



**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 13, 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 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 +

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess our pride and our fear of failure. We confess our neglect of others and our neglect of self. We confess how much we hoard and how little we give. We confess our great doubts and our little faith. But you are faithful. You are generous. You give of yourself completely. Help us to trust that this is enough and to follow where you lead. Amen.**

P: As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, in the name of +Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## ENTRANCE HYMN

### As the Sun with Longer Journey

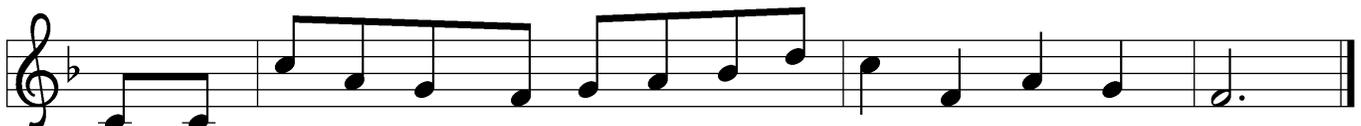
ELW#329



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,  
2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,  
3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,  
search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it— Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.  
we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.  
as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

Text: John Patrick Earls, OSB, b. 1935

Music: NAGEL, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

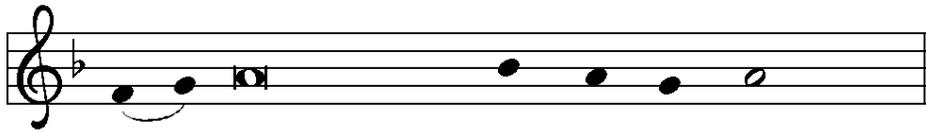
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## \*GREETING

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.**

## \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**+WORD+**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." The LORD brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if

you are able to count them." Then the LORD said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And Abram believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then the LORD said to Abram, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" The LORD said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought the LORD all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 27

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom  
then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom  
shall I be afraid?

**<sup>2</sup>When evildoers close in against me to devour  
my flesh,  
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble  
and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart  
will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not  
be shaken.

**<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all  
the days of my life;  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me  
shelter,  
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,  
and raise me high upon a rock.

**<sup>6</sup>Even now my head is lifted up above my  
enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,  
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make  
music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;  
have mercy on me and answer me.

**<sup>8</sup>My heart speaks your message— "Seek my  
face."**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me,  
turn not away from your servant in anger.  
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;  
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

**<sup>10</sup>Though my father and my mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me in.**

<sup>11</sup>Teach me your way, O LORD;  
lead me on a level path, because of my  
oppressors.

<sup>12</sup>**Subject me not to the will of my foes,  
for they rise up against me, false witnesses  
breathing violence.**

<sup>13</sup>This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the  
LORD  
in the land of the living!

<sup>14</sup>**Wait for the LORD and be strong.  
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:17–4:1

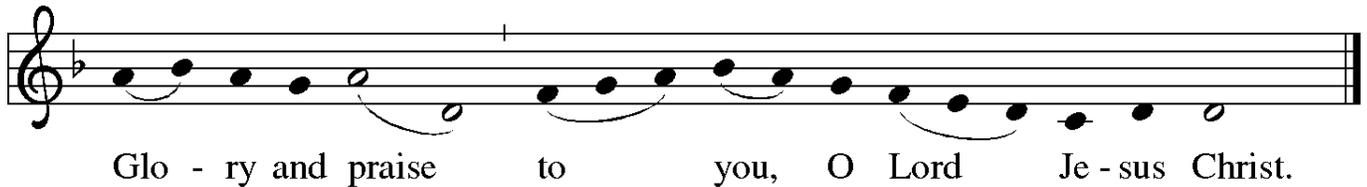
Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 13:31-35 NRSV, emended

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

At that very hour (*while Jesus was teaching*) some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." Jesus said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible that a prophet should be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to you! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! Look, what happens to your house is up to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the One who comes in the Name of the Lord.' "

