

Transfiguration of Our Lord February 27, 2022

SERVICE OF WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 8:30 A.M. and 11 A.M.

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 worshiping 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!

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Miami, Delaware, Potawatomi, and Shawnee people, the traditional stewards of the land on which we worship today. We acknowledge that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate their continuing contributions to the life of this region.

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 rearrow 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 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Paul Manz

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: In +Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

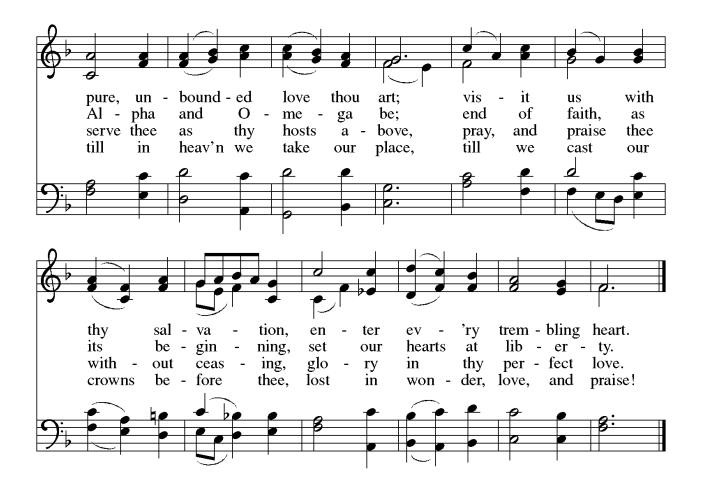
*ENTRANCE HYMN Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW#631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*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.

*KYRIE



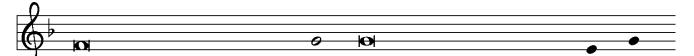
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



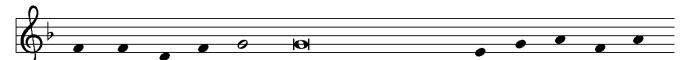


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.





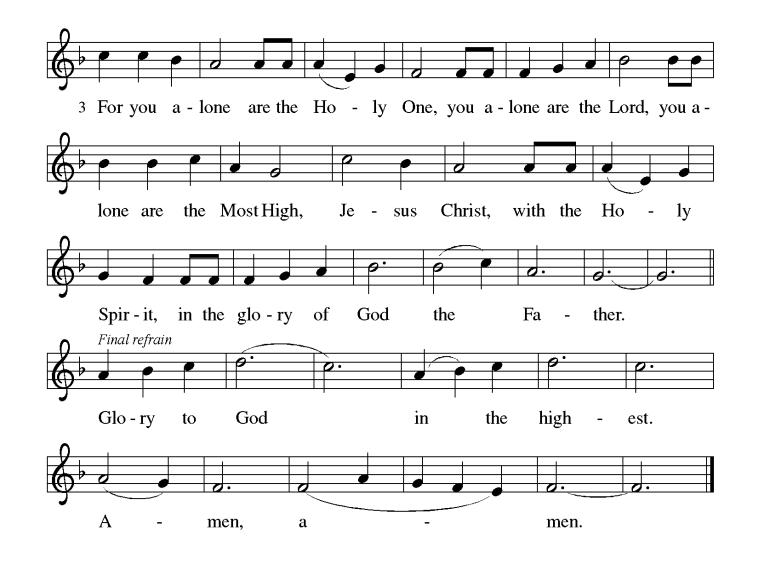
Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



*HYMN OF PRAISE







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with the LORD, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and

Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the LORD.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99



¹The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

²The LORD, | great in Zion, is high a- | bove all peoples.

³Let them confess God's name, which is [|] great and awesome; God is the [|] Holy One.

⁴O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity; you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.

- ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool; God is the | Holy One.
- ⁶Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your | name, O LORD; they called upon you, and you | answered them,
- ⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.
- ⁸O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil deeds.
- ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill; for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and

this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled:

'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'

'Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?'

