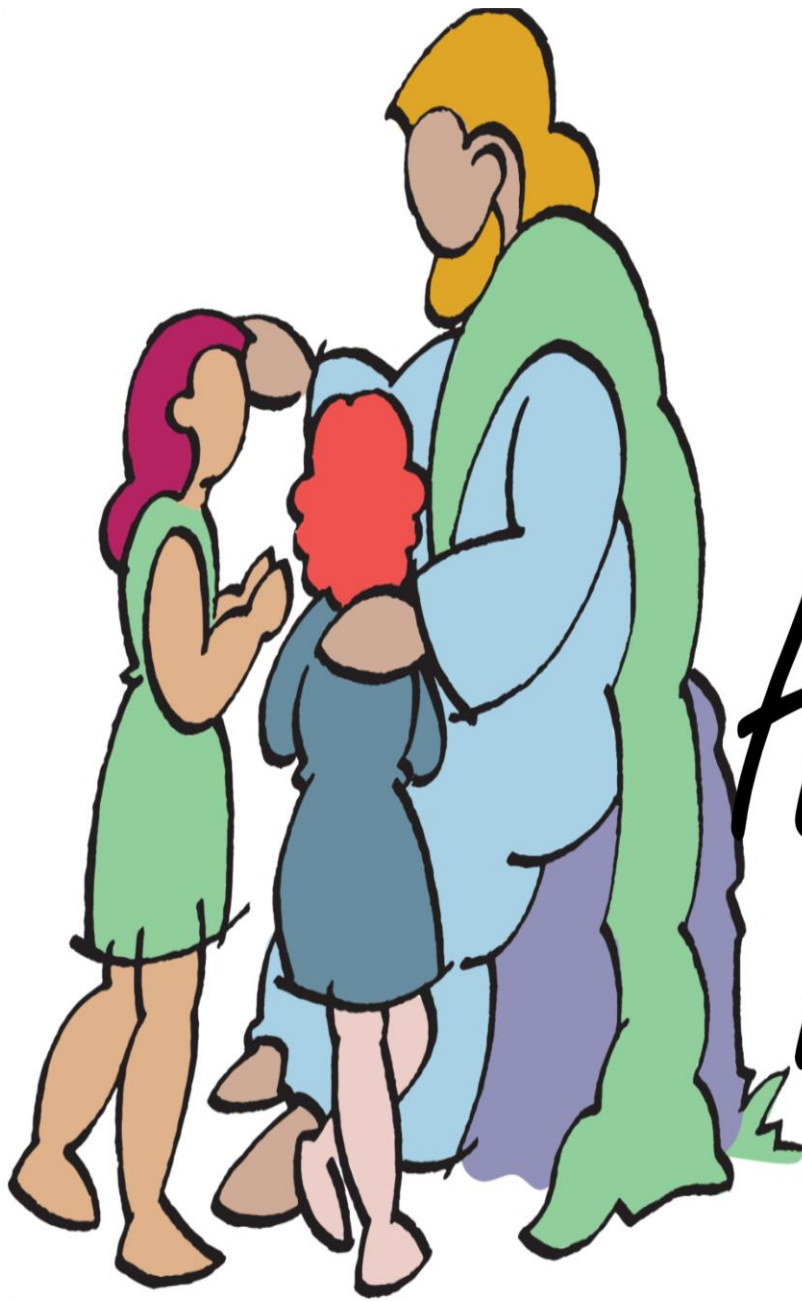




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June 21, 2026

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.

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost *Matins*

LSB page 219 – All responses will be sung

Prelude

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

"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"
(rise on the last verse)

LSB 912

- 1 Christ is our cornerstone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place
Of present grace And joys above.
- 2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest
To endless rest Are called away.
- 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song,
Both loud and long, That glorious name.

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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 be 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.

L: Blessed be 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)

Service of the Word

Epistle Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human

terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(after the reading)

R: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Verse (all rise)

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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 10th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, . . .

“Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

(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 Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 2 Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
- 3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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Sermon

"Father's Mission Open Eyes to Love"

Matthew 10:5a, 21-33

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: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C: Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 227

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

Lord's Prayer

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 of 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

"Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

LSB 637

- 1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord, And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and Himself the priest.
- 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields, To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
- 3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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"Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.
- 4 Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.

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Post-Communion Collect *(all rise)*

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 Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go”

LSB 854

- 1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My daily labor to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know In all I think or speak or do.
- 2 The task Thy wisdom has assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
In all my works Thy presence find, And prove Thy good and perfect will.
- 3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my inmost substance see,
And labor on at Thy command, And offer all my works to Thee.
- 4 Give me to bear Thine easy yoke, And ev’ry moment watch and pray,
And still to things eternal look, And hasten to Thy glorious day.
- 5 For Thee delightfully employ Whate’er Thy bounteous grace has giv’n,
And run my course with even joy, And closely walk with Thee to heav’n.

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May and June Mission Envelopes

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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).

Upcoming Events:



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

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)

Family Night – June 25th from 6 pm – 8 pm

Join with the community to share a meal & fun!

Family Night – July 2nd from 6 pm – 8 pm

Join with the community to share a meal & fun!

Office will be closed July 1st and 2nd!

I-Can Tutoring

Free tutoring for grades K – 8

Monday – Thursday, from 3 pm – 6 pm

Room 210 (enter through door #2)

Summer program – Session 1 is June 15th – July 2nd

Session 2 is July 13 – August 27th

Both are 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

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
— LUTHERAN CHURCH —

*Together in Faith.
Shaping Our Future.*



Next Sunday Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9 / Romans 7:1-13 / Matthew 10:34-42

STL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you for supporting our community!

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Crackers, Snacks, Feminine Hygiene Products
Juice, Body Wash, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple (Can)
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise Salt and Pepper

Shelf Stable

*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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is the report of our General Fund stewardship for 11 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.

	May 2026		Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	26,142.73	38,015.00	415,681.22	434,965.00
Expense	<u>32,295.51</u>	<u>38,995.34</u>	<u>373,791.81</u>	<u>434,904.66</u>
Net	(6,152.78)	(980.34)	41,919.41*	60.34

*actual loss is (\$41,353.23), foundation grant of \$51,426.64 received in July & Sept and Jan.

And the foundation has paid \$31,844.00 (4 months) of mortgage.

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$11,696.85.

Mortgage Balance - \$1,546,936.17, Restricted Loan - \$33,435.27

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 - June 21, 2026

In your prayers this week please remember:

- Cultivate that life within us, that we may conform our lives to Your holy teaching and bear fruit that befits repentance.
- Give courage and fortitude to Your pastors and people, that they would boldly sing Your praises, gladly endure suffering for the name of Jesus, and continue by Your grace to the end.
- Give all fathers confidence in their station and zeal for their task to care for their families faithfully.
- 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 Elaine Courtney, member from Trinity Warren who was called home on 6/13.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Janice Engel, 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 (Delia Greve's nephew), Regina (aunt of Jan Patty) Marlene Debrosse and Donna Karas and Kathy Bommarito and Matt Kaye (Debbie Kujawski's relatives and friends). Palliative care: Dolly Houth.

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Harrison Ahee, 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).

*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