



The Calling of Matthew

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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.

Second Sunday after Pentecost *Matins*

LSB page 219 – All responses will be sung

Prelude

“Praise to the Lord”

P. A. Thompson

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

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB 915, vv. 1, 3, 4

- 1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.
- 3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.
- 4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.

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Opening

LSB 219

- L: O Lord, open my lips,
C: **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
L: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: **make haste to help me, O Lord.**

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. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

Venite

L: Blessed by God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: O come, let us worship Him.

C: O come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving, let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.

The deep places of the earth are in His hand; the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it, and His hand formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

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. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

L: Blessed by God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: O come, let us worship Him.

Sharing of the 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

"God Is So Good"

P. A. Thompson

Service of the Word

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:13-25

The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, "So shall your offspring be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. That is why his faith was "counted to him as righteousness." But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for

ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

(after the reading)

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Verse (all rise)

Matthew 9:9-13

Gospel Responsory

L: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L: Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 9th chapter

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

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

(after the reading)

L: O Lord, have mercy on us.

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

Apostles Creed

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

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Let Me Be Thine Forever"

LSB 689

- 1 Let me be Thine forever, My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake Thee never Nor wander from Thy Word.
Lord, do not let me waver, But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace forever Thy holy name I'll bless.

- 2 Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, O make me wholly Thine!
For Thou hast dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, Eternal life obtain.
- 3 And Thou, O Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.
Give me Thy constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

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Sermon

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: We entrust all these petitions to Your care, loving Father, confident in Your great mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is worshiped together with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 227

- C: Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

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

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.]

Words on Institution

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 the Distribution

Anthem

“Jacob’s Ladder”

P. A. Thompson

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628, vv. 1, 2, 3, 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.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 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.

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“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

LSB 570, vv. 1, 2, 3, 6

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many_a conflict, many_a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown Has broken ev’ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Post-Communion Collect

L: Let us pray.

C: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Collect of Grace

L: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benedicamus

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction

L: The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

LSB 555, vv. 1, 6, 10

- 1 Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom, They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.
- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.
- 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace; All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

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Please place your offering in the boxes at the entrances!



**Today's Flowers are given to praise and honor our Lord
for the graduation from high school of Alexis,
from her Grandmother Kathy Smith.**



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).



TODAY is Mite Box Sunday!

Upcoming Events:



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

Family Night – June 11th from 6 pm – 8 pm

Join with the community to share a meal & fun!

Clothing Closet – June 13th from 11am – 1 pm

Your help is needed! Contact Kathy Smith for more information.

Family Night – June 18th from 6 pm – 8 pm

Join with the community to share a meal & fun!

S.A.S.S. – June 20th from 11 am – 2 pm

(Soup and Sandwich Saturday)

Your time and talents are needed!

Signup sheets in the west entrance.

MCREST Fundraiser – June 24th at Famous Dave's

20% Donated Back from 12 pm – 8 pm

Flyer on back table with information

(20300 East 13 Mile Rd., Roseville)

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Discovering OUR VISION

A THREE-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

— *for St. Thomas* —



Dear members of St. Thomas Lutheran Church, you are warmly invited to participate in a vital three-week Bible study focus **starting this June**, dedicated to collectively shaping the future vision of our congregation.

THIS SPECIAL STUDY WILL BE HELD OVER
THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS ON:



June 7
— SUNDAY —



June 14
— SUNDAY —



June 21
— SUNDAY —

*Your
voice
matters!*



To accommodate everyone's schedule, sessions are being offered so that you can join us on **ONE** of the following listed Sundays to **focus on the future of St. Thomas.**



Your unique voice, faith, and insights are essential as we dive into Scripture and work hand-in-hand to build **a focused, Christ-centered vision** for our church.

Please join your church family in fellowship
**AND HELP US DISCERN WHERE GOD IS
LEADING OUR MINISTRY NEXT!**



ST. THOMAS
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*Together in Faith.
Shaping Our Future.*



STL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you for supporting our community!

Cereal (whole grain/low sugar)	Snacks	Feminine Hygiene Products
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise	Shelf Stable Juice	Kleenex
Salt and Pepper	Body Wash	Paper Towels
Crackers	Shampoo	Toilet Paper
Peaches, Pears Pineapple (Can)	Toothpaste	

All items must be nonperishable and at least 6 months before expiration date.

We cannot distribute dented cans, opened or damaged packaging, vitamins, OTC medications and items beyond the Expiration Date, "Use By", "Sell By" or "Best By" dates.

Your generosity makes a real difference.

Thank you for your understanding and continuing to support our neighbors in need.

I-Can Tutoring

Free tutoring for grades K – 8

Monday – Thursday, from 3 pm – 6 pm

Room 210 (enter through door #2)

Summer program begins July 13th

Monday – Thursday, from 9 am – 12 pm

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

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

Next Sunday

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8 / Romans 5:6-15 / Matthew 9:35-10:20

ABIGAYLE MINISTRIES

May and June Mission Envelopes

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH - June 7, 2026

In your prayers this week please remember:

- Revive us and raise us up, that we may live before You forever
- Continue to call men into Your Holy Ministry, and endow them with every good gift to proclaim Your Word.
- Strengthen parents to persist in their callings and train their children in Your Word and ways.
- Remember those You have given authority among the nations, that the laws they administer might reflect Your order and maintain peace.
- The ministry of **Abigayle Ministries**.

And we remember those who protect and nurture life on this earth, this week remembering global healthcare needs and political situations.



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 †

†**For Loved Ones Called Home:** The family of Jim Latham, former member who was called home on May 16th.

†**God's Healing Hand on:** Melvin Ferdinande, Steve Kruse, John Cherry, Marge Bittner, Nancy Wargo, Doug Klawender (son of Shirley), Dorothy Rumsey (Becky Gladden's mother), Emily Henze (Caroline's daughter-in-law), Beatrice Paden (Pastor Gladden's aunt), Carol Hawkins (cousin of Jan Patty), Jennifer Patterson (friend of Jan Patty), Floro and Berla (Delia Greve's family), Regina (aunt of Jan Patty). Dolly Houth who is in palliative care.

†**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).

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