

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

SERVICE OF WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 8:30AM and 11AM

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 (inside) or on an insert (outside). 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! For indoor services, our Prayground in the sanctuary and our unstaffed nursery are open for quiet, supervised play. Children's bulletins are also available.

A Note About Our Livestream Service

Today's 8:30am 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
or at the top of the drive.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Lied

Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy and gracious God,

C: we confess that we have looked toward the future with fear. Where you give in abundance, we see scarcity. Where you desire justice and an end to oppression, we turn away. Where you give reasons for hope, we shrink into nostalgia, misremembering the past. Bring us home from our exile, gracious God. Let us seek you and find you. Amen

P: Hear the words of forgiveness and reconciliation of our God: Surely I know the plans I have for you, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Receive the mercy of God in the name of the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Rise Up, O Saints of God

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(or insert)

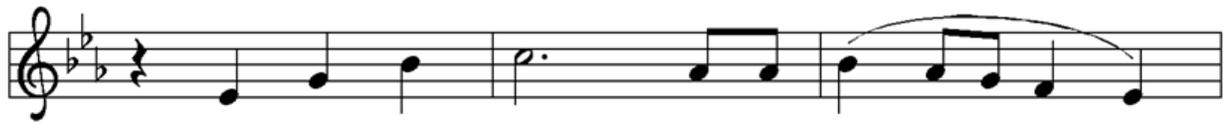
***GREETING**

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.

(8:30 indoor service only)

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high -



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



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. 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.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST LESSON

Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Seek the LORD and live,
or God will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.
Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

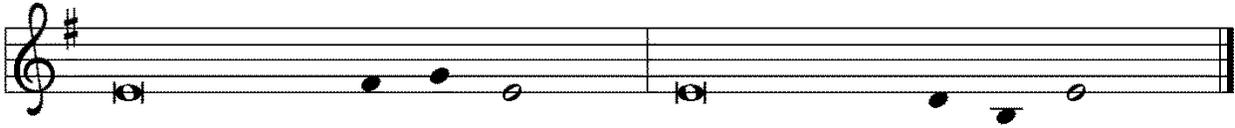
They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.
Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.
Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17 (sung responsively at 8:30am, choir/**congregation**)
(spoken responsively at 11am, assisting minister/**congregation**)



- ¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?
Be gracious | to your servants.**
- ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.
- ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**
- ¹⁶Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendor | to their children.
- ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.**

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

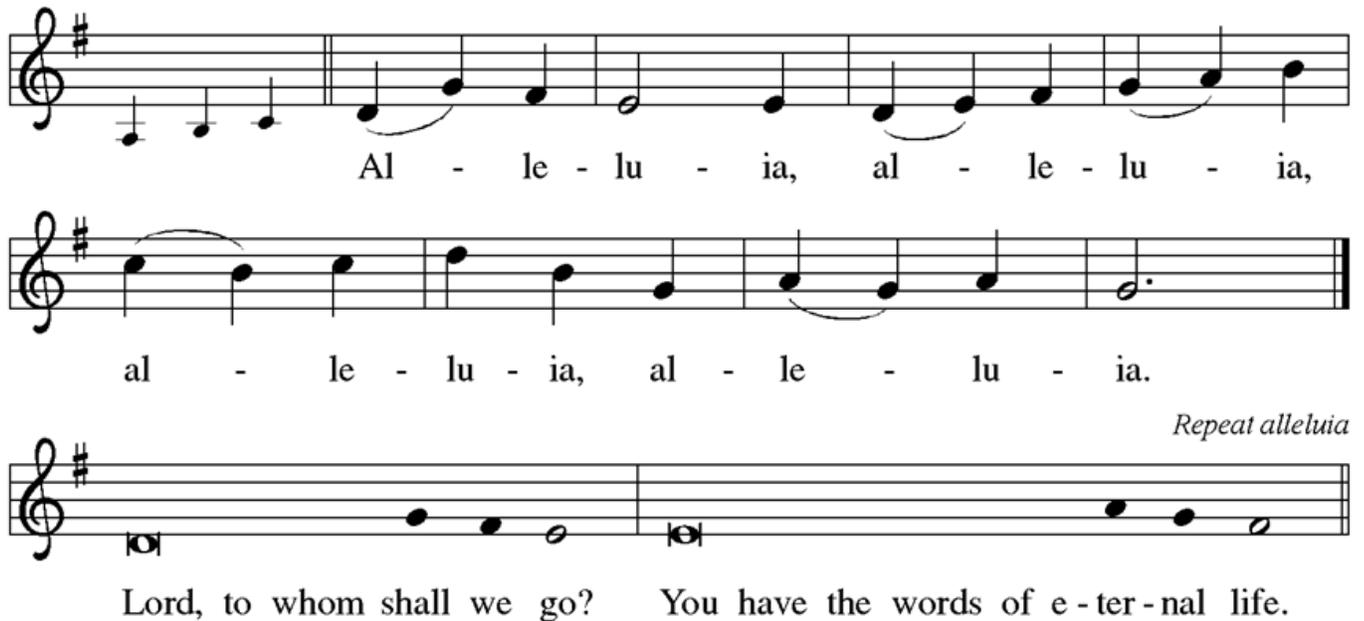
Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(8:30 indoor service only)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-31, NRSV, emended

