



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 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

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Max Reger

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God our comforter:

C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in +Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

ELW#527

(11am service

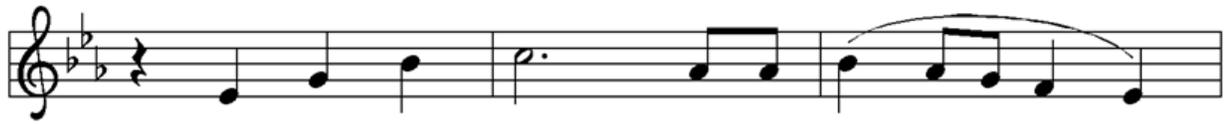
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***GREETING**

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



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. Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-9, emended

For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
'Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.'

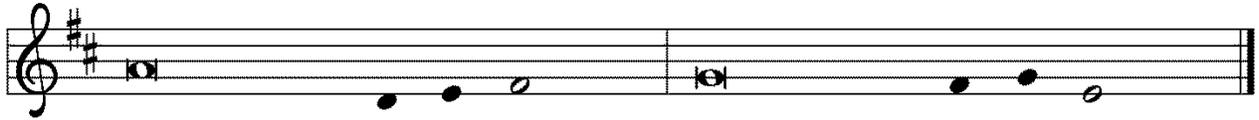
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a parent to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 126



- ¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
- ²**Then was our mouth | filled with laughter,
and our tongue with | shouts of joy.**
- ³Then they said a- | mong the nations,
"The LORD has done great | things for them."
- ⁴**The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.**
- ⁵Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
- ⁶**Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.**
- ⁷Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 7:23-28

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but [Jesus] holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*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 10:46-52, NRSV, emended

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus and his disciples were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus—a blind beggar and son of Timaeus--was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to call out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus came to a stop and said, 'Call him over here.' And they called to the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart, get up, he is calling for you.' So, throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My Teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go, your faith has made you well.' Immediately Bartimaeus received his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW#722

***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: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Each petition ends:

A: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Concluding petition:

A: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

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.

A second offering is received today for New Hope for Families and United Way. Please mark additional gifts "homelessness."

(11 am service only)

CHOIR ANTHEM

Open My Eyes

K. Lee Scott

*OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

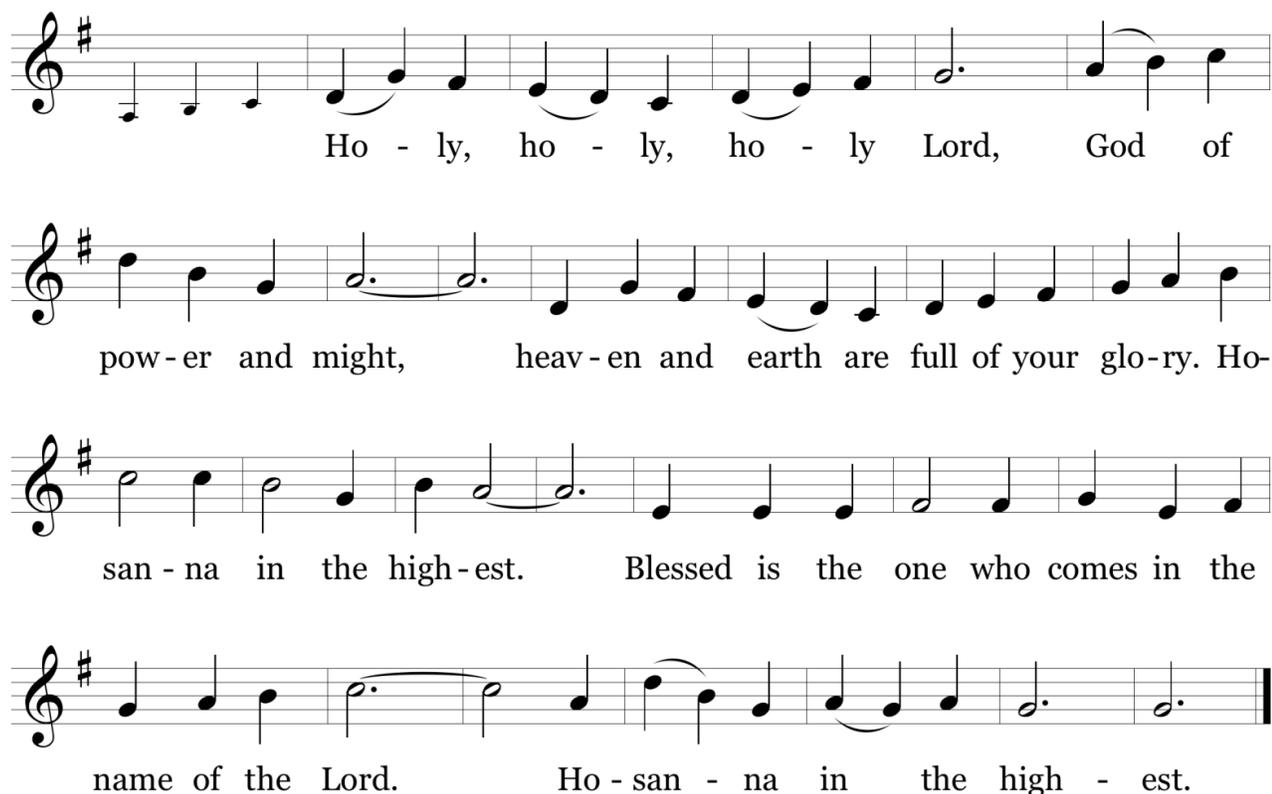
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

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

Feel free to speak this prayer in the language you prefer. The pastor will wait until all versions are complete before continuing with the invitation.

