

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 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

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Louis Vierne

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

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW#522

*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



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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. Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Adrienne Meier

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

² She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³ She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴ 'You that are simple, turn in here!'

To those without sense she says,

⁵ 'Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶ Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.'

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

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



⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.**

¹¹Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;
I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.

¹²**Who among you takes plea- | sure in life
and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your | tongue from evil
and your lips from | lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil | and do good;
seek peace | and pursue it.**

SECOND LESSON

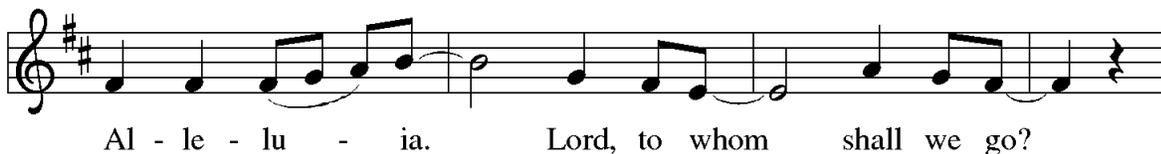
Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Jesus said to the gathered crowd,) "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."

The people then discussed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven—not like that which your ancestors ate and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Lecia Beck

*HYMN OF THE DAY We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW#518

*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.

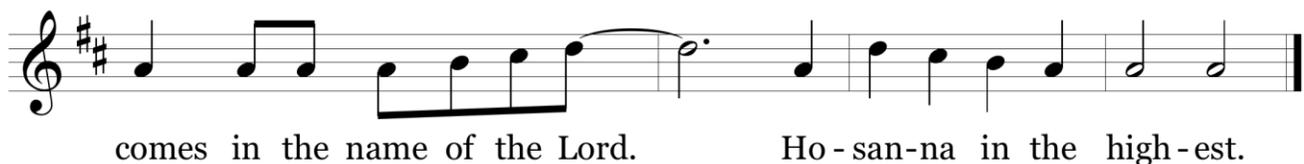
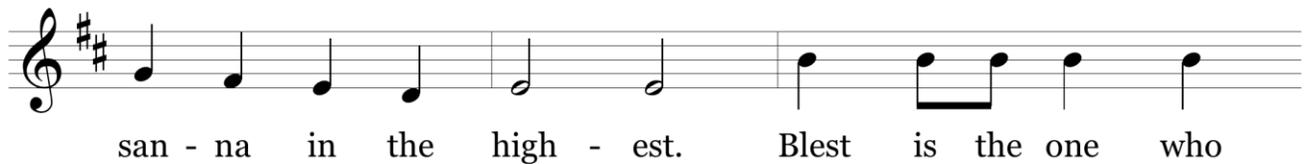
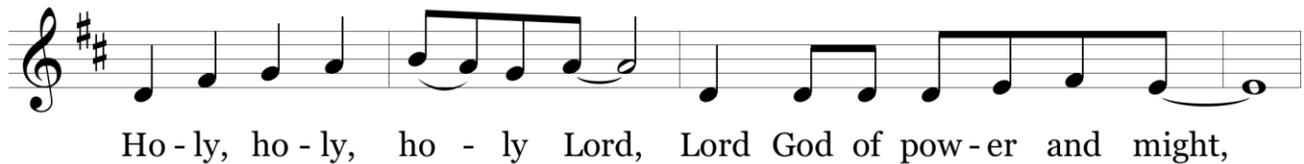
P: Lift up your hearts.

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:



*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

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

Come, Let Us Eat

ELW#491

1st and 3rd lines: leader
2nd and 4th lines: all

*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

We Who Once Were Dead

ELW#495

*DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

Give Me Jesus

Richard Billingham

*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 for Sunday August 15

Altar care: Ute Coyne, Gail Seegert

Bread/Wine: Craig & Kathy MacDonald

8:30am Service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lector: David Ellies

Usher/Greeter: Gene & Gayl Laughman

Council Coordinator: Dawn Bakken

10:15am Service

Assisting Minister: Ashley Ahlbrand

Lector: Mary Thomason-Smith

Usher/Greeter: Kari Esarey

Council Coordinator: Ronna Papesh

Set up/Tear Down: Barb Unger, Jim & Allison Ward

The altar flowers this week are given to honor
the 90th birthday of Ethelyene Thomason
and 13th birthday of Melody Smith,
with love from the Smith family

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 15 at 5:30pm

Youth Group Kick-Off

For more information contact Pastor Lecia
christiannurture@stlconline.org

Saturday, August 28

Bloomington PrideFest

For more information contact the Church Office
parishadmin@stlconline.org

Tuesday, August 31 at 7pm

Word in the Woods

For more information contact Pastor Lecia
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Sunday, September 12 at 4pm

Pr. Adrienne's Installation

For more information contact the Church Office
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