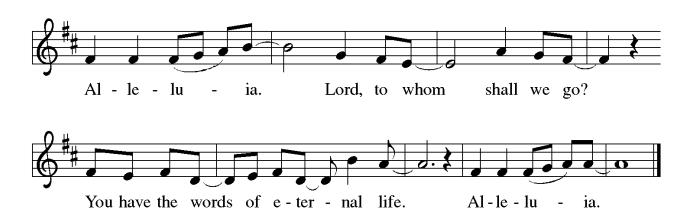
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

L: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-43a NRSV, emended

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C:Glory to you, O Lord.

Now about eight days after these sayings (in which Jesus spoke of things to come) he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. While he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to Jesus. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had

stayed awake, they saw Jesus' glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what he was saying. While Peter was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found to be alone. And, they kept silent, and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met them. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While the boy was coming, the demon dashed him to the

ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father; and all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Adrianne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY
With High Delight Let Us Unite

ELW#368

With High Delight Let Us Unite



Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt. Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

*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: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all the God has made.

Each petition ends:

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Concluding petition:

A: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith, 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.

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

Please sign and pass the **Together In Community** pads. Make note of the names of your neighbors so you can introduce yourself after the service. These pads and pencils are sanitized at the end of each service.

During the Offertory Hymn, the offering is brought forward. St. Thomas collects gifts to support our mission of sharing, living, and celebrating God's grace with all people. We support Lutheran Campus Ministries at IU/Rose House and many local, national, and international ministry partners. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by the door or you can also give on our website (stlconline.org) or by using the Vanco mobile app (find it in the app store and use the code RTTMYX).

8:30 a.m. ORGAN IMPROVISATION

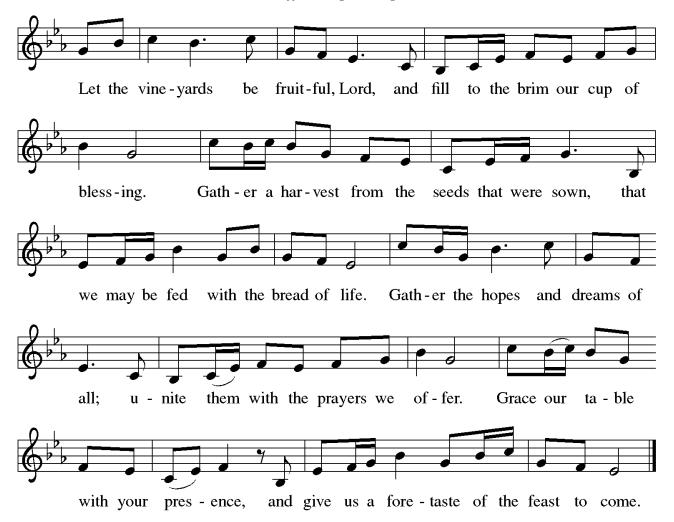
11 a.m. CHOIR ANTHEM Rise, Shine!

arr. Dale Wood

*OFFERTORY HYMN Let the Vineyards

ELW#184

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927 Text and music @ 1978 Lethange Peak

Text and music @ 1978 Lutheran Book of Worship, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

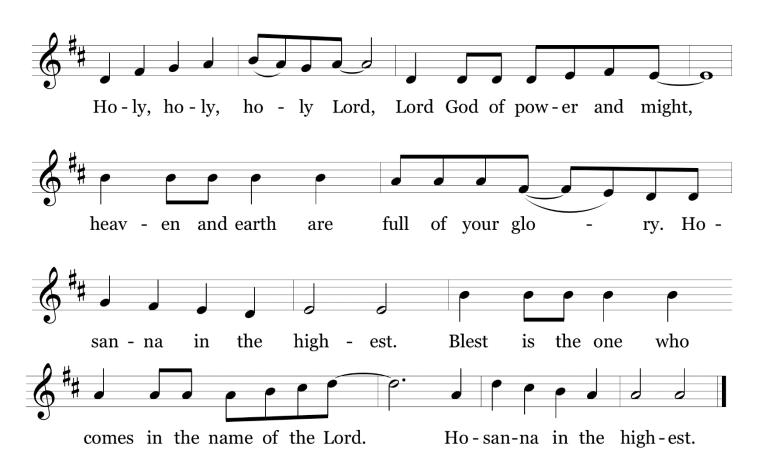
P: Lift up you hearts.

