



St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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STLC.org

The Inside Builder

March 15, 2026

• Engaging • Empowering • Sending • Serving — Growing as a community in Jesus Christ

**SERMON
ON THE
MOUNT**

Lenten Sermon Series through March 22

Learn more at STLC.org/SermonSeries

- March 15 - What are you worried about?
- March 22 - Practice what is preached



Chili Cook-Off

To benefit **Youth Mission 2026**
Sunday, March 22, 5:00 - 7:00pm, CLC
All are invited! Bring friends!
To enter your chili, Email Kelley at KMiller@stlc.org. Details at STLC.org/Chili.



Outreach Event

Join us as we reach out in service to our community!
Saturday, March 28 - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Come spend a Saturday morning at the Heartland Hope Mission South O Pantry! (2021 U Street, Omaha, NE 68107)
Details & sign up at STLC.org/OutreachEvent



Give a Lift for Lent!

Throughout Lent, monetary contributions are being accepted to purchase **bus passes for youth served by YES** (Youth Emergency Services). YES youth need transportation to school, work, and necessary errands and appointments. Details on ways to contribute at STLC.org/GiveALift.
Thank you for your contributions!

Join the St. Thomas Brass!

All brass players ages high school-adult are invited to play!

Rehearsals: Wed, March 18 & 25 - 9:00 pm
Tues, March 31 - 6:30 pm

Easter - Sunday, April 5:

Accompany 8:00am worship in the CLC. Details at STLC.org/Brass or contact Jason Horner at JHorner@stlc.org.



Midweek Concert Series

Wednesdays, through March 25, 7:00 pm

Sanctuary & Community Life Center

Bring the family and invite friends and neighbors! All are welcome!

Free! Open to the public!

Free-will offering accepted each week to benefit Project Hope. Performer schedule at STLC.org/MidweekConcertSeries



AN EASTER EVENT FOR FAMILIES

Palm Sunday, March 29 - 11:00am

Experience the last week of Jesus' life through scripture, activities, and conversation.

Stations include: Palm Sunday, The Last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane, Good Friday, and His Resurrection on Easter.

Details at STLC.org/WalkWithJesus.

Free Event!
Invite friends!

Holy Week Worship				
Palm/Passion Sunday March 29	Maundy Thursday April 2	Good Friday April 3	Easter Worship April 4	Easter Worship April 5
8:30 am Traditional Sanctuary	7:00 pm CLC & Livestream	7:00 pm CLC & Livestream	5:00 pm Blended Sanctuary	8:00 am Traditional CLC & Livestream
10:00 am Contemporary CLC & Livestream				10:00 am Contemporary CLC & Livestream



LJ COFFEE CAFÉ

Next meeting: Monday, Mar. 16 - 9:00-11:00 am
Library (upper level, Room 214)

Meets on the third Monday of each month

Come find a cozy spot in the STLC Library - work on a puzzle, enjoy coffee, tea, or cocoa, read, or fellowship with others. We have books for all ages, from the young to the young-at-heart.

Children's Programs



STLC Kids - Age 3 - Grade 5

Sundays - 10:00 am (Room 100)

Details & registration link at STLC.org/STLCKids.

WAM (Worship Arts & Music) Grades 1 - 5

Wednesdays - Choristers: 5:45 - 6:15 pm

Resonate/Chimers & Bible Activity:

6:15 - 7:30 pm

Details & registration link at STLC.org/WAM.



It's never too late to join!

Youth Programs



Confirmation - Grades 6 - 9

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 6:45 - 8:45 pm

Details & registration link at STLC.org/Confirmation.

High School Youth - Grades 9 - 12

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays - 6:45 - 8:45pm

Details at STLC.org/HighSchoolYouth.

Youth Mission: Learn more at STLC.org/YouthMission2026.



Save the Date! VBS 2026
Sun. June 28 - Thurs. July 2
6:00 - 8:30pm



SHOW & SHINE SPRING MIXER
CARS, KIDS, & COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, APRIL 12
1:00-4:00 PM

St. Thomas Lutheran Church
17007 Q STREET, OMAHA NE

NO ADMISSION FEE! NO REGISTRATION FEE!
COOL CARS • FOOD TRUCK • BOUNCE HOUSES • MUCH MORE!

DETAILS & REGISTER YOUR CAR FOR FREE AT
STLC.org/SHOWANDSHINE

Practicing Radical Hospitality

As Pastor David's sabbatical approaches, our congregation is focusing on what it means to be an **outward-facing church**—a church that assumes newcomers are present and helps them feel expected, seen, and welcomed.

From the parking lot to the pulpit, hospitality shapes how people experience worship. Simple questions matter: *Did they expect me? Did they see me? Did they communicate with me?* Hospitality isn't a program—it's a culture built through everyday practices.