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' "The man said to Jesus, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." Upon hearing this the man was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus turned around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to come into the Reign of God!" The disciples were perplexed at these words; but Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the Reign of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter into God's Reign." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus

looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God. For God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to Jesus, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and the sake of the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

ELW#678
(or insert)

*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: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Concluding petition:

A: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

An offering receptacle is provided at the entrance to the worship space to receive your gifts to support the ministry of St. Thomas. You can also give online at stlconline.org. If you are new, please fill out the brief form on the back of the bulletin and place it in the offering receptacle.

(8:30 indoor service only)

CHOIR ANTHEM Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ Bradley Ellingboe

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of love and generosity, for the gifts you give—people, money, hope, and life—we give you thanks. Use us, and what we have gathered, to create a future with hope for all people and all of creation, through the One who lives in exile with us, the One who leads us home, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken at 11am outdoor service)

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(8:30 indoor service only)

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, God of

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed 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: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

We believe that God is our host and that all people are welcome to this feast of grace, community, and forgiveness. Hand-torn bread or gluten-free wafers are offered with pink wine and red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

(8:30 indoor service only)

Christ, Our Peace

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you.

(8:30 indoor service only)

COMMUNION HYMN

O Jesus, Blessed Lord

ELW#541

***EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth in the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

P: May the God who is the home of the exile, +Jesus, who was and is an exile himself, and the Spirit, who goes with us as we love and serve, be with you until we meet again.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

All Depends on Our Possesing

ELW#589
(or insert)

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Jamaican Folk Tune
arr. by John Carter

Debbie Witt, piano

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

At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday October 10

- 8:30am Worship (indoors/online)
- 9:45am Faith Formation for All Ages
- 9:45am Women's Bible Study (room 17)
- 11am Worship (outdoors)
- 12pm New Member Luncheon
- 2:30pm Bach Cantata (worship space)
- 7pm New Member Class on Zoom

Monday October 11

- 5pm Confirmation Class

Thursday October 12

- 6pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday October 17

- 8:30am Worship (indoors/online)
- 9:45am Faith Formation for All Ages
- 11am Worship (outdoors)
- 1pm Council Meeting (on zoom)
- 3pm Word in the Woods (Griffy Lake)

Announcements

New Member Class

Interested in learning more about St. Thomas? Pr. Adrienne will be hosting a new members class **after the 11am worship service TODAY Sunday, October 10.** A light lunch will be served and, if needed, childcare can be provided in the nursery. **A zoom version will be offered later today at 7pm.** This meeting will provide a very brief overview of St. Thomas and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, and provide an opportunity to meet our staff and some of our leaders. New members will be received in worship on Sunday, November 14. If you are interested in participating or in meeting with Pr. Adrienne, please email her directly at pastoradrienne@gmail.com or contact the church office at parishadmin@stlconline.org or 812-332-5252. Here is the zoom link for the evening session: <https://bit.ly/3DfAIVw>

Women's Bible Study

Come one and all to **Women's** (not exclusive, men, too) **Bible Study.** We meet **TODAY** in Room 17, by the kitchen at 9:45, after the first service.

The Bloomington Bach Cantata Project

Bloomington Bach Cantata Project invites you to join us here at St. Thomas in the worship space **TODAY Sunday, October 10 at 2:30pm** for the second concert of the 2021-2022 season, featuring the sublime cantata from 1734, *In allen meinen Taten*, BWV 97. The Bloomington Bach Cantata Project brings together students and faculty from Indiana University, as well as professional artists from around the region, to present cantatas by J. S. Bach in performances modeled on his own.

Word in the Woods

Encounter God in the changing seasons as we gather at a new time. Join us **next Sunday, October 17 at 3pm** as we gather at Griffy Lake Boathouse for a worshipful hike. We will contemplate scripture together, pray and celebrate communion across the 1.5 mile trail. Please RSVP to Pastor Lecia at pastorleciabeck@gmail.com by October 14.

