

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 14, 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. 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. Activity bags are available in the narthex. 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.

## + GATHERING +

PRELUDE

Prelude

Henry Coleman

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Have mercy on us, O God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

**C: Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

ELW #327

## 327 Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward  
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the  
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as  
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,

goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -  
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and  
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the  
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its

ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -  
 ter - ror, bright - ning all the path we tread. One the  
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the  
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall

fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the  
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which  
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -  
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing

guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of  
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing  
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y  
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all

pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.  
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.  
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.  
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

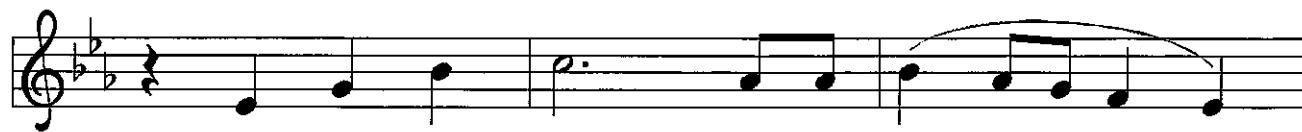


**\*GREETING**

**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 -



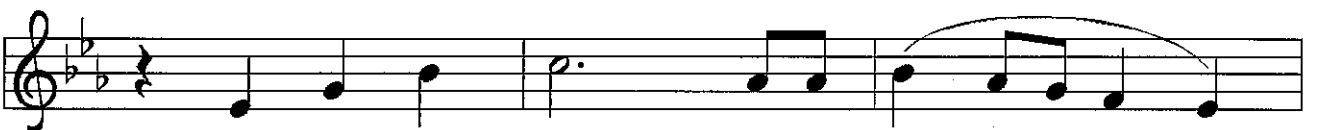
lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



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. Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**+WORD+**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Pr. Lecia Beck**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Daniel 12:1-3**

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 16



<sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good a- | bove all other."

<sup>2</sup>**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,  
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

<sup>3</sup>But those who run after | other gods  
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

<sup>4</sup>**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,  
never take their names up- | on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup>O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;  
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup>I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night | after night.

<sup>8</sup>**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be  
shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;

my body also shall | rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,  
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup>You will show me the | path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for- |  
evermore.

## SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

'This is the covenant that I will make with them  
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,

and I will write them on their minds',  
he also adds,

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13:1-8 NRSV, emended  
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the  
thirteenth chapter.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus (*ended his teaching*) and came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked the disciple, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and



Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am the one!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and empire against empire; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

**P: The Gospel of our Lord!**

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

**SERMON**

**Pr. Adrienne Meier**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**  
**By Gracious Powers**

**ELW#626**

# By Gracious Powers

626



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us  
5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,  
the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,  
so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling  
we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through  
we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.  
and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906-1945; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Music: Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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YELOS

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(8:30 only)

HOLY BAPTISM

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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION INTO  
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*Congregational responses to the rites include:*

**P:** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

**P:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C:** 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

(8:30 only)

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into  
the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and  
praise to God and bearing God's creative and  
redeeming word to all the world.**

ACCLAMATION HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

ELW#595

## Jesus Loves Me!

595

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;  
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;  
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.  
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.  
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.  
 Music: William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

JESUS LOVES ME  
 7777 and refrain

P: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

*Each petition ends:*

A: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Concluding petition:*

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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](http://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 only)

### CHOIR ANTHEM

Word of God Come Down on Earth

John Ferguson

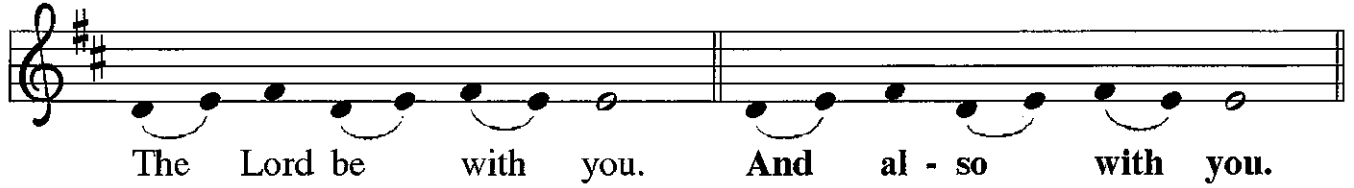
### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

