



Holy
Baptism



Confirmations and
Affirmations of Faith

Remembrance Sunday

*Weddings
and
Anniversaries*



Remembering our
loved ones
called home

November 23, 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, 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.

Remembrance Sunday “Connecting To Jesus”

Prelude

“Joyfully Sing”

M. Patterson

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.

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.”

Opening Hymn

*“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
(rise on the last verse)*

LSB 790

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
 Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
 Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
 As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
 All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
 Gladly forever adore Him!

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 Gladly Say It"

LSB 594, vv. 1-3

- 1 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!
- 2 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?

3 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:

***Elizabeth Louise Ferinande, Sofia Rose Gianino Amstutz,
Estella Mae Gianino Amstutz, Skye Ostrowski,
Delilah Ahee, Everett Riley Wood, Lincoln Arthur Wood,
Willow Josephine Hoepner, Levi Frederick Bauss***



Roll of New Members

Frederick Bane, Joyce Bane, Nanci Thompson, Jodi DeJaeghere

Prayer

Hymn

"God's Own Child Gladly Say It"

LSB 594, vv. 4, 5

4 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.

5 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!

"... 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.

- 1 O Father, all creating, Whose wisdom, love, and pow’r
First bound two lives together In Eden’s primal hour,
Today to these Your children Your earliest gifts renew:
A home by You made happy, A love by You kept true.

- 4 Unless You build it, Father, The house is built in vain;
Unless You, Savior, bless it, The joy will turn to pain.
But nothing breaks the union Of hearts in You made one;
The love Your Spirit hallows Is endless love begun.



Roll Call: Weddings and Anniversaries

Prayer

“Living With Jesus”

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:27-43

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. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

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.”

(after the reading)

R: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Hymn of the Day

“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”

LSB 806

- 1 Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son. (Repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat)
Give thanks, give thanks.

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Sermon

"A Time to Remember"

Anthem

"God of Heaven"

H. Sorenson

"The Intimate Connection"

"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.]

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 Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see You crowned with glory; for You are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

L: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation.

C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.

L: God has chosen to give us birth through the word of truth,

C: That we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created – his saved servants.

(time for personal reflection)

L: Make haste to deliver me, O God:

C: Make haste, O Lord, to help me, for I am hurting on the inside, and have failed in helping others around me. In you, Lord Jesus, do I take my refuge. In your mercy take away my sin and rescue me from all evil. You are my help and my deliverer. O Lord, do not delay.

L: God has come in the person of Jesus to rescue you. He died for your sins and was raised for your justification. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His authority, I announce the full forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

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, ... Amen

Words of Institution

Communion Canticle

"Your Table I Approach"

LSB 628, vv. 1, 2, 6

- 1 Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

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.*

Hymns during distribution

Anthem

"Softly Now the Light of Day"

J. Van Valey/S. Berry

"Have No Fear, Little Flock"

LSB 735

- 1 Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,
For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom;
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,
For the Father will keep you In His love forever;
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,
For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you;
Praise the Lord high above!
- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,
For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you;
Thankful hearts raise to God!

- 1 There is a time for ev’rything, A time for all that life may bring:
A time to plant, a time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,
A time to heal, a time to slay, A time to build where rubble lay,
A time to die, a time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born,
- 2 A time to hold, then be alone, A time to gather scattered stone,
A time to break, a time to mend, A time to search and then to end,
A time to keep, then throw away, A time to speak, then nothing say,
A time for war till hatreds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.
- 3 Eternal Lord, Your wisdom sees And fathoms all life’s tragedies;
You know our grief, You hear our sighs In mercy, dry our tear-stained eyes.
From evil times, You bring great good; Beneath the cross, we’ve safely stood.
Though dimly now life’s path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.

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Post-Communion Canticle

“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

LSB 937

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn, This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles’ promised light,
God’s glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.
- 3 With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest Be honor, love, and praise.

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Post-Communion Prayer

“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.

(after the reading)

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:

*James Marlin, Helen Ham, JoAnn Dieball, Samuel Kostenko, Andrew Nowicki,
 Lawrence Cichocki, William Boelter, Belinda Green, Frieda Ziegler, Lynn Bellhorn.*



Prayer

Carnations & Prayers

Solo

“Untitled Hymn”

C. Rice

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Thine the Amen”

LSB 680

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.



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).

Patrons are needed to help defray the cost of the professional musicians hired to accompany the Kapelle and congregation at our Christmas Eve program. This year the Kapelle and cast will present, "Were You There On That Christmas Night?" by Lloyd Larson. If you would like to be a patron, please place your donation in an envelope marked "Patron for Kapelle" and place it in the offering box or bring it to the church office. Or you may donate electronically. Thank you for your support of the Kapelle as they edify the church through music in song.

