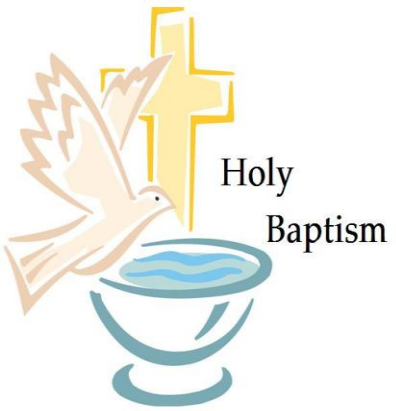
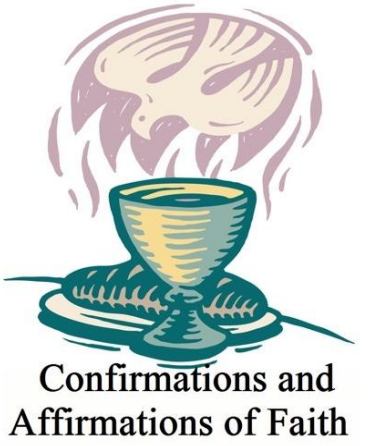




Remembrance Sunday





November 22, 2026

Saint Thomas Lutheran

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Connecting Individuals to Jesus and to One Another
Educating Minds – Growing Faith – Serving People

We are here to serve our community. As you worship with us online, the Lord Jesus is at work, uniting us as friends and family. If you want to learn more about ministry in the community, go to *www.stl-eastpointe.org,* or like us on FaceBook. To get your questions answered more personally, contact the church office (586-772-3370) and ask for a pastor to call you.

Remembrance Sunday
"Connecting To Jesus"

Prelude - Handbells *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"*

Announcements and Attendance/Communion Registration
(either use the form on the last page, and put in white boxes at entrances, or the QR code)

The Scripture Reading **Romans 6:3-5, 10-11**

Today, as we celebrate milestones in the new life we have in Christ, we recall how "all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his… For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So, we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

Opening Hymn *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* LSB 809
(rise on the last verse)

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. **Ref**

**ref Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided; Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **Ref**

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Invocation [Psalm 34]

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!
C: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.
L: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.
C: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers us out of them all.
L: Let us, therefore, turn to our heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness and aid.
C: Lord, be merciful to us: Forgive our sins, strengthen our faith, give us Your comfort and peace, transform our lives, fill us with hope, and increase our love for all.
L: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.
L: Let us pray: Almighty and most merciful Father, through Holy Baptism you have washed us in the blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, made us to be your children and heirs of eternal life.
C: Renew in us this gift of your Holy Spirit, that we may grow in faith, hope, and love,
L: And be united in fulfilling your mission on earth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.
L: As heirs of eternal life and members of Christ's mission team on earth, let us confess our faith:
C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, …

Hymn *"Father Welcomes"* LSB 605, vv. 1, 2

ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

1 Little children, come to Me, For My kingdom is of these.
Life and love I have to give, Mercy for your sin. **Refrain**

2 In the water, in the Word, In His promise, be assured:
Those who are baptized and believe Shall be born again. **Refrain**

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The Baptismal Roll Call:



Ravin Ahee, James Ahee III

Roll Call of New Members

Michael Molson, Ravin Ahee, James Ahee III

Prayer

Hymn *"Father Welcomes"* LSB 605, vv. 3

ref Father welcomes all His children To His fam'ly through His Son.
Father giving His salvation, Life forever has been won.

3 Let us daily die to sin; Let us daily rise with Him,
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord, Live in the peace of God. **Refrain**

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"… And To One Another"

Recognition of Weddings and Anniversaries

R: A Scripture reading from Colossian 3:12-17.
C: Open my ears, O Lord, that I may hear your word.

(after the reading)

R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn *"O Father, All Creating"* LSB 858, vv. 1, 4

Roll Call: Weddings and Anniversaries



Prayer

Children's Sermon

"Give Him Thanks"

A miniature musical for choir and congregation expressing our gratitude and thanksgiving to God

It is clear from Scripture that we are to be a thankful people, and that in all things . . . blessings and difficulties . . . we are to give God thanks, and trust His promise that "all things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose." An ever-thankful heart enables us to bring to God a true sacrifice of praise.

Congregation is asked to sing the next two hymns
(watch director for cue)

"In All Things Give Him Thanks"

And in all things give Him thanks,
And in all things let your gratitude shine through.
And in all things give Him thanks,
For He has given all things unto you.
(sing twice)

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"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

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. ***(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.

(sing twice)

Give thanks.
***2nd time only**

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"The Intimate Connection"

"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.]

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 Christ, our King, in Your blood the saints of all ages wash their robes and find entrance to paradise with You. Bring us also with them out of death and the grave and into resurrection and eternal life at the Last Day, when we will see You crowned with glory; for You are the Lamb who was slain and now lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution *(all rise)*

L: These are they who have come out of the great tribulation.
C: They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the lamb.
L: God has chosen to give us birth through the word of truth,
C: That we might be a kind of first-fruits of all he created – his saved servants.