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

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

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth

ELW#727

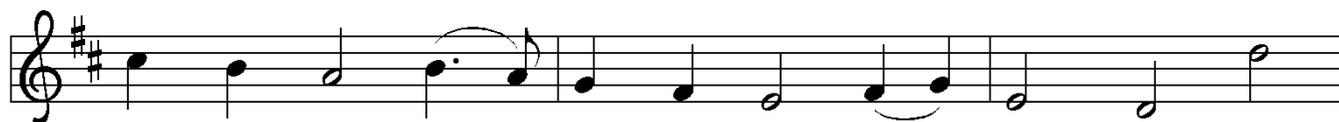
# Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -  
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in  
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will  
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing  
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall  
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of  
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And  
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till  
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From  
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that  
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'  
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom  
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.  
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!  
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.  
fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

## **\*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: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Each petition ends:*

A: Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Concluding petition:*

A: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

**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](http://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

Wondrous Love

Paul Christiansen

\*OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW#188

# Create in Me a Clean Heart

## Offering Song

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

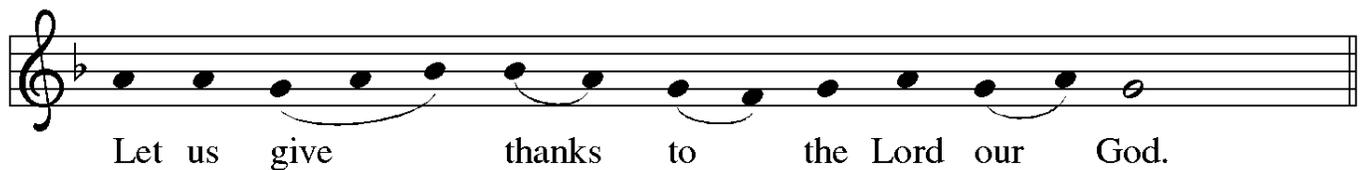
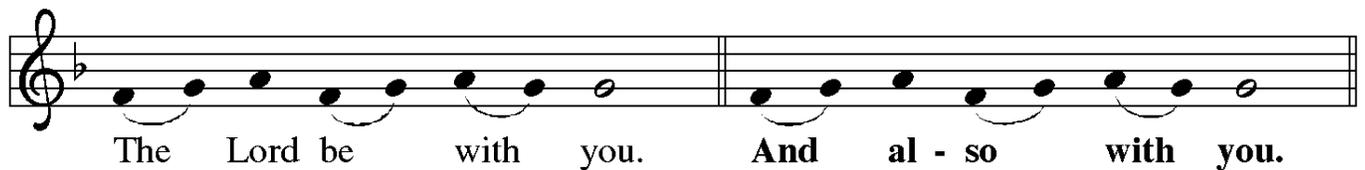
## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

