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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.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Five

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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

"Praise and Thanksgiving"
Rise on last verse

LSB 789

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer For all things living,
Created good: Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our neighbor,
We may be fed. Sowing or tilling, We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.

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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

LSB 136:1–9

- L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
C: for his steadfast love endures forever.
Give thanks to the God of gods,
 L: for his steadfast love endures forever.
 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
C: for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who alone does great wonders,
 L: for his steadfast love endures forever;
 to him who by understanding made the heavens,
C: for his steadfast love endures forever;
to him who spread out the earth above the waters,
 L: for his steadfast love endures forever;
 to him who made the great lights,
C: for his steadfast love endures forever;
the sun to rule over the day,
 L: for his steadfast love endures forever;
 the moon and stars to rule over the night,
C: for his steadfast love endures forever;

Kyrie

LSB 227

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

Gloria in Excelsis

“All Glory Be to God Alone”

LSB 948 vv. 1-5

- 1 All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one,
 Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.
 Among us may His gracious will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.
- 5 You only are the Holy One And over all are Lord alone.
 O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord Most High;
 With Him You evermore shall be One in the Father’s majesty.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray; Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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)

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1-5

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.”

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 9:1-13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

(after the reading)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Creed***"We All Believe in One True God"***

LSB 953

- 1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host;
All He made His love enfolds, All creation He upholds.
- 2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,
Who descended from His throne And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.
- 3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity, Praise forever be to Thee!

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Children's Sermon**Hymn of the Day*****"Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"***

LSB 774

- 1 Feed Thy children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, Bless the food Thou here hast given!
As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor At Thy feast due thanks we render.

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Sermon***"Steadfast Love"*****Psalms 136:1-9****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: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and 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 also with you.

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 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 our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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

LSB, inside back cover

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

Words Of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 197

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

C: (sung) Amen

Agnus Dei

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

“Your Table I Approach”

LSB 628

- 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.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 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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“What Is This Bread”

LSB 629

- 1 What is this bread? Christ’s body risen from the dead: This bread we break,
This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
- 2 What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine; The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see—the Lord is King.
- 3 So who am I, That I should live and He should die Under the rod? My God, my God,
Why have You not forsaken me? O taste and see—the Lord is free.
- 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear, In mouth and soul
He makes us whole— Christ, truly present in this meal. O taste and see—the Lord is real.
- 5 Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive,
His very body and His blood. O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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(Please rise)

Post-Communion Hymns

LSB 618, 619 vv.5

- 5 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith’s bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. **Refrain**

- 5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally.

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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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

L: Bless we the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: The Lord bless...give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

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.

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. Give thanks, give thanks.

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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 blessings received.**



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)

Family Night – July 30th from 6 pm – 8 pm

(meal is served at 6 pm)

Join with the community to share a meal & fun!

Family Night – August 6th from 6 pm – 8 pm

(meal is served at 6 pm)

Join with the community to share a meal & fun!

Clothing Closet – August 8th from 11 am – 1 pm

Your help is needed! Contact Kathy Smith for more information

Food Pantry August 15th 11am – 12pm

Your help is needed!

Fundraiser for MCREST August 19th at Texas Roadhouse

I-Can Tutoring

Free tutoring for grades K – 8

Room 210 (enter through door #2)

Session 2 is July 13 – August 27th

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

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STL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you for supporting our community!

Cereal, Shelf Stable Juice, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple (Can),
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Salt, Pepper, Crackers, Snacks, Chunky Soups,
Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Bar Soap, Feminine Hygiene Products

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.



Today is Mite Box Sunday!

\$125 Per Household Bonus Grant for Your Congregation

In Celebration of our 125th anniversary, CEF is launching the Ministry Partner Bonus Grant. Here's how it works: when an individual investor (that's you or others that attend your church or school!) opens a new CEF note of \$1,000 or more with a term of at least 24 months, your church earns a \$125 Bonus Grant. One grant per household.

This is a meaningful way for your congregation members to put their savings to work for the Kingdom- and to see that faithfulness come back as a direct blessing to your ministry. Every new note opened is a step toward a stronger church.

How to participate:

1. Share this opportunity with your fellow congregation members and take advantage of it yourselves by opening another note.
2. Invite them to open a new CEF note of \$1,000 or more at a 24-month minimum term.
3. Your church receives a \$125 Bonus Grant-automatically. (Limit one per household.)

Visit churchextensionfund.com to learn more about our investment note offerings and to get started today.

Next Sunday
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:4-18 / Romans 10:5-17 / Matthew 14:22-33

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH – August 2, 2026

In your prayers this week please remember:

- Bless pastors, church workers and all the baptized, that their service to You may be faithful and fruitful.
- Make us content with what You give, that we may not covet or turn elsewhere for what comes from Your hand alone.
- Bless those who defend us from our enemies, who serve us in government and who protect us in our communities.
- Give us strength and endurance, that we may not despair but have confidence in Your sufficient grace within Your Word and Sacraments.
- The ministry of **World for Life Uganda**.

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 †

✠**God’s Healing Hand on:** Janice Engel, John Cherry, , Nancy Wargo, Doug Klawender (son of Shirley), Emily Henze (Caroline’s daughter-in-law), 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), Davis Cardamone, Debbie Closurdo, Tom Habrowski (Sue Wensink’s brother) Nicole Lechner (Daughter of Hope Nawrocki, niece of Ann Schnepfer and John Hupp), Pastor Rick VanBriggle.

✠**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), Marge Bittner, Steve Kruse, Beatrice Paden (Pastor Gladden’s aunt), Palliative care: Dolly Houth, Estella Robbins (Mother of Roberta Gibson)