

"Hosanna!

Blessed
is the
one
who comes
in the
name
of the
Lord!"

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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, 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.

Palm Sunday

GATHERING WITH GOD'S PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

Prelude

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

M. L. Thompson

Entering Into Palm Sunday

L: The people welcomed Jesus with palm branches.

L: These palm branches remind us of the beauty of creation. They remind us of the growth that we have experienced as followers of Christ.

C: And the tree of the cross that awaits our Savior on Calvary.

L: The people spread their cloaks on the ground as Jesus passed by.

L: These cloaks remind us of the clothing, food and shelter with which God has blessed us. They remind us of the gifts we must share with others to make their lives more pleasant.

C: And being clothed with righteousness through the suffering and death of Christ.

L: Jesus said that if people were not around to praise him, the stones would shout out.

L: These stones remind us of the rocky road that Christ will stumble along on the way to the cross. They remind us of Peter, the Rock, who will lead the Church and proclaim the Good News of Jesus to the nations.

C: And the stone that will soon be rolled away from Christ's tomb on Easter.

L: May the images of the palm branches, the cloaks, and the stones--and all that they mean to us,

C: stay in our hearts and minds during this Holy Week and all throughout our lives.

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

(Please share these greetings with one another)

Processional Hymn

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

LSB 442, vv. 1-4

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**

You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. **Refrain**

The company of angels Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. **Refrain**

To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

The Invocation and Prayer of Confession

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

C: Amen.

L: Almighty and everlasting God, we were conceived and born sinful and so are in need of forgiveness. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death and everlasting condemnation. However, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross.

C: Mercifully grant us forgiveness that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, to him be all glory, laud, and honor, now and forever. Amen.

L: Hosanna! The Lord does save – your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen – blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Anthem

“Ain’t No Rock Gonna’ Shout for Me”

L. Larson

† THE SERVICE OF THE WORD †

The First Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Compiled from Mark 11 and Luke 19

L: As Jesus rode along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

L: Others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road.

C: The crowds that went before him, and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna!"

L: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

L: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"

C: "Hosanna in the highest!"

L: When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"

C: The crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee."
L: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples."
C: He answered them, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Announcements and Attendance Registration

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty"
(Choir only verse 2)

LSB 441

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Choir: Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

Sermon

"What a Day"

Mark 11:1-11

Prayers of the Church

L: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, Your Son humbled Himself to the point of death, even death on a cross. Fix our faith upon His death for our salvation, enrich the proclamation of the Gospel, and enliven our hearts to live out this faith until Christ comes again in glory.

(after each petition)

L: Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! We praise You, Father, that You have sent Your Son not in wrath but in mercy. As we enter this most holy week and ponder together the mysteries of Your great salvation, show us the answer to Your people's prayers of "hosanna" in the Passion of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offertory

"Splendor and Honor"

[LSB 950, vs.1]

Splendor and honor, majesty and power
Are yours O Lord God, fount of every blessing,
For by your bidding was the whole creation called into being.



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: <https://www.stl-eastpointe.org/2015/07/13/mission-support/>
- Go to <https://www.elexiogiving.com/app/giving/stthoms>
- 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 SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION †

"As we receive the True Body and Blood of our Lord, our faith is fed, our spirits are encouraged, and we are moved to share God's grace with the world."

[Because of the closeness of this sharing (and the concerns expressed in 1 Corinthians 11:27-29) we ask that those who have not been taught the faith at STL speak with a pastor or elder before communing.]

All who wish to come forward will be ushered down the center aisle to receive the body and blood of Jesus or a blessing.

Preparing for Holy Communion

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

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 Apostles Creed

L: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed.

Words of Institution

Hymn of Invitation

"Splendor and Honor"

LSB 950, vs. 2-3

Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,
By whose self-offering we are made God's people:
A priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations, called to God's service.

To the Almighty, throned in heavenly splendor,
And to the Savior, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,
Be adoration, praise, and glory given, now and forever.