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.

Christ, Our Peace

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;"

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

The musical score continues with the same key signature and time signature. The melody and piano accompaniment continue. The lyrics are: "Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod - y in you."

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

ELW#793

*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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW#551

***DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Allegro moderato maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

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

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At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday October 24

- 8:30am Worship (indoors/online)
- 9:45am Faith Formation for All Ages
- 11am Worship (indoors)
- 2:30pm High School Youth Group

Thursday October 28

- 7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday October 29

- 7pm Pipes Spooktacular

Saturday October 30

- All Day Carmel Symphony String Auditions

Sunday October 31 Reformation Sunday

- 8:30am Worship (indoors/online)
- 9:45am Reformation Celebration for All Ages
- 11am Worship (indoors)

Announcements

Adult Forum, TODAY:

Solutions to Homelessness in Monroe County:

Please join us in the conference room on **today 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.

Pipes Spooktacular!

On **Friday, October 29 at 7pm** St. Thomas is excited to host the IU organ department's annual Pipes Spooktacular concert. Please join us for this family-friendly event of seasonal spooky music. Costumes are welcome!

Reformation Celebration

Explore the Reformation on **Reformation Sunday, October 31**. Join us in Heritage Hall from **9:45am-10:45am** for activities to learn more about the Protestant Reformation and Martin Luther. Some serious, some silly, these activities are intended for folks of all ages, individually or as households. You can come for the whole hour or just part. Because this is for all ages, children will enjoy this more if they participate with an adult. If you would like to experience the Reformation Celebration without a crowd, you can sign up for a time to come by yourself or with your own small group from Monday, November 1 through Wednesday, November 3 at <https://bit.ly/3iVTQAd>

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. **How can you help?** You can donate items-- leave them in the box in the Narthex. You can volunteer to take items from St. Thomas to the Main Fire station downtown-- contact the church office at parishadmin@stlconline.org or 812-332-5252 to volunteer. You can help at the Main Fire Station downtown with folding, sorting, hanging, and 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. Devotions are due to Erica at parishadmin@stlconline.org in church office **by 4:30pm on Monday, November 1.**

MEF Accepting Applications

The Mission Endowment Fund provides funding for special projects at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, local outreach, and missions beyond the local community. If you have a project in need of funding, please submit an application before **October 31**. Application forms can be found on our website at <https://bit.ly/3yJ8UXO>. If you have questions, please contact Keith Knipstein, Chair of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, at kknipstein@gmail.com or the church office at parishadmin@stlconline.org or 812-332-5252.

Fiber Arts Tree Decorating

The Fiber Arts Spiritual Growth Group has joyfully crafted handmade bird ornaments over the course of this year, and plans to donate a tree to give to New Hope for Families' annual fundraising auction on November 18, New Hope for the Holidays. Come gather at St. Thomas **Saturday, November 6th from 10am-12pm** to decorate the tree. Those fully vaccinated and masked are welcome! Questions? Contact Leah Iversen at 812-320-2017.

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.

Fundraiser for Beacon, Inc.

Beacon, Inc. Bloomington's premier organization which supports our homeless friends is hosting its annual fundraising event – A Fireside Gala at the Woolery Mill 2250 Sunstone Drive on **Thursday, October 28 from 6pm to 9pm**. Dinner, entertainment a community auction, and some inspiring speakers all for \$65. Doug Bauder has tickets if you're interested. He will deliver them to your home or have them available at the door. Email him at dbauder@indiana.edu for tickets and more information.

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, Mike Ost, Ethelyene Thomason, and the friends and family of 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.

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

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

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Today's Worship Leaders

Altar care: Shirley Mingee, Jan Sinn

Bread/Wine: Dean & Sandy Arnold

8:30am Service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lector: David Ellies

Usher/Greeter: Kent & Barb Unger

Council Coordinator: Dawn Bakken

11am Service

Assisting Minister: Lyman Hitchcock

Lector: Jennifer Garl

Usher/Greeter: Kim Filiatrault, Dennis Baurle

Council Coordinator: Gretchen Moehlmann

The altar flowers this week are given
to the glory of God in celebration of the 16th birthday of Noah Smith
with love from Tim, Mary, and Melody Smith

and to the glory of God by Debbie Selk

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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!