



"GIVE...
TO GOD

THE THINGS
THAT ARE
GOD'S."

MATTHEW 22:21

October 18, 2026

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Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another

Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

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Divine Service Setting Four

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Prelude

“This Is Our God”

P. Wickham

Announcements and Attendance/Communion Registration

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Opening Hymn

*“Earth and All Stars”
(Rise on last verse)*

LSB 817 vv. 1, 2, 6, 7

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Oh, victory! Loud shouting army! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

ref He has done marvelous things. I too will praise Him with a new song!

2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Flowers and trees! Loud rustling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

6 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

7 Children of God, Dying and rising, Sing to the Lord a new song!
Heaven and earth, Hosts everlasting, Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

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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: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

L: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm

96; antiphon: v. 9a

L: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

C: Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

L: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

C: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.

L: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

C: Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

L: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

L: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

C: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

L: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C: let the field exult, and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

L: before the LORD, for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Kyrie

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

Gloria in Excelsis

1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You
as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things
eternal; 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

"Make It Well"

B. Millard, E. Hulse, T. Timmons

The Service of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1–7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, ⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity, I am the LORD, who does all these things."

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

(after the reading)

R: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

(all rise)

Matthew 22:15–22

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose

likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

(after the reading)

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

(LSB Inside back cover)

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

Children's Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"
(Rise on last verse)

LSB 940

- 1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.
- 2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!
- 3 Lo, the apostles' holy train Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
- 4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ; Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed, As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death, Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- △ 5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.

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Sermon

Matthew 22:15–22

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, grant that we may remain steadfast and immovable in faith, and that we may endure to the day of Christ's coming. Reunite us with those who have gone before us and now rest from their labors, and grant that we may live in Your eternal presence and sing Your praise without end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The 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 to 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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

**C: (sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord.
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: Blessed are 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.

In Your righteous judgement You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation

by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruit of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

C: Amen

Lord's Prayer

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L: Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

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

C: Amen

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution of the Sacrament *(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

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

LSB 549 vv. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7

- 1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown Him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God, Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
- 3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
- 6 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe And crown Him Lord of all.

- 7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song And crown Him Lord of all.

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"Take My Life and Let It Be"

LSB 784 vv. 1, 2, 3, 6

- 1 Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee, Swift and beautiful for Thee.
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King; Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee, Filled with messages from Thee.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store; Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee, Ever, only, all for Thee.

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Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus and Benediction

- L: Let us bless the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.
- L: The Lord bless you ...
C: Amen

Sending Hymn

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

LSB 850

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving You whom we adore,
Serving You whom we adore.

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**Today's Flowers are given to praise and honor our Lord
for blessings received.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Your personal prayer guide for the week of:
October 18, 2026

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is upon Christ's people on earth:

- Grant us grace amid the scoffing and unbelief of the world to await Jesus' return, when He will deliver us from the wrath to come.
- Increase the faith of all who hear, that they may respond in love, steadfast in their hope.
- Bless fathers and mothers as they teach their children Your Word and Your ways.
- Grant wisdom to our leaders, vigilance to our protectors and compassion to those who care for us.

And we remember all children who hear the gospel in church and from their parents, and those in hospice care especially: Dolly Houth, Estella Robbins (Mother of Roberta Gibson).



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:** Debbie Closurdo was called home September 30th. Linda Conger was called home September 11th, Douglas Klawender was called home September 23rd, Sherry Kourlos was called home October 9th.

✠**God's Healing Hand on:** Janice Engel, Nancy Wargo, 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), Tom Habrowski (Sue Wensink's brother) Nicole Lechner (Daughter of Hope Nawrocki), Maryann Setter (niece of Caroline Henze), Uli Korell, Wilhelm Wolf (Cousins of Vera Lafrate), Michael Parkin (son-in-law of Caroline Henze), John Ustick, Alycia & Scott Baker (relatives of Diane Ustick)

✠**Continued prayers for Healing & Strength for:** Pastor Rick VanBriggle, Marge Bittner, Steve Kruse, 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), Beatrice Paden (Pastor Gladden's aunt).