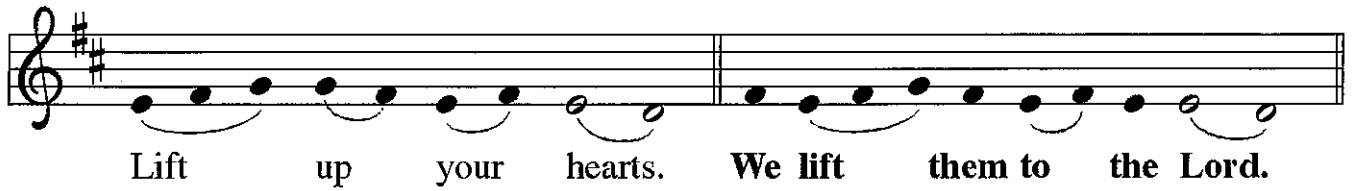
**C: Amen.**

+ MEAL +

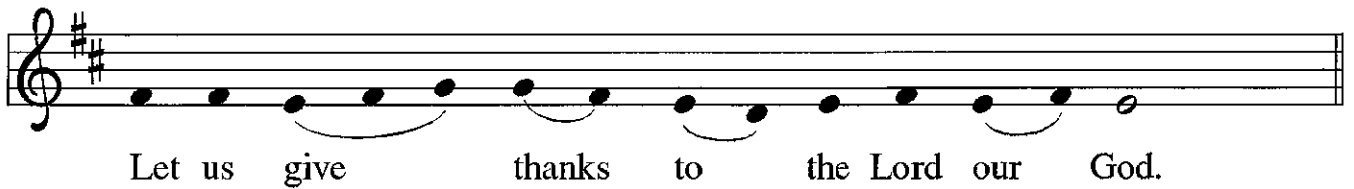
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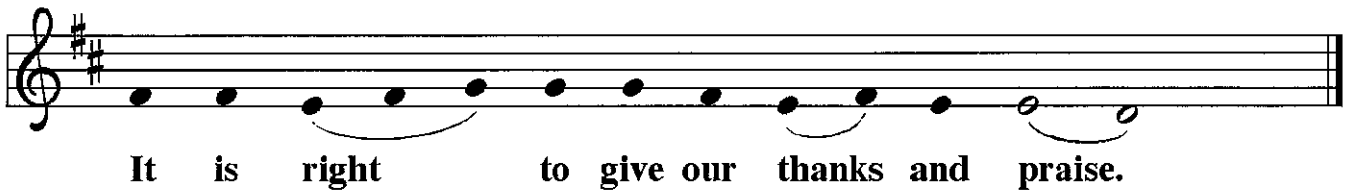
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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

*Speak this prayer in your preferred language you prefer. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete.*

**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: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

*We believe that God is our host and that all people are welcome to this feast of grace, community, and forgiveness. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. 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.*

# Take O Take Me As I Am *(sing three times)*

Take, oh, take me as I am;      sum-mon out what I shall be;

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics. The bass staff contains a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is in a major mode.

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment from the first system. It concludes with a double bar line. The key signature and time signature remain the same.