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:



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The thanksgiving may include this acclamation.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your

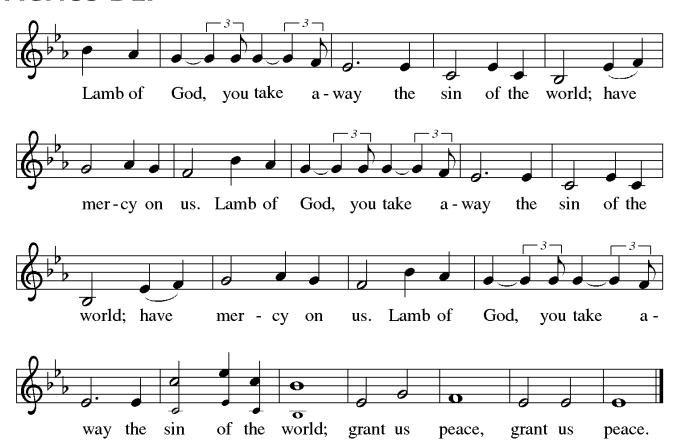
will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

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 or red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

AGNUS DEI

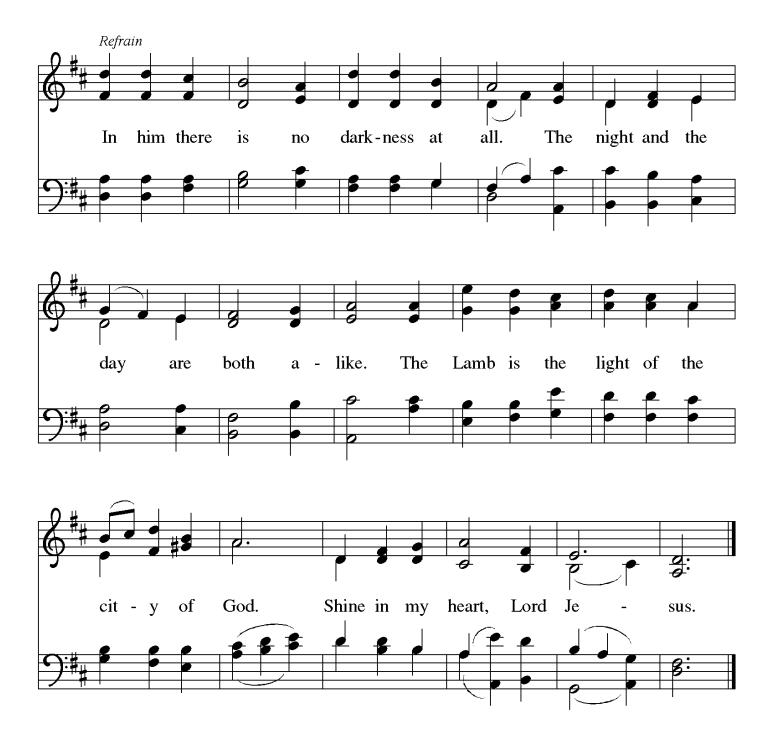


COMMUNION HYMN I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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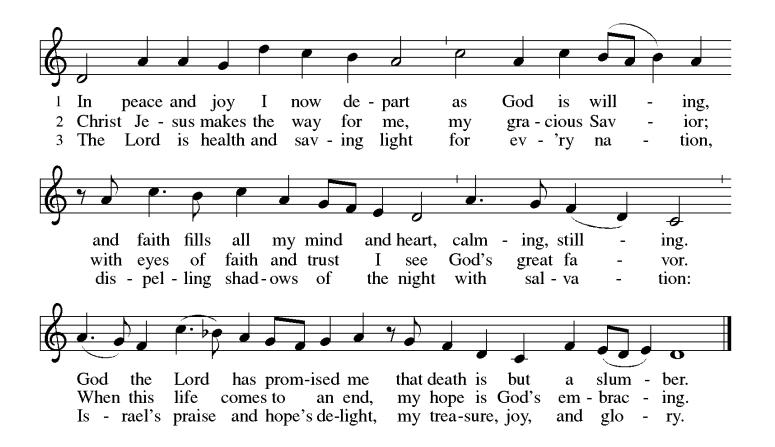
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*EUCHARISTIC BLESSING C: Amen.