Adult Forum, October 24:

Solutions to Homelessness in Monroe County:

Please join us in the conference room on **October 24 during the education hour**. Emily Pike, director of New Hope for Families, and Efrat Feferman, executive director of United Way of Monroe County, will talk about the work of New Hope in finding permanent housing for families, emphasizing the practice of Housing First, and the United Way's role in the "Heading Home 2021 Plan," a regional plan for "making homelessness rare, brief, and non-repeating." There will be plenty of time for discussion and questions. We will also be taking up a special offering at both services to benefit these programs.

Getting Involved

Sunday mornings are for faith formation!

We have classes for everyone aged four through adults and there is a space for you! Classes are from **9:45am-10:45am**. For any questions about faith formation, please contact Pastor Lecia at pastorleciabeck@gmail.com

Winter Clothing Drive Through October 31

St. Thomas is collecting winter coats, winter hats, hoodies, scarves, socks, and thermal underwear in all sizes. **The clothing can be new or used, but must be clean and in good condition.** It must also be utilitarian, not necessarily stylish. Hangers for the clothing are also needed. We will collect clothing from now until October 31 in a box located in the narthex. The clothing will be distributed from the Main Fire Station downtown in early November. We are seeking a few volunteers to take clothing and hangers to the Fire Station as often as once a week throughout the month. Interested in helping at the Fire Station with fold, sort, hang, or distribution? Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3DgWDvC>

Call for Advent Devotion Writers

On Christmas Eve, we often proclaim: "Joy to the world, the Lord is come! / Let earth receive her king; / let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing." Christmas still seems so far off, but now is the time when we prepare...to prepare. This year, our Advent theme is *Dwell*. We are asking members of St. Thomas to reflect on what this word means to you. Where do you dwell? On what does your heart dwell? What do you value in your dwelling place? Tell us a short (1-2 paragraph) story and select an accompanying Bible verse or short passage. We will compile these into an Advent devotion for our whole community to use this December. Let us know you're writing a devotion by October 15 (you can just reply to this email!). Devotions are due to Erica at parishadmin@stlconline.org in church office **by 4:30pm on Monday, November 1.**

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild prepares the communion elements and cares for equipment used, including the silver, linens, and vestments. New volunteers are sought who are willing and able to set up communion several times a year. Training is available from experienced Guild members. If you are interested please contact Barb Unger via email barbkent2@hotmail.com or 812-325-4078.

Adult choir rehearsals are **Thursday evenings at 7pm** in the sanctuary. We always welcome new voices and would love to have you join us! Please contact Katie Gardiner at kegardin@iu.edu or Mike Powell at powellam@iu.edu with any questions.

Altar flowers

Please consider signing-up to provide altar flowers. The cost is \$18. You may take the arrangement home after the indoor service and then return the vase later. To sign-up: contact the church office via email at parishadmin@stlconline.org or sign the sheet on the bulletin board behind the welcome desk.

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Elif Ogan, Doug Elkins, Jan Ellis, Caretta Van Ruler, Erik Engebretson, Maren Larsen, Shane Clements, Anne Smith, Carole Kirsch, Tim Kirsch, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Audrey Alpers, JoAnne Namy, Deborah O'Brien, Casey-Marie, Betty Smith, George Krieg, Mike Ost, and Susan Draag.

Contact the church office for inclusion in this list of concerns and to be included in the Sunday prayers.

A separate, confidential prayer chain is also available. Contact **Susan Colston** at skcolston@aol.com to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

The deadline to submit articles to the **November Newsletter** is
Wednesday, October 20 at noon.

Due Date for **printed** Weekly Announcements: **Wednesdays**

Due Date for **emailed** Weekly Announcements: **Thursdays**

To submit an announcement, please email the Church Office at
parishadmin@stlconline.org

To receive these **Weekly Announcements** via email
please contact the Church Office at
parishadmin@stlconline.org or 812-332-5252

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar care: Jean Brown, Gail Seegert

Bread/Wine: Mary Thomson-Smith & Tim Smith

8:30am Service

Assisting Minister: Ashley Ahlbrand

Lector: Letty Newkirk

Usher/Greeter: Barb & Kent Unger

Council Coordinator: Sarah Fogelman

11am Service

Assisting Minister: Debbie Witt

Lector: Chris Martz

Usher/Greeter: Kathy McDonald

Council Coordinator: Dean Arnold

Set up/Tear Down: **Volunteers Needed**

The altar flowers this week are given by Jan & Tom Sinn
in honor of her children's birthdays, Lean Sinn Iversen and Abram Sinn.

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Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church! We are honored that you joined our worship today.

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Email: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Would you like to join our weekly email list?

Would you like to join the monthly newsletter list?

Would you like the pastor to contact you?

Please tear
off and
place in the
Offering
Receptacle.
Thank
You!