COMMUNION HYMN  
When Peace Like a River

ELW#785

## When Peace like a River

*It Is Well with My Soul*

785



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,



**\*EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

**C: Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, + bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**In Thee Is Gladness**

**ELW #867**

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## In Thee Is Gladness



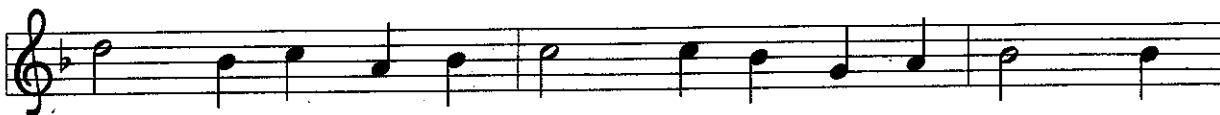
1 In thee is glad-ness a - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus, sun - shine of my  
2 Je - sus is ours! . . . We fear no pow - ers, not of earth or sin or



heart. By thee are giv - en the gifts of heav - en, thou the  
death. He sees and bless - es in worst dis - tress - es; he can



true re - deem - er art. Our souls thou wak - est; our bonds thou  
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto - ry tell of his



break - est. Who trusts thee sure - ly has built se - cure - ly  
glo - ry with heart and voic - es; all heav'n re - joic - es



and stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
in him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing to see thy shin - ing, dy - ing or liv - ing,  
glad - ness, tri - umph o'er sad - ness, love him and praise him



to thee are cleav - ing; naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
and still shall raise him glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Introduction

Leon Boelmann

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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.*

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**At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas**  
**Sunday November 14**

- 8:30am Worship (indoors/online)
- 9:45am Faith Formation for All Ages
- 9:45am Women's Bible Study
- 11am Worship (indoors)
- 1pm Annual Budget Meeting (Zoom)
- 4:30pm Lantern Walk at Switchyard Park

**Tuesday November 16**

- 10am Property Committee Work Day

**Thursday November 18**

- 6pm Finance Committee Meeting
- 7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday November 21**

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



## **Announcements**

### **Welcome New Members**

Today we welcome the following people into membership at St. Thomas: Beth & Steven Gallick, Anna Harner, Jacky Harner, Helen Kane, Moriah Reichert, and Tom Roeger. Take time to introduce yourself if you haven't met them and continue to extend a welcome to them and all who journey with us.

### **Annual Budget Meeting**

The Annual Budget Meeting of St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held **today 1pm** on Zoom. The agenda will include the 2022 Budget and two maintenance projects: replacing the Heritage Hall roof and replacing the HVAC systems that service Community Hall. An agenda along with copies of the budget and maintenance bids will be sent directly to members via email and paper copies will be available in the church office.

<https://bit.ly/2ZExNrg>

### **Women's Bible Study**

WBS (men are welcome too!) meets on the Second Sunday of the month. They meet between services **today in the Conference Room.**

## **Lantern Walk**

Join us and other Bloomington faith communities for the Interfaith Friends Lantern Walk **today from 4:30pm-6pm** at the Switchyard Park playground area. All ages are welcome! Drop in for lantern making and snacks from 4:30pm-5:30pm and then we'll walk and sing with our lanterns in the park and along the B-Line from 5:30pm-6pm. Bring a mug to enjoy a hot drink while you make your lantern. Please bring a donation of a winter accessory (hat, gloves, scarf, socks) to help those in need this winter.

## **Choir Concert at Faith Lutheran Church**

Join the choir and congregation of Faith Lutheran Church for a Service of Remembrance, featuring John Rutter's Requiem with soprano soloist Olivia Prendergast and chamber ensemble. **Today November 14, 5pm** at Faith Lutheran Church, 2200 S. High St., Bloomington IN 47401.