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Sherry Kourlos

VISITATION, FUNERAL WORSHIP SERVICE & RECEPTION

Monday, October 19

St. Thomas Lutheran Church – 23801 Kelly Rd, Eastpointe, MI 48021

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

SERVICE BEGINS AT 11:00 AM

BURIAL Monday, October 19

Gethsemane Cemetery 10755 Gratiot Ave, Detroit MI 48213

1:00 PM

Luncheon

Please join the family for a luncheon at St. Thomas Lutheran Church

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
Debbie Closurdo

VISITATION Friday, October 23

Faulmann & Walsh Funeral Home – 32814 Utica Rd, Fraser, MI 48026

2:00 PM – 8:00 PM *(Family & relatives may arrive at 1:30 PM)*

FUNERAL WORSHIP SERVICE & RECEPTION

Saturday, October 24

St. Thomas Lutheran Church – 23801 Kelly Rd, Eastpointe, MI 48021

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM | Pre-Funeral Visitation in Narthex at 9:30 AM

Luncheon immediately following in the Church Gym (11:30 AM – 1:30 PM)

INTERMENT / BURIAL Saturday, October 24

Resurrection Cemetery – 18201 Clinton River Rd, Clinton Township, MI 48038

Shortly after 2:00 PM

Luncheon

Please join the family for a luncheon at St. Thomas Lutheran Church

Upcoming Events:



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

Trunk-or-Treat – October 31st 6pm – 8pm

sign up to reserve a spot for your vehicle to hand out candy, enter the car decoration contest, or join the pumpkin decorating contest in the Narthex.

Patrons are needed to help defray the cost of the professional musicians we hire for our Christmas Eve and Easter services. These musicians enhance the special services and help support the Kapelle and congregational singing. If you would like to be a patron, please place your donation in an envelope marked Patron for Kapelle and place it in the offering box in the back of the church, bring it to the church office or donate online, specifying Patron for Kapelle. Thank you so much for your genuine support of the Kapelle and its mission of edifying the church through music in song.

CAMP RESTORE - Detroit

September and October Mission Envelopes

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 September & October will be given to Camp Restore.

STL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED

Thank you for supporting our community!

Box: Family Size Box of Instant Mashed Potatoes

Can: Turkey Gravy, Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Italian/Ranch Dressing

Non-Food Items: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Feminine Hygiene Products

All items must be shelf-stable non-perishable and at least 6 months before expiration date.

We cannot distribute dented cans, opened or damaged packaging, vitamins, OTC medications.

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.

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"Whose Image?"

Matthew 22:15-22 • Isaiah 45:1-7 • 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Jesus is shown a coin stamped with Caesar's face and tells His questioners to give Caesar what is Caesar's and God what is God's. The coin bears Caesar's image, and we bear God's. Isaiah shows God at work even through Cyrus, a foreign king who did not know Him. Paul remembers how the Thessalonians turned from idols to serve the living God. Martin Luther later wrote about how God rules the world in two ways: through earthly government and through His Word and Sacraments.

Couch Questions

1. Caesar's image is on the coin, and God's image is on you (Genesis 1:27). What does it mean to give yourself to God, and what has Jesus done for us when we fail to?
2. God used a ruler who didn't even know Him (Isaiah 45:4-5). How should that shape the way Christians live under leaders they didn't choose?

Car Ride Questions

1. Whose picture is on a coin?
2. God made you. Who do you belong to?
3. When you were baptized, God put His name on you. Whose name is it?

FINANCIAL REPORT

Here is the report of our General Fund stewardship for the first three months of the fiscal year. Your prayers and support are very important to the health of St. Thomas, so thank you for all you do.

	September 2026		Fiscal Year to Date	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Income	28,756.38	32,000.01	80,328.80	88,000.03
Expense	<u>30,199.84</u>	<u>34,424.18</u>	<u>95,930.57</u>	<u>100,062.51</u>
Net	(1,443.46)	(2,424.17)	(15,601.77)*	(12,062.51)

*actual loss is (\$39,484.77), foundation grant received in Jan to cover one year of mortgage payments.

The foundation has paid \$63,6887.00 (8 months) of mortgage.

The Restricted Fund Balance is \$11,186.72.

Mortgage Balance - \$1,533,098.17, Restricted Loan - \$33,435.27



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).