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BENEDICTION

P: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, +bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN Alleluia, Song of Gladness (11 a.m. stanza 2 choir only)

ELW#318

Alleluia, Song of Gladness



Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

*DISMISSAL

A: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Alleluia, Song of Gladness Robert Buckley Farlee

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 February 27

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Lent Mini-Retreat

11 a.m. Worship

2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Concert

5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

Monday February 28

7:30 p.m. Caregiver Circle

Tuesday March 1

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Wednesday March 2

7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service

Thursday March 3

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday March 5

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

Sunday March 6

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Faith Formation for All Ages

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum – Naomi Sveholm

9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship

Announcements

Lent Mini Retreat

Our self-guided retreat to learn more about Lent and receive encouragement as we grow in spiritual practices is happening this morning in Heritage Hall.

High School Youth Group

Today we will gather at St. Thomas **from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.** We are hosting the youth from Trinity Episcopal and First Presbyterian. Please let Pastor Lecia know if you plan to attend.

Bach Cantata

The Bloomington Bach Cantata Project invites you to join us here at St. Thomas in the worship space **today at 2:30 p.m.** 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.

Caregiver Circle

Caregivers are invited to join our circle of supportive friendship tomorrow **Monday**, **February 28 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom**. Whether you're caring for a parent, spouse, sibling, or child or supporting someone--like a spouse or sibling--who is a primary caregiver, you are welcome. Here is the zoom link:

https://bit.ly/3px3T2j

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is **March 2**. Join us for worship with the imposition of ashes **at 7 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This service will be livestreamed at 7 p.m. on YouTube. For those who wish, ashes will be available in the vestibule on Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Property Committee Work Day

There will be a Property Committee Work Day on **Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** For more information contact Sam Eichmiller at 812-797-2807.

Adult Forum

Naomi Sveholm, teacher and missionary in Slovakia, will present at **Adult Forum on March 6** via Zoom. Join us next Sunday in the Conference Room during the education hour.

Women's Bible Study

We will meet next **Sunday**, **March 6 at 9:45 a.m.** in the kitchen. The focus will be "Eternal Life in the Gospel of John. How Jesus used the expression 'Eternal Life' to talk about the Kingdom of God, and how our lives can be marked by love and purpose." All are welcome.

Creation Care Calling

The St. Thomas solar array produced 31,000 kilowatt hours last year (2021). This is comparable to the amount of energy used by three homes!

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Mary Sasse, Pauline Caldwell

Bread/Wine: Gloria Hitchcock

8:30 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Allison Ward

Lector: Jim Ward

Ushers: Lynn Coyne, Volunteer Needed

Greeters: Amy Balcam, David Ellies Council Coordinator: Amy Balcam

11 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Gail Seegert

Lector: Sandy Arnold

Ushers: Dean Arnold, Kaye Hill

Greeters: Tom & Jan Sinn

Council Coordinator: Dean Arnold

The altar flowers this week are given by Stephanie Abel in remembrance of her cousin Eric's birthday and by David Ellies in love and thanksgiving for his grandson Caleb's 12th birthday

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns Elif Ogan, Jan Ellis, Caretta Van Ruler, Anne Smith, Carole Kirsch, Tim Kirsch, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Audrey Alpers, Deborah O'Brien, Casey-Marie, Mike Ost, Seth Lahn, Erin Wyatt, Bob Osborn, Gwen Powell, Andrew Halvorson, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Patty Pedersen, and Jan Coulter.

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.

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