(time for personal reflection)

L: Make haste to deliver me, O God:
C: Make haste, O Lord, to help me, for I am hurting on the inside, and have failed in helping others around me. In you, Lord Jesus, do I take my refuge. In your mercy take away my sin and rescue me from all evil. You are my help and my deliverer. O Lord, do not delay.
L: God has come in the person of Jesus to rescue you. He died for your sins and was raised for your justification. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Jesus, and by His

authority, I announce the full forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

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: We thank You for the life we have today, and for the new world to come, all given freely to us through Your Son, Jesus Christ.

Lord's Prayer

L: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
C: Our Father who art in heaven, … Amen

Words of Institution

Communion Canticle

"Your Table I Approach" LSB 628, vv. 1, 2, 6

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.

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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Distribution

Alcohol-free wine is available in the center of each individual cup tray.
Gluten-free host is available upon request from the host server.
If you are coming for a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest.

Hymns during distribution

Handbells *"Simple Gifts"*

"Shall We Gather at the River" WOV 690

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? **Refrain**

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **Refrain**

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **Refrain**

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **Refrain**

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

"Blessed Assurance" WOV 699

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. **Refrain**

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **Refrain**

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **Refrain**

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Post-Communion Canticle

"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" LSB 937

1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, This child so long foretold.

2 This is the Savior of the world, The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst, The joy of Israel.

△ 3 With saints of old, with saints to come, To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest Be honor, love, and praise.

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Post-Communion Prayer

"The Ultimate Connection"

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

The Scripture Reading **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**

(after the reading)

L: Lord God, Heavenly Father:
P: We thank you for adopting us into your family through Holy Baptism.
L: Lord Jesus, our Redeemer:
P: We praise you as the first-fruits of the resurrection of all flesh.
L: O, God the Holy Spirit:
P: We ask you to make us faithful to death, that we may receive the crown of eternal life.
L: That we might celebrate with all who have gone before us in your glorious presence,
P: in that ultimate connection with You forever and ever. Amen.

Roll Call:



Linda Head, Aletha Burbidge, Scott Berkseth,
Elaine Courtney, Melvin Ferdinande, John Cherry, Davis Cardamone,
Debbie Closurdo, Sherry Kourlos

Prayer

Carnations & Prayers

Hymn *"Blest Are They"* LSB 982

1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled. **Refrain**

ref Rejoice and be glad! Blessèd are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.

2 Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill. **Refrain**

3 Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God! **Refrain**

4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith; The glory of God is theirs. **Refrain**

5 Blest are you who suffer hate, All because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom; Shine for all to see. **Refrain x2**

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Closing Prayer *(all rise)*

Benediction

Closing Hymn *"Thine the Amen"* LSB 680

1 Thine the amen Thine the praise Alleluias angels raise Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

2 Thine the life eternally Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree All the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing Gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

3 Thine the truly Thine the yes Thine the table we the guest
Thine the mercy all from Thee Thine the glory yet to be

Then the ringing and the singing Then the end of all the war
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

4 Thine the kingdom Thine the prize Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise Then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

5 Thine the glory in the night No more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy Celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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Please place your offering in the boxes at the entrances!

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.

MCREST

November and December 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 November and December will be given to MCREST.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
November 22, 2026

Our Primary Prayer focus for this week is on Christ's work through his Word:

- Grant that we may never tire of inviting others to hear the good news of life in Christ.
- Guide our pastors, that they may faithfully proclaim Your Word and we may always look forward to the resurrection of the dead.
- Bless the homes of Your people, that parents may train and catechize their children with wisdom and love, and that children may gladly submit and honor their father and mother.

And we remember those at both ends of life on this earth, the unborn and newly born, the elderly and those nearing life's end, remembering especially all pregnant mothers, and those who are 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:** Marianne Setter (niece of Caroline Henze) was called home October 24th.

✞**God's Healing Hand on:** Delia Greve, Clyde Armstrong, Cathy Meer, 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), 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), Penelope Perich (Daughter of Brad & Patricia Perich), Frankie (Great grandson of MaryLee McKay), Richard Stern.

✞**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).

Upcoming Events:







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

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Nov. 18 7:00 PM

7:00 PM service with communion.

Christmas Decorating – Nov. 28 9:00 AM

Contact Audrey Pochert for more information.

Advent Aglow – Dec. 5 6:00 PM

Ladies dinner to start our advent season.
Our speaker is Joy Rima Hudson from POBLO.

Lessons and Carols – Dec. 6 9:30 AM

Clothing Closet – Dec. 12 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Your help is needed! Contact Kathy Smith for more information

Christmas Eve Service – Dec. 24 4:00 PM

7:00 PM service with communion

ADVENT

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Dec. 2 12:00 PM, 6:00 PM
Dec. 9 12:00 PM, 6:00 PM
Dec. 16 12:00 PM, 6:00 PM
Dec. 24 4:00 PM
Dec. 25 9:30 AM
Dec. 31 5:00 PM

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).

$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.)
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