangels and with the whole company heaven we laud and magnify God's glorious name, evermore praising him and singing:

**C: (sung) In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.**

**The Lamb is the light of the city of God.**

**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Words of Institution**

**Distribution of the Sacrament – Continuous Line**

**Entrance Hymn**

*"Create in Me a New Heart, Lord"*

(tune: LSB 358)

Create in me a new heart, Lord, that gladly I obey Your Word.  
Let what You will be my desire, and with new life my soul inspire.

Renew me, O eternal Light, and let my heart and life be bright,  
Illumined with the light of grace that issues from Your holy face.

**Hymns during Distribution**

*"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"*

[LSB 405]

**Post-Communion Canticle** “O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee”

(tune: LSB 358)

*O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee my heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who has so lovingly bestowed on me Your body and Your blood.*

*Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!*

**Dismissal and Sending Prayer**

**Benediction**

**Sending Hymn**

“The People That in Darkness Sat”

LSB 412, vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

*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)*

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A CELEBRATION FOR  
**PASTOR MARK HETZNER'S**  
RETIREMENT

You are warmly invited to join us  
Sunday, February 19th, 2023

Service at 9:30 in the morning  
at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, Eastpointe  
Luncheon to follow at 12:00 noon  
at Barrister Gardens Banquet Center, SCS

*Join in the Retirement Celebration  
for Pastor Hetzner on February 19<sup>th</sup>*

Begin the day with the service at 9:30 am,  
followed by a luncheon at noon at  
Barrister Gardens Banquet Center.

Luncheon Tickets are \$35 per person.



Reservations will be accepted until January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, space is limited. Donations are being accepted for a retirement gift too. Reserve and Donate online [bit.ly/celebratehetzner](https://bit.ly/celebratehetzner) or use this QR code. You can also reserve in person by coming to the church office – checks made payable to St. Thomas Lutheran Church.

**January through March Mission Envelopes**

**THE LUKE CLINIC**

(now in both Detroit and Flint)

**IT'S ALL ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS:** The mission of the Luke Clinic is to promote the health and wellbeing of the local population by providing accessible, high-quality medical care for expectant mothers and infants under 12 months of age. They are committed to providing accessible, relationship-based services that will exceed the expectations of their patients and their communities resulting in an effective great compassion and great commission ministry. It is all about saving lives ... empowering women ... building faith.

**100% of your Mission Envelope donations (either using the envelop provided in your box, through your designation electronically or with a different envelope) to STL during the months of January, February, and March will be given directly to THE LUKE CLINIC. For more information on the ministry, go to [www.thelukeclinicorg](http://www.thelukeclinicorg) or call 866-458-5352.**

## Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week - January 15, 2023

### In your prayers this week please remember:

- Those served by, and serving through, our Clothing Closet and Food Pantry ministries.
- Our pastoral call committee and candidates.
- 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.



To connect to the **STL PRAYER CHAIN**, contact Karen Dolan ([mdolan421@gmail.com](mailto:mdolan421@gmail.com)), text "Prayer" to 1-586-800-2223, or scan this QR code, with your phone's camera, to be taken to the prayer request form.

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

### † In Our Thoughts and Prayers †

†**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family June Akers (former STL member). Visitation and service will be at Bagnasco & Calcaterra Funeral Home 25800 Harper Ave. St. Clair Shores, MI 48081 on Sunday, January 15, 2023, 2:00 - 8:00 pm with a service around 6:00pm that evening.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Janice Engel, Karen Cichocki, Steven Kruse, Sherry Kourles, Ruth Nelson, Joseph Jiminey, Marsha Shelepts, Lori Kucharek, Marge Bittner, Shirley Gessert, Walter Jakubiec, Kim Dunaway, Ruth Greve (Ron's mother), Joe Andary (brother-in-law of Kelly), Amy Grunow (sister of Debbie Churchill), Richard Burkholder, Elowyn Pollard (cousin of Shannon Dawda).

†**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).

## NEXT SUNDAY

# *The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

January 22, 2023

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4 / 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 / Matthew 4:12-25

Sermon Topic: "The Power of God" - Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18

**2023 Envelopes are available in the west hallway!** Please stop by the table, print your name on the list next to the envelope # you are taking home. Information for electronic giving is printed in the worship folders. Please do not use any prior years envelopes. If you have any questions, contact Linda in the church office.

**Financial Peace University** started on January 10, 2023, at 7:00 pm. It's not too late to join. 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 prior to registering for an activation code, or to get more information.

**Flower Chart** for 2023 is up in the west hallway! If you would like to have flowers on the Altar in memory of or celebration of, please sign the chart. Price is very affordable and is listed on the chart. Money is due prior to the date.

### **Crafted by Truth**

A Plan to read through the entire Bible in One year  
(10 minutes a day ... 6 days each week)

Download the plan at  
[Bible Reading Initiative - Michigan District, LCMS](#)  
Or contact the church office and we will email it to you

# Attendance/Communion

*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.

*Or*

*Fill out this form and place in offering plate on the communion rail  
or in the Mission Support box at back of church*

## *Please Print*

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member  Guest  Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

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If communed, please check

## **Our Guests – please provide the following information**

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Home  Cell

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**LOOKING FOR CHURCH**  **SEND MEMBERSHIP INFO**