During the sabbatical, we'll continue growing in hospitality through creative learning, shared reflection, and practical ways to welcome guests. This is a powerful opportunity for our congregation to live out Christ's love in tangible ways.

Why now? Because sabbatical is not just a season of rest—it's a season of growth for the whole church. As we practice hospitality together, we strengthen our mission and our witness.

Your Role:

Continue showing up. Serve where you can. Pray for Pastor David and Mary, and for our church as we embrace this season of renewal.

Prayer Prompt:

Pray that every guest who enters our doors feels seen, welcomed, and loved.



STLC School Book Readers

Each month during the academic year we partner with OPS Title 1 Schools to read to and give new Scholastic books to K-3rd grade students to encourage reading at school and at home. This year we will serve at Jackson, Benson West, and Bancroft Elementaries.

Join the School Book Readers! Please prayerfully consider sharing your time. If you are interested, please contact Anita deFreese at ajdefreese76@gmail.com.

Donate to purchase School Books for School Kids!

Details & ways to contribute at STLC.org/SchoolBooks.

Thank you for your generosity!



ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Study Service Support Fellowship

All are invited!
Details on these and other small groups at STLC.org/SmallGroups

Women's Bible Study (monthly, Tues. evenings): Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in Room 202 (upper level).
For details, please contact Kelley Miller at KMiller@stlc.org.

Women's Bible Study (weekly, Wednesday mornings):
9:30am - Please visit STLC.org/GracesPlace for details.

Men's Bible Study (weekly, Thurs. mornings):
Meets Thursday mornings during the academic year at 6:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Details at STLC.org/MensBibleStudy.

DivorceCare - On-going support group. Mondays, 6:30 pm.
(Room 223) STLC.org/DivorceCare

Women of St. Thomas - Sewing Ministry.
2nd Mondays - 2:00pm & 4th Mondays - 7:00pm (Room 225).

O.W.L. (Older Wiser Lutherans) - Members & friends ages 55+.
"Lunch Bunch" - 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12:00pm (Fellowship Hall).
Special events scheduled throughout the year.

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Knitting & Crocheting Ministry.
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:00pm (Fellowship Hall).

Novel Ideas - Ladies' book discussion group.
4th Tuesdays, 7:00pm (Offsite).

First Friday Fixers - Facility maintenance ministry.
Meets 1st Friday of each month, 9:00am - noon (STLC).

Men Who Love Spaghetti - Men's dinner group. Meets monthly at area restaurants. STLC.org/MenWhoLoveSpaghetti



Please pray for....

Unless otherwise requested, all prayer requests will appear in publications for two weeks.

To add a friend or loved one to the prayers visit STLC.org/PrayerRequest

- Alex Lopez - friend of Jason & Ashlee Olson
- Brenda - sister of Barb Blodgett
- Wendy - friend Kelly Pugh
- Diane Schick - sister-in-law of Allegra Sorensen
- Julie Hudson - former St. Thomas member
- Jeriann Leary - friend of Sue Chastain
- Hudson Davis - grandson of Janine McCauley
- Jamie Brenaman - daughter-in-law of Dale & Margie Rennerfeldt
- Dale Rennerfeldt
- Angie Ratekin
- Terry Hurlbert
- Sam McCoy
- Pat Gregory
- Sandy Clements
- Lily Marsh

Outreach Center

Upper Level, Room 204

Reach out to those in need.

- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Tip Top Thrift Shop (supports Youth Emergency Services)
- Project Hope, Inc. (STLC.org/FirstWeekendFoodDrive)
- Heartland Hope Mission
- Lutheran Family Services
- Lions Recycle for Sight
- Ronald McDonald House - pop can tabs

Learn more at STLC.org/OutreachCenter

Worship Servers

Sundays	March 15	March 22
Assisting Ministers		
8:30 (S)	Mary Andrews	Regina Mendenhall
10:00 (CLC)	Regina Mendenhall	Greg Salton
Acolytes & Communion Assistants		
8:30 (S)	Jake tenBensel Paige tenBensel	Leah Jacobsen Reese Jacobsen
10:00 (CLC) Acolytes	Maddy Oliver Grace Allen	Eden Elsasser Hailey Witzke
10:00 (CLC) Comm. Asst.	Spencer Corbitt Ben Hottovy	Kiera Brown Abi Clausen
Ushers		
8:30 (S)	Chris Dorrell Tom Schwarten	Pete Jensen Tom Schwarten
10:00 (CLC)	Dan Berlau Matt Riedlinger TBA TBA	Chris Fogland Dan Fogland Paul Weber Sandy Weber
Welcome Hosts		
8:30 (S)	Kerri Ruth	Linda Scholz
10:00 (CLC)	Anne Loudenback / Janet Voelker	Stephanie Beals / Mary Nordstrand
Slide Advancers		
10:00 (CLC)	Joan Heath	TBA
Livestream Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Tim White	Jason Horner
Sound System Operators		
10:00 (CLC)	Ron Anderson	Todd Anderson
Coffee Connection Servers		
9:30	Carrie Rosenberry	Jim & Jane Cotton
Coffee Connection Bread Bakers		
	Darleen Farwell	Julle Wood
CLC Set-up - Volunteers Welcome!		
9:00	Cub Scouts	Invite and Congregational Life Ministries & Volunteers

