

JESUS SAID,  
"COME, FOLLOW ME,  
AND I WILL SEND  
YOU OUT TO FISH  
FOR PEOPLE."



*February 9, 2025*

*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 want 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 more personally, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor to call you.

## *Divine Service Setting One*

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**Prelude**

*“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”*

S. Berry/ J. Van Valey

### ***Announcements and Attendance/Communion Registration***



***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.

**Opening Hymn**

*“Now the Silence”*

LSB 910

*(Please rise)*

Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted  
Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father’s arms in welcome  
Now the hearing Now the pow’r Now the vessel brimmed for pouring  
Now the body Now the blood Now the joyful celebration  
Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping  
Now the Spirit’s visitation Now the Son’s epiphany  
Now the Father’s blessing Now Now Now

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### ***Confession and Absolution***

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

C: **Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(time for personal reflection)*

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

### **Introit**

L: O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

**C: My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.**

L: With the mighty deeds of the Lord GOD I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.

**C: O God, from my youth you have taught me, and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.**

L: So even to old age and gray hairs, O God, do not forsake me, until I proclaim your might to another generation, your power to all those to come.

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **Kyrie** (*responses sung*)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

#### *"Gloria in Excelsis"*

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L: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**C: (sung) Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: (sung) And also with you.**

L: O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sung) Amen.**

## **Sharing of Peace**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

*(share the peace with one another then be seated)*

## **Anthem**

*"Simple Gifts"*

S. Berry/ J. Van Valey

# *The Service of the Word*

## **Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

*(after the reading)*

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **New Testament Reading**

**1 Corinthians 14:12b-20**

Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

Therefore, one who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature.

*(after the reading)*

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Holy Gospel**

*(all rise)*

**Luke 5:1-11**

C: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

*(after the reading)*

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*(Please be seated)*

### **Children's Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*"Praise Be to Christ"*

LSB 538

- 1 Praise be to Christ in whom we see The image of the Father shown,  
The firstborn Son revealed and known, The truth and grace of deity;  
Through whom creation came to birth, Whose fingers set the stars in place,  
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth, The furthest bounds of time and space.
- 2 Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway And will upholds creation's plan;  
Who is, before all worlds began And when our world has passed away:  
Lord of the Church, its life and head, Redemption's price and source and theme,  
Alive, the firstborn from the dead, To reign as all-in-all supreme.
- 3 Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High, The fullness of the Godhead shares;  
And yet our human nature bears, Who came as man to bleed and die.  
And from His cross there flows our peace Who chose for us the path He trod,  
That so might sins and sorrows cease And all be reconciled to God.

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### **Sermon**

*"Fishers of Men: The Call to Discipleship"*

**Luke 5:1-11**

### **Apostles Creed** *(Please rise)*

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**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**

## ***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: O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ's perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## ***The Service of the Sacrament***

*"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.]*

## ***Preface***

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

L: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## ***Prayer of Thanksgiving***

L: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## ***Lord's Prayer***

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L: 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***

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: (sung) Amen**

## ***Agnus Dei***

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**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## ***Distribution*** *(Please be seated)*

*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 the Distribution***

### ***"Hail, O Source of Every Blessing"***

LSB 409

- 1 Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Father of our human race!  
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing, In Your courts obtain a place.  
Grateful now, we fall before You, In Your Church rejoice to live,  
See Your glory and adore You, Thankful for the grace You give.
- 2 Once far off but now invited, We approach Your sacred throne,  
In Your covenant united, Reconciled, redeemed, made one.  
Now revealed to eastern sages, See the Star of Mercy shine,  
Myst'ry hid in former ages, Myst'ry great of love divine.

- 3 Hail, O all-inviting Savior! Gentiles now their off'ings bring,  
In Your temples seek Your favor, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.  
May we, body, soul, and spirit, Live devoted to Your praise,  
Glorious realms of bliss inherit, Grateful anthems ever raise.

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*“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”*

LSB 621

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God to earth descending Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary, As of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture, In the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heav'nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of Light, descending From the realms of endless day,  
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish As the darkness clears away.
- 4 At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye,  
Veil their faces to the presence As with ceaseless voice they cry:  
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

*(Please rise)*

***Thank the Lord***

LSB 164

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek 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.**

***Post-Communion Collect***

***Benediction***

***Sending Greeting***

L: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Sending Hymn***

*“Almighty Father, Bless the Word”*

LSB 923

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

- 2 We praise You for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.
- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.



**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).

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**2025 Envelopes are available in the East hallway – by the church office!**

**New Directories are located on tables around the church!**

***Soup and Sandwich Saturday – February 15, 2025***  
***Signup sheets are in the west entrance.***  
***Your time and talents are needed.***  
***Monetary gifts are needed as well.***

**Fundraiser for H.I.S. II**  
**Hungry Howies' Fundraiser Card for \$10.00**  
**Get over \$45 in Savings!**

We have a few left! Available from Linda in the church office.  
The purchase of this card will help H.I.S. II with their funding for  
servant events in the upcoming year.

Thank You for your support!

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

February 16, 2025

Scripture Readings: *Jeremiah 17:5-8 / 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Luke 6: 17-26*

## 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.thelukeclinic.org](http://www.thelukeclinic.org) or call 866-458-5352.**

## *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.*

*"The Flock" for children and Cross†raining JC Style for youth*

*Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week*

## **Outreach & Discipling: Jesus' Style**

A workshop for laity, pastors, and all  
With Greg Finke (Dwelling 1.14) as facilitator

**Saturday, March 29, 2025**

**9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

(with time afterwards for additional conversations)

LFH Hall (16140 Aurora Ave, Eastpointe, Mi, 48021)

**LUNCH INCLUDED**

Greg Finke has personally used this model effectively and trained many congregations nationally. The components of the training will include strategic praying or the mission, using the Word of God as a guide, learning how to be a good neighbor, discovering our God story, and telling our God story. The day will provide an opportunity for congregations to encourage and support one another and a template to meet throughout the year for fellow up and feedback.

### **TO MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR THIS FREE WORKSHOP:**

Contact the church office or email Pastor Mark Hetzner at [hetzmarkrev@gmail.com](mailto:hetzmarkrev@gmail.com)

(and ask your pastor about the leaders banquet the night before at 6:30 p.m.)



**I-Can Tutoring**  
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Contact Mrs. Becky Gladden  
for more information at (248) 821-4967

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Your personal prayer guide for the week of:*  
**February 9, 2025**

### **Our Primary Prayer focus for this week:**

- Keep us focused and ready for Your Son's glorious return.
- Sustain those called to be fishers of men in Christ's Church
- To trust God for our every need.
- Uphold all in authority, enable them to lead according to Your will.

**And we remember** all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those 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:** William Erfourth, Debra Closurdo, Larry Cichocki, Roy Leidich, Beverly (friend of Connie Sommers), Allison Bottke (friend of Bucholtz's), Michele Jones (preschool director), Betty MacArthur (former member), Brad Tenn (friend of Brenda Zito), Thomas Patch (Sandra's husband), Karen Nieman (cousin of Sandra Patch), Terra Slatten (wife of Chris, organ repair man).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Debbie Closurdo, Janet Semenjuk, Joanne Awe, Brenda Finger, Harrison Ahee, Andrew Brejnak, 19, (grandson of Gerry & Nola Klonowski, son of their daughter, Lisa), Robert Laroche (family of Jan Adams), Jan Adams, Claire Armstrong (granddaughter of Clyde & Carolyn Armstrong), Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Sally Burk (sister of Lois Revard), Tamara Sommer (Connie's daughter-in-law).