## **Word in the Woods**

Encounter God in the changing seasons! **This month only, we will gather in a new place.** Join us on **Sunday, November 21 at 3pm at Olcott Park.** We will gather at the small shelter by the parking lot to walk approximately 1.25 miles on a paved

surface. We will contemplate scripture together, pray, and celebrate communion. Please RSVP to Pastor Lecia by November 18 at [pastorleciabeck@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleciabeck@gmail.com)

## **Getting Involved**

### **Christmas Eve and COVID**

In order to provide a safe space for gathering on Christmas Eve, please complete a brief survey on possible worship times. The first two options (4pm, 6pm, and 8pm or 4pm, 7pm, and 9pm) would be identical festival worship services. The third option (2pm, 4pm and 8pm) would have a brief service with carols and communion at 2pm, and festival worship at 4pm and 8pm (these two services would be the same). All options would include a livestream of the first festival service, which would stay up for viewing at a time of your choosing. Survey link: <https://bit.ly/3w5fo2l>

### **Sunday mornings are for Faith Formation!**

Have you ever wondered what the liturgy is? Or why some parts of the worship service are *exactly* the same every week? Would you like to dive deeper in understanding worship to aid your own spiritual life? During the month of November, join us for a three-session look at Lutheran worship. This

session is our first intergenerational forum, where voices of new and experienced Lutherans, young and aged will be about to discuss the many meanings of worship and liturgical life. **Join us Sundays at 9:45am.**

### **Advent Mini-Retreat**

Prepare for Advent with a Mini-Retreat on the **first Sunday in Advent, November 28**. Join us in **Heritage Hall from 9:45am-10:45am** for activities and practices to use at home as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. 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 prefer to experience the Mini-Retreat without a crowd, that will be available through Wednesday, December 1. You can sign up for a time here: <https://bit.ly/3jFLOfo>.

As we prepare for the Mini-Retreat, we ask crafters to check your stash! We are looking for an assortment of ribbons and picks to decorate Advent wreaths, so this is a great use for your random bits of ribbon and other decorative items. If you have any items to contribute, please drop them off for Pastor Lecia by Monday November 15.

## **New Hope Holiday Auction**

New Hope for Families' 3rd Annual Tree Extravaganza and Auction kicks off Tuesday, November 16. More than 50 unique trees and wreaths have been decorated and donated to support New Hope for Families—including two created by St. Thomas members! The first tree has beautiful bird ornaments hand crafted by the Fiber Arts group. The second tree is decorated with musical instrument and angel ornaments. View the trees at the Pavilion at Switchyard Park from 4-8pm, November 16-18, and participate in the live auction on Thursday, November 18 at 6pm. All proceeds support New Hope for Families, the only place in Monroe County where adults with children can find shelter together.

## **November Collection Drive for Afghan Refugees**

Winter is approaching fast in Indiana and for all the Afghan refugees in Camp Atterbury. Thanks to donations made to date, all of the refugees have coats to wear, but most still need warm clothes. We need you to help out by donating warm long sleeved shirts, sweaters and/or fleeces for adults in sizes small and medium and all children from toddlers to teens in all sizes. If you shop at Target, for example, these items are available from \$8 to

\$20 each. Even if you can only buy one sweater, it would be most appreciated. The last day for drop off at the church is November 21. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Interested in more ways to help? Contact Chris Ogan directly at [ogan@indiana.edu](mailto:ogan@indiana.edu).

### **Prayers for those with health and safety concerns**

Elif Ogan, 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, Mike Ost, Ethelyene Thomason, and Seth Lahn.

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](mailto:skcolston@aol.com) to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

The deadline to submit articles for the **December Newsletter is Friday November 19 at noon.**

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

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**Thursdays**

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## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar care: Jean Brown, Jan Sinn

Bread/Wine: Haley Hatton

### **8:30am Service**

Assisting Minister: David Rohlfing

Lector: Karen Rohlfing

Ushers: Kent & Barb Unger

Council Coordinator: Amy Balcam

### **11am Service**

Assisting Minister: Tim Smith

Lector: Susan Hiller

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Council Coordinator: Dean Arnold

We are looking for volunteers to serve at the Wednesday Advent services. These services are on **December 1, 8, and 15 at noon and 7pm**. At each service we need a **lector** and a **greeter**. If available, please contact the church office at [parishadmin@stlconline.org](mailto:parishadmin@stlconline.org) or 812-332-5252.



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