

# SAVED BY GRACE



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## *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](http://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.

## *Eleventh 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***

***"How Majestic Is Your Name"***  
***(Rise on last verse)***

LSB 978

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth.  
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name:  
Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

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Prince of Peace, Mighty God, O Lord God Almighty.

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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 18:1-6

- L: I love you,  
**C: O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,**  
 L: my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,  
 my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,  
**C: and I am saved from my enemies.**  
 L: The cords of death encompassed me;  
**C: the torrents of destruction assailed me; the cords of Sheol entangled me;**  
 L: the snares of death confronted me.  
 In my distress I called upon the LORD;  
 to my God I cried for help.  
**C: From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.**

## ***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***

**Job 38:4-18**

[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

*(after the reading)*

R: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ***Epistle Reading***

**Romans 10:5-17**

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “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.”

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

*(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.**

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*(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*****"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"***

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.  
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;  
So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.
- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,  
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.  
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.
- 3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,  
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.

Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;  
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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## **Sermon**

## *"Saved By Faith"*

**Matthew 14:22-23**

### ***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: O Lord, our God, be our light in darkness, our strength in weakness, our courage in fear and our peace in distress. Speak to us by the voice of Your Word, that we may call upon You in the day of trouble and confess Your saving name before all people. Hear us for the sake of 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 (please rise)***

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**

#### ***"Jesus, Name above All Names"***

LSB 970

- 1 Jesus, name above all names, Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us, Blessed Redeemer, living Word.

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#### ***"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"*** *(Please rise)*

LSB 715

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee. Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 2 As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
- 3 When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar  
Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me, "Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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### **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***

*"There Is a Redeemer"*

LSB 971

- 1 There is a Redeemer— Jesus, God's own Son;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One. **Refrain**
- ref Thank You, O my Father, For giving us Your Son,  
And leaving Your Spirit Till the work on earth is done.**
- 2 Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names;  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**
- 3 When I stand in glory, I will see His face;  
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place. **Refrain**

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for blessings received.**

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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](http://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 – August 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm – 8 pm**

(meal is served at 6 pm)

Join with the community to share a meal & fun!

### **Food Pantry August 15<sup>th</sup> 11am – 12pm**

Your help is needed!

### **Fundraiser for MCREST August 19<sup>th</sup> at Texas Roadhouse**

### **I-Can Tutoring**

**Free tutoring for grades K – 8**

**Room 210 (enter through door #2)**

**Session 2 is July 13 – August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**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

### **STL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED**

**Thank you for supporting our community!**

Cereal, Shelf Stable Juice, Jelly, (Peaches, Pears, Pineapple (Can)),  
Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Salt, Pepper, Crackers, Snacks, Meal 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.**

### **\$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](http://churchextensionfund.com) to learn more about our investment note offerings and to get started today.

**Next Sunday**

**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 / Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15 / Matthew 15:21-28

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH – August 9, 2026

**In your prayers this week please remember:**

- Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may know Your Son by faith.
- Bless our seminaries with faithful teachers and students, that the Good News may be proclaimed, heard and believed in every place.
- Strengthen all married couples, that their union as husband and wife might be a reflection of Christ and His Church.
- Raise up good and faithful leaders who will act justly and protect the weak, the vulnerable and the unborn from exploitation and oppression. 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](mailto: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), 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), Chris Sprinkle (Cousin of Matt & Angela Koch), 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)