Midweek Lenten Concert Series Wednesdays -7:00 pm

	March 18 (Sanctuary)	March 25 (CLC)
Welcome Host	Abby Jacobsen	Jean Ewing
Ushers	Matt Riedlinger TBA	Tyler Scherr TBA
Asst. Minister	Stephanie Beals	Pete Jensen



The Nursery is available during both Sunday worship services!

Nursery available 8:15-11:15am each Sunday.

Find the Nursery on the lower level in the Children's Ministry area off of Room 100. There is a check-in system so parents are just a text away should their child need a diaper change, potty break, or become inconsolable.

For easier check-in, we invite you to submit a registration in advance at STLC.org/KidsRegistration.

Please know also that children are always welcome in worship!

This Week at St. Thomas...

■ Sunday, Mar 15

- 8:30a Traditional Worship - Handbells play (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Cub Scouts)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 10:00a [StLC Kids](#) (Room 100)

■ Monday, Mar 16

- 9:00a [LJ Coffee Cafe](#) (Library, upper level Room 214)
- 6:30p [Council](#) (Room 225)
- 6:30p [DivorceCare](#) (Room 223)

■ Tuesday, Mar 17

- 10:30a Staff Meeting (Room 221)
- 1:00p [Prayer Shawl Ministry](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 2:00p [High School Hang-Out](#) (Scooter's - 180th & Q)
- 7:00p [St. Thomas Ringers](#) (Sanctuary)

■ Wednesday, Mar 18

- 9:30a [Grace's Place](#) (Room 225)
- 5:45p [Choristers](#) (Sanctuary)

- 6:15p [WAM](#) (Rooms 220 & 100)
- 6:45p [Confirmation](#) & [High School](#) attend Midweek Concert
- 7:00p [Midweek Concert](#) (Sanctuary)
- 7:30p Dessert Fellowship (Fellowship Hall)
- 8:00p [New Life Choir](#) (Room 220)
- 9:00p [St. Thomas Brass](#) (Room 220)

■ Thursday, Mar 19

- 6:30a [Men's Bible Study](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 12:00p [O.W.L. Lunch Bunch](#) (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00p Praise Team Rehearsal (CLC)

■ Friday, Mar 20

■ Saturday, Mar 21

■ Sunday, Mar 22 - Deadline for Easter Flowers

- 8:30a Traditional Worship - Choir sings (Sanctuary)
- 9:00a CLC Set-up (Invite & Congregational Life Ministries)
- 9:30a Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00a Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)
- 10:00a [StLC Kids](#) (Room 100)
- 5:00p **Youth Mission Chili Cook-off**
(Community Life Center)

Ways to give your offering



STLC.org/GiveOnline. Make one-time or recurring contributions from your checking/savings account or debit/credit card.

Venmo.com/STLCOmaha. Add a comment to designate where your contribution is to be used.



Text the amount to (833) 464-1698. *Default is General Fund. Add MISSION for Youth Mission Trip, or SCHOOLBOOKS for STLC School Book Readers. (i.e., 30 MISSION).*

Offering Box Place cash or check in the offering box.

Mail your contributions to 17007 Q St, Omaha, NE 68135

Utilize your bank's bill-pay service to set up recurring or one-time contributions.

St. Thomas
Total Offering
Year-to-Date

Through February 28, 2026

Actual	Budget
131,467	161,021

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Upcoming Events

- Mar 28 [Outreach Event](#) - 9:00am (Heartland Hope - South O)
- Mar 29 [Palm/Passion Sunday](#)
- Mar 29 [Walk With Jesus - Easter Event for Families](#) - 11am
- April 2 [Maundy Thursday Worship](#) - 7:00pm
- April 3 [Good Friday Worship](#) - 7:00pm
- April 4 [Easter Blended Worship](#) - 5:00pm
- April 5 [Easter Worship](#) - Traditional-8am, Contemporary-10am
- April 12 [Show & Shine Spring Mixer](#) Car Show - 1:00-4:00pm

Join us in worship & fellowship each week!



- 8:30 am - Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 am - Coffee Connection (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am - Contemporary Worship
(Community Life Center or Livestream)