Continuous Line Distribution

*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.*

Music During Distribution

Anthem

“Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth”

J Van Valey/S. Berry

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

LSB 443

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav’n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

Post Communion Canticle

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

LSB 442 vs. 5

**Refrain: All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.**
As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev’ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. *Refrain*

Dismissal

THE SENDING TO THE MISSION FIELD

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Lord Jesus Christ, we feast upon your flesh and blood,
C: **Freely offered, freely received.**
L: Move us, by your sacrifice, to offer up ourselves
C: **As living sacrifices to God.**
L: You are the living Lord, forevermore.
C: **Amen.**



Sending Prayer and Benediction

Sending Hymn

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

CH 724

Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come;
Hence forth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.
Thro’ days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet Amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

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Holy Week – 2024

Maundy Thursday - March 28th – 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - March 29th

Service - 12:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – March 31st

Easter Breakfast between 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Festival Service with Communion - 10:00 a.m.

Faith Hope and Love Gathering - the Thursday Bible study will start on April 4 @ 1PM and we will be studying the book of Romans! This Study will be held in the conference room 1 (across from the office). Please join Jim Wolfe, facilitator, for this exciting study.

Patrons are needed to help defray the cost of the professional musicians that are hired to support the Kapelle and congregational singing for our beautiful Easter Sunday Festival service. If you would like to be a patron for Easter, please bring your contribution to the church office or donate electronically and notify the church office of your electronic donation. Thank you for your continued support of the Kapelle and the music ministry.

Life Line Screening is coming to St. Thomas on May 10th.
To make an appointment and to receive the special discount,
(pick up a flyer on the tables around the building)
Please call 1-800-640-6307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC

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DLS IN CONCERT

Scary. Howling. Crying in sorrow. Withering away.
Sound like a fun concert? Come and hear how trees clap
their hands. How lions and lambs live together.
How you will leave with joy.

Saturday, April 13, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI

Sunday, April 14, 2024 @ 3:00 PM
St. Philip's Episcopal Church
100 Romeo Rd., Rochester, MI

Saturday, April 20, 2024 @ 7:00 PM
Ss. Peter & Paul Jesuit Church
438 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI

Sunday, April 21 @ 3:00 PM
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church
2225 W 14 Mile Rd., Birmingham, MI

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students over 12. They may be purchased online at www.detroitlutheransingers.com or at the door.



You have heard of and seen Knights of Columbus, Eagles, Kiwanis and Moose Clubs, but did you know that there is a Lutheran based Fraternal Organization? More than likely your parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles were a part of a Lutheran Fraternities organization and there is still one around for you to be a part of.

The Lutheran Fraternities of America #57 is a fraternal organization that has been in existence since 1923. We are a Lutheran Society seeking Christian men, woman and families who would like to gather for fun and fellowship. We provide opportunities for Christians to connect and engage with each other in a variety of merry making opportunities. **Keep an eye out for information on our upcoming May fellowship activity.** We hope that you will come to one of our fellowship events, get to know us, and help us keep this great Christian organization alive and well for another 100+ years. The LFA #57 hall is located at 16140 Aurora Ave Eastpointe, MI 48021, just east of Gratiot between 9 Mile Rd and

Stephens. The monthly meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7:30pm and include a light meal. The LFA Hall is also available for hosting your next event visit us at www.lfa57.com or call (586)779-2810.

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 (see 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).

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
March 24, 2024

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon families:

- Bringing joy and peace into our hearts through the Good News of Jesus.
- Healing all who are stymied by fear, shame, pain, or grief.
- The ministry of **Abigayle Ministries**.
- Expanding the ways we search the scripture together and care for our neighbor remotely.
- As FHL small group participants invite new people to join them.
- For the call committee at Historic Trinity, or partnership and the pastor that will receive the call, that he will be led to follow your will.

And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth, this week remembering all military families, emergency responders, and hospital and hospice care workers, especially Janet Schutt (who is in hospice).



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:** Rick VanBriggle, Marge Bittner, Brenda Finger, Harrison Ahee, Betty Nelson (sister of Caroline Henze), Andrew Brejnak, 19, (grandson of Gerry & Nola Klonowski, son of their daughter, Lisa), Ellen Walker (friend of Jan Adams), Sarah Schnepfer (niece of John Hupp and Ann), Rick Grager (nephew of Jan Adams), Scott Baker (grandson of Diane Ustick).

†**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Mary Burke- Gianino, Joanne Awe, Robert Laroche (family of Jan Adams), Jan Adams, Tiffany Crow (granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Payton Gifford (great-granddaughter of Jane Gurnack), Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond).

Pick up your next quarter of Portals of Prayer!

Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Monday at 7:30 p.m.

"The Flock" for children and Cross†raining JC Style for youth Sunday at 10:45

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week