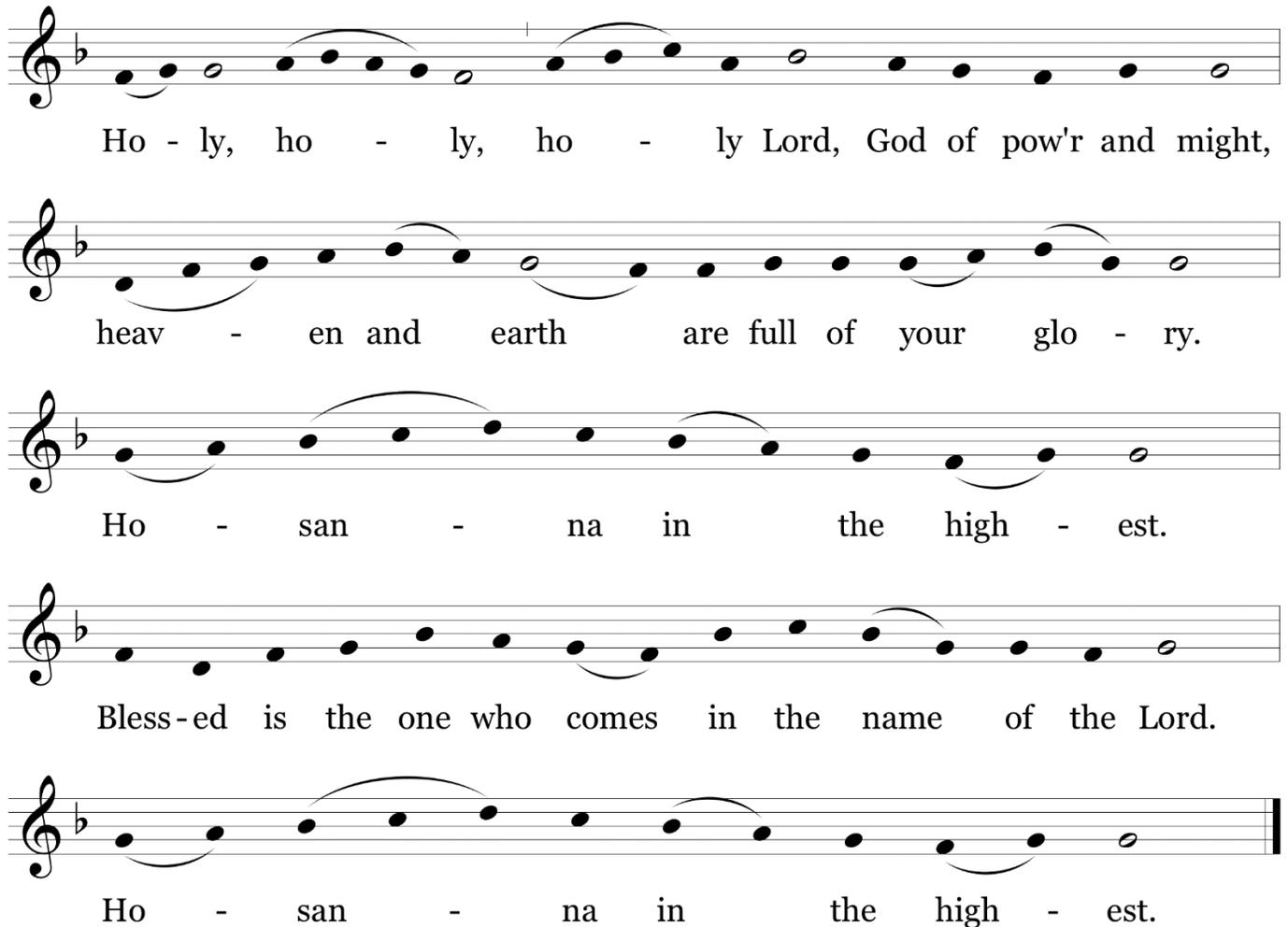
**C: Amen.**

**+ MEAL +**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### \*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:** Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

*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.*

# LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

# COMMUNION HYMN

## Thy Holy Wings

ELW#613

# Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

**\*EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

**C: Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, +bless you this day and always.

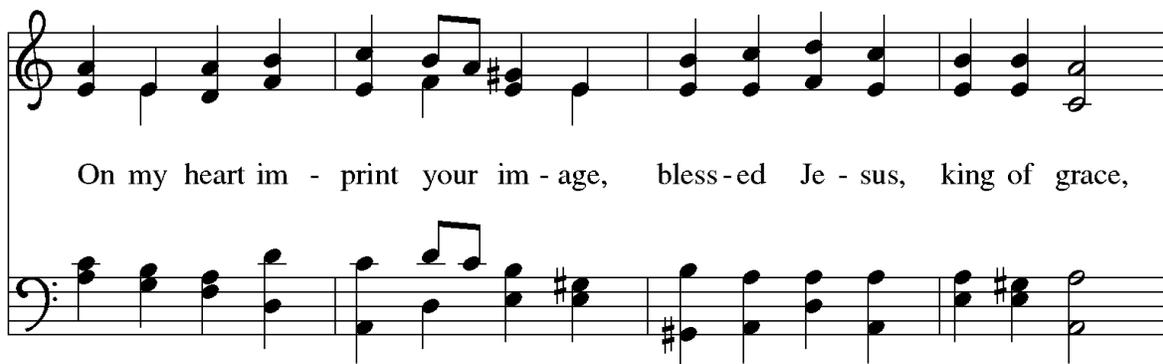
**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

