



**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 8, 2021**

## **SERVICE OF WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 8:30AM**

We are honored that you are joining our worship today. We hope to make you feel welcome whether you are visiting with us for the first time or have been worshipping with us for years.

### **Welcome**

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

As disciples of Christ who value the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people, and who seek justice and reconciliation, we welcome all God's children to an inclusive community. This welcome is extended without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

### **Worship Aids**

In this worship bulletin, worshipers are invited to stand at the places marked with an \* and bold type denotes the congregation's response. Everything you need to participate in worship is found in this bulletin, except for the hymns which are found in the back third of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship under your seat.

You are encouraged to join us in praying, singing, sharing the peace, and receiving Holy Communion as you feel moved. Assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher.

### **Children in Worship**

We welcome all children to worship with us—including full participation in Holy Communion. Whether talking, crying, laughing or singing, the sounds of children in worship are joyful sounds of praise. God put the wiggle in children and we rejoice! Our Prayground in the sanctuary and our unstaffed nursery are open for quiet, supervised play. Children's bulletins are also available from an usher.

### **A Note About Our Livestream Service**

Today's service is livestreamed. Most rear-row seats are out of view of the camera, but we cannot guarantee that any seat is off camera. By attending this service you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

### **A Few Requests**

We ask that you silence your cell phone or electronic devices.

We would love to pray for the concerns of your heart during this service. Prayer request slips are located on the table near the main doors.

**+ GATHERING +**

PRELUDE

Andante Religioso

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God, in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW#658

**\*GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



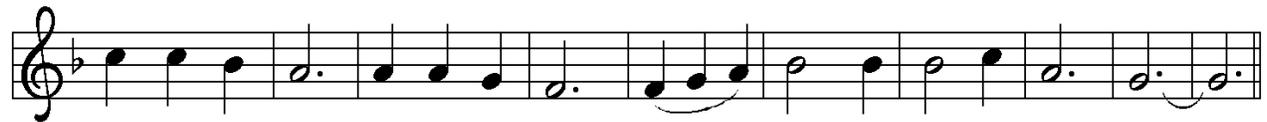
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -



lone are the MostHigh, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**+WORD+**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pr. Adrienne Meier

**FIRST LESSON**

1 Kings 19:4-8

4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: 'It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.' <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, 'Get up and eat.' <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, 'Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.' <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34 (sung responsively, assisting minister/**congregation**)



- <sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD <sup>1</sup>at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be <sup>1</sup>in my mouth.
- <sup>2</sup>**I will glory <sup>1</sup>in the LORD;**  
**let the lowly hear <sup>1</sup>and rejoice.**
- <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness <sup>1</sup>of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's <sup>1</sup>name together.
- <sup>4</sup>**I sought the LORD, who <sup>1</sup>answered me**  
**and delivered me from <sup>1</sup>all my terrors.**
- <sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD <sup>1</sup>and be radiant,  
and let not your fac- <sup>1</sup>es be downcast.
- <sup>6</sup>**I called in my affliction, and <sup>1</sup>the LORD heard me**  
**and saved me from <sup>1</sup>all my troubles.**
- <sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who <sup>1</sup>fear the LORD  
and de- <sup>1</sup>livers them.
- <sup>8</sup>**Taste and see that the <sup>1</sup>LORD is good;**  
**happy are they who take ref- <sup>1</sup>uge in God!**

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil.

<sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

<sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

<sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

John 6:35, 41-51 NRSV, emended

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." <sup>41</sup>Then the Judeans began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup>They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Lecia Beck

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

ELW#618

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

*Each petition ends:*

A: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Concluding petition:*

A: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

*During this time of Fading COVID, we encourage you to share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.*

## OFFERING

*A silver offering plate is provided on the credence table by the doors to receive your gifts to support the ministry of St. Thomas. You can also give on our website <https://stlconline.org/>, or online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YROM/home>, or on the Vanco mobile app (find it in the app store; once on the app, search with the code RTTMYX).*

*An additional collection is received today for **Lutheran World Relief's** COVID-19 relief efforts. Marks gifts in the offering plate for **LWR**.*

## \*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**C: Amen.**

**+ MEAL +**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
 Come!**

Lamb of God (sing three times)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW#488

\*EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

**C: Amen.**

\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, +  
be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

ELW#543

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Paul Manz

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*We depart in peace to continue our worship in lives of witness  
to Christ's love in work, play, service, and care for creation.*

## **Worship Leaders**

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lector: Susan Hiller

Usher/Greeter: Jim & Marti Doering

Council Coordinator: Amy Balcam

Altar care: Charlene Braun, Pauline Caldwell

Bread/Wine: Mike & Jaydene Laros

**The altar flowers this week** are a gift from Jan Sinn.  
They are dedicated to the celebration of Leah & Peter Iversen's  
13th wedding anniversary on August 2<sup>nd</sup>

## **Upcoming Events**

Sunday, August 18 at 5:30pm

Youth Group Kick-Off

For more information contact Pastor Lecia

[christiannurture@stlconline.org](mailto:christiannurture@stlconline.org)

Saturday, August 28

Bloomington PrideFest

For more information contact the Church Office

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Tuesday, August 31 at 7pm

Word in the Woods

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Sunday, September 12 at 4pm

Pr. Adrienne's Installation

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