Giving Tree Remember to stop by the Giving Tree in the west entrance and select a card for a person who needs you to share Christ's love this season. The cards are for our Great Start Readiness Program Preschool and Evergreen Lutheran Church & School in Detroit. **Please follow the directions on the table for each card selected. Gifts must be back at the church by December 14!**

It's Lutheran Witness time! This is the time to order or renew subscriptions of the *Lutheran Witness* (LW), the official periodical of the LCMS. It is published 11 times a year and provides laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, fosters personal growth in faith, and helps interpret the contemporary world from the Lutheran Christian perspective. The subscription year is March 2026 through February 2027. Yearly subscriptions are \$22.50/year each if orders are placed through the St. Thomas church office (if not the cost is \$24.99). Orders and money need to be in the office by December 7 (checks made payable to St. Thomas).

Advent Aglow – December 6th, at 5 pm, in the gym. A time for the women of St. Thomas and their friends to gather, worship and celebrate the upcoming birth of our Lord, before the busyness of the season takes over. All women are welcome either to host a table or just attend. Reservations are needed. Please see Kelly Crivella in the west entrance, following the service, to sign up for hosting or attending, or call her at 313-550-2950.

Advent Devotionals Pick up your copy of "Born to You a Savior" advent devotional from LHM. They are available in baskets by each of the entrances and on tables throughout the building.

Christmas Eve Plan now to attend the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service at St. Thomas as the Kapelle and cast present, "We're You There On That Christmas Night?", a musical celebration that weaves scripture, favorite carols and new music into a beautiful pageant. Communion, candles, handbells and instrumentalists will add to this joyous celebration. All children in attendance will receive a special gift from the Wisemen. "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

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Upcoming Events:



(visit the web page or see the STL publications for more information)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship – November 26th at 7 p.m.

Church Decorating – November 29th at 9 a.m.

Midweek Advent Worship on Wednesdays

At 7 p.m. on December 3rd, 10th, 17th

Advent Aglow – December 6th at 5 p.m.

Lessons and Carols – December 7th at 9:30 a.m.

Breakfast w/Santa – December 13th at 9 a.m.

Clothing Closet – December 13th from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Packing Holiday Food Baskets – December 19th – 5:30 p.m.

&

Distribution of Holiday Food Baskets

December 20th, starting at 10 a.m.

Great Start Preschool - For 4-year-old children

Free - no matter what the income. Call 586-260-6576 for information.

I-Can Tutoring - Free tutoring for grades K – 8

Monday – Thursday, from 3 – 6 pm

Includes: Reading, Math, Spelling, Writing, Prayer, Games & Activities

Contact Mrs. Becky Gladden for more information at (248) 821-4967

Order Your Poinsettia's for the Altar!

This is a Christmas tradition to put poinsettia's around the altar.

You can order Red, White or a Marble for \$12 each.

Please complete the form found on the tables.

Instructions are on the form! Order by November 23rd, TODAY!!

Next Sunday
1st Sunday in Advent - November 30, 2025

Isaiah 2:1-5 / Romans 13:8-14 / Matthew 24:36-44

FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is the report of our General Fund stewardship for the first 4 months of the current fiscal year. Your prayers and support are very important to the health of St. Thomas, so thank you for all you do.

	October 2025		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	31,464.90	38,515.00	109,352.99	152,360.00
Expense	<u>32,657.82</u>	<u>39,023.34</u>	<u>131,724.69</u>	<u>157,735.36</u>
Net	(1,192.92)	(508.34)	(22,371.70)	(5,375.36)

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$34,119.75.

Mortgage Balance - \$1,560,579.88, Restricted Loan - \$33,435.27

October's Counted Attendance – 417

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

November 23, 2025

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is on Christ's work through his Word:

- Bless this congregation and Your whole Church with faithful pastors and church workers.
- Bless all Christian homes, that as the children of Your kingdom we would grow in the fear of the Lord.
- Preserve those who fear and serve You in this fallen world.
- Preserve Your people from all temptation and amid all trial, lest they give into the power of evil or despair.

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 those who are in hospice care, especially Brenda Fingers and Dolly Houth.



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:** Joanne Awe, Stan Topel, Marge Bittner, Diane Ustick, Carol Shermon, Steve Kruse, Clyde Armstrong, Doug Klawender (son of Shirley), Rick Sturm (Sue Wensink's brother-in-law), Paul Gillette (friend of Jan Patty), Jeanie Wentworth (aunt of Jan Patty), Lew Sier (former member), Bil Henze (Caroline's son), Diane Gomulka (Sue Wensink's sister in-law's sister), Jessica Krug (Kuehn) (former member), Dorothy Rumsey (Becky Gladden's mother)

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