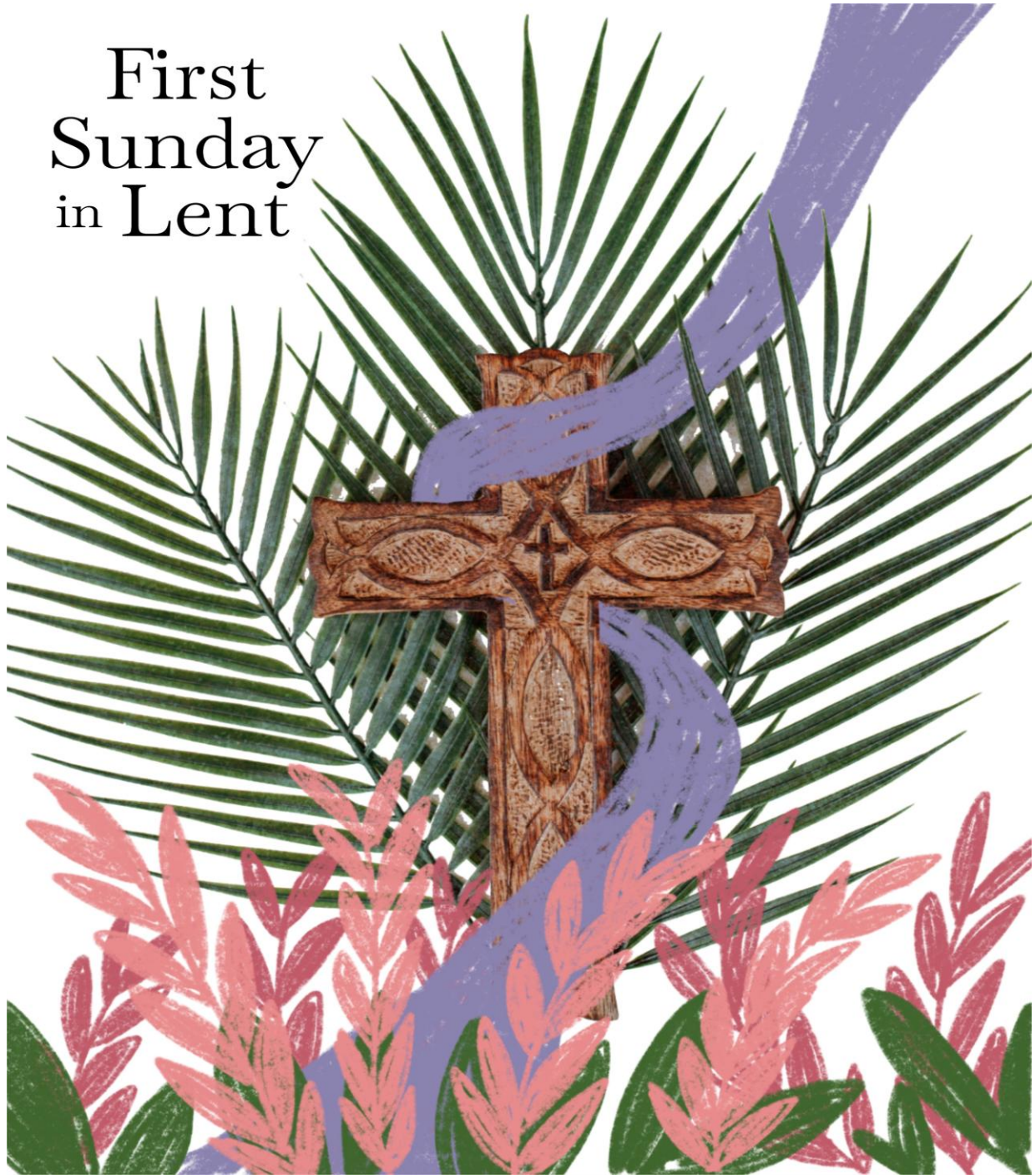


First Sunday in Lent



March 9, 2025

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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, 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 Three

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Prelude

Announcements and Attendance 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

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
Rise on last verse

B 657

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe.
With craft and dreadful might He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He,
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- 3 Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage.
His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- 4 God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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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: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(time for personal reflection)

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

L: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

Psalm 91

L: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

C: I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

L: For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence.

C: He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

L: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

C: nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.

L: A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

C: You will only look with your eyes and see the recompense of the wicked.

L: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge

C: no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.

L: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

C: On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.

L: You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

L: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(all rise)

Luke 4:1-13

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were ended, he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'" And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." And Jesus answered him, "It is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'" And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you,' And "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

(after the reading)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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

(Please be seated)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"O Christ, You Walked the Road"

LSB 424

- 1 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
You faced with us temptation's pow'r And fought our ancient foe.
- 2 No bread of earth alone Can fill our hung'ring hearts.
Lord, help us seek Your living Word, The food Your grace imparts.
- 3 No blinding sign we ask, No wonder from above.
Lord, help us place our trust alone In Your unswerving love.
- 4 When lures of easy gain With promise brightly shine,
Lord, help us seek Your kingdom first; Our wills with Yours align.

5 O Christ, You walked the road Our wand'ring feet must go.
Stay with us through temptation's hour To fight our ancient foe.

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Sermon

"Tempted By The Devil"

Luke 4:1-13

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: Lord God, heavenly Father, see how the adversary continually afflicts us and walks about as a roaring lion seeking to devour us. We implore You for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy would not prevail over us, but instead that we may abide evermore in Your grace and be preserved to life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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 with thy spirit.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them unto the Lord.

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

C: It is meet and right so to do.

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 Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

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L: Remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

C: (sung) Amen

Agnus Dei (sung)

LSB 198

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

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

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

LSB 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

“Through Jesus’ Blood and Merit”

LSB 746, vv. 1, 3, 4

- 1 Through Jesus’ blood and merit I am at peace with God.
What, then, can daunt my spirit, However dark my road?
My courage shall not fail me, For God is on my side;
Though hell itself assail me, Its rage I may deride.
- 3 For neither life’s temptation Nor death’s most trying hour
Nor angels of high station Nor any other pow’r
Nor things that now are present Nor things that are to come
Nor height, however pleasant, Nor darkest depths of gloom
- 4 Nor any creature ever Shall from the love of God
This ransomed sinner sever; For in my Savior’s blood
This love has its foundation; God hears my faithful prayer
And long before creation Named me His child and heir.

(Please rise)

Nunc Dimittis *(sung)*

LSB 199

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared
before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Thanksgiving

- L: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C: and His mercy endureth forever.
L: Let us pray. We give thanks....now and forever.
C: Amen.

Salutation and Benedicamus

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: And with thy spirit.
L: Bless we the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- L: The Lord bless...give you peace.
C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

LSB 718

- 1 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless, We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand To our fatherland.

- 2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us; Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe To our home we go.
- 3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring, Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
- 4 Jesus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won.
Heav'nly leader, still direct us, Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand In our fatherland.

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- 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).

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

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

New Directories are located on tables around the church!

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

January through March Mission Envelopes

THE LUKE CLINIC

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Patrons are needed to defray the cost of the professional musicians hired for our Easter Festival Service. If you would like to be a patron, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Patron for Easter" and place it in the offering box; or bring it to the church office or donate electronically. Thanks for your continued support of the music at St. Thomas.

Lent 2025

Midweek Wednesdays at noon and 7 p.m.

March 12 – April 9

We will gather in the sanctuary for reflections, prayers, and singing.

HOLY WEEK is April 13 - April 17

April 13: Palm Sunday Communion Service – 9:30 a.m.

Starting in the gym lobby with palms and singing, for those who are able.

April 17: Maundy Thursday

Journey to the Cross

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

April 18: Good Friday Communion

Worship Services at Noon and 7:00 p.m. (Tenebrae)

April 20: Easter Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Easter Breakfast

10:00 a.m. – Festival Communion Service

NEXT SUNDAY

The 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 26:8-15 / Philippians 3:17-4:1 / Luke 13:31-35



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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).

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon Christ's people on earth:

- Keep us focused and ready for Your Son's glorious return.
- Bless all pastors and ministers, that they may preach the pure doctrine of Your saving Word, which will never pass away.
- 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), 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:** Ron Greve, Walter Jakubiec, Janet Semenjuck, Davis Cardamone, Debra Closurdo, Larry Cichocki, Roy Leidich, Mel Ferdinande, Allison Bottke (friend of Bucholtz's), Michele Jones (preschool director), Brad Tenn (friend of Brenda Zito), Terra Slatten (wife of Chris, organ repair man), Ed Vanic (former member), Kennedy Pank (great-granddaughter of Marilyn Redmond), Vicar Brad Thomas, Lynn Bellhorn (wife of Ken), Marylou Tempesti (friend of Brenda Zito), Jim Pagels (former member).

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** 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), Sally Burk (sister of Lois Revard), Tamara Sommer (Connie's daughter-in-law).

*Weekly Worship with Communion - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Monday at 7:30 p.m.*

"The Flock" for children and Crossfraining JC Style for youth

Faith Hope Love Gatherings - Sunday and throughout the week