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**Even the dogs
eat the crumbs
that fall from
their master's
table.**
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MATTHEW 15:27

August 16, 2026

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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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Divine Service Five

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Prelude

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

C. Bateman

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

“Now the Silence”

LSB 910

Rise on last verse

Now the silence Now the peace Now the empty hands uplifted
Now the kneeling Now the plea Now the Father's arms in welcome
Now the hearing Now the pow'r Now the vessel brimmed for pouring
Now the body Now the blood Now the joyful celebration
Now the wedding Now the songs Now the heart forgiven leaping
Now the Spirit's visitation Now the Son's epiphany Now the Father's blessing
Now Now Now

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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**

KINGDOM WORK – the Rite of Holy Baptism

Vivian Thea Quinn is baptized into the Lord's family.
She was born on February 17, 2026
 She is the daughter of ***Zachary & Hannah Quinn***
 Her sponsors are ***Jacob & Kaley Quinn***



The Welcome

- Host: Through Baptism God has added **Vivian Quinn** to his own people here at Saint Thomas, to join with us in declaring the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.
- People: **We welcome you into the Lord's family and to our family here at Saint Thomas. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.**
- Pastor: And you, **Vivian Quinn**, the Lord bless you in all your ways from this time forth and even forevermore.
- People: **Amen.**

Psalm

LSB 67; antiphon: v.5

- C: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,**
 L: that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
- C: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**
 L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- C: **Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!**
 L: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
- C: **God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

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)

Anthem

"Alleluia"

J. Sinclair

Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD: "Keep justice, and do righteousness, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. . . . "And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." The Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, "I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered."

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order

that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(all rise)

Matthew 15:21-28

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

(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!

(Please be seated)

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

LSB 653

- 1 In Christ there is no east or west, In Him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.
- 2 With God there is no tribe or race; In Him we all are one.
He loves us as His children through Our faith in His dear Son.
- 3 So, brothers, sisters, praise His name Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and shame, From spite and enmity!

- 4 Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as His child Is surely kin to me.
- 5 In Christ now meet both east and west; In Him meet south and north.
All Christian souls are one in Him Throughout the whole wide earth.

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Sermon

"The Crumbs Under the Table"

Matthew 15:21-28

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: Lord God, giver of all that is good, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your grace, that we may endure the changes and chances of this mortal life and be found worthy when our Savior comes to bring to completion all things; through 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

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

"God Loved the World So That He Gave"

LSB 571

- 1 God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.
- 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus' blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- 5 If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.
- △ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

LSB 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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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

“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”

LSB 941

- 1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”
- 2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:
“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”

- 3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—
You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.
- 4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand,
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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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)

Fundraiser for MCREST August 19th at Texas Roadhouse

Family Night – August 20th from 6 pm – 8 pm

(meal is served at 6 pm)

Join with the community to share a meal & fun!

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

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

World for Life Uganda
July and August Mission Envelopes

World for Life (WFL) is a newly registered Christian non-profit organization in the US with 501-C-3 status, expanding from its successful roots in Uganda, Africa since 2018. WFL collaborates with existing organizations, communities, and individuals world-wide to support children and their families to achieve their fullest potential in social, cultural, spiritual, and economic well-being.

Their vision is to provide a loving, caring, and secure environment where all children's basic needs and rights for survival, development, protection, and participation are met. WFL's foundation is based on the Christian values, the forefront being Love and Compassion. It is not about us, but the impact we make in people's lives we serve.

100% of your Mission Envelope donations (either using the envelope provided in your box or through your designation electronically or with a different envelope) to STL during the months of July & August will be given to World for Life Uganda. For more information on the mission, go to www.worldforlifeuganda.org or call (201) 423-0535.

Next Sunday

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Who is Jesus to You?

In Matthew 16:13–20, amidst a noisy world of competing ideas, Jesus asks His disciples, “Who do *you* say that I am?” prompt Peter to boldly confess, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God”—a bedrock faith upon which Jesus promises to build His unshakeable Church. You are invited to read this passage this week and ponder: *Amidst all the modern trends and opinions surrounding us today, **who is Jesus to you, and how does that shape your daily life today?***

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH – August 16, 2026

In your prayers this week please remember:

- Grant us and Your whole Church on earth unity and harmony, that our life may be marked by worship, witness, prayer and service to those within and outside of the household of faith.
- Bless those who faithfully serve us in Your name.
- Keep us from all harm and danger, and grant that we would dwell together in peace under the protection of Your holy angels.
- Grant that the government and those who protect us may keep justice and do righteousness for Your name's sake and according to Your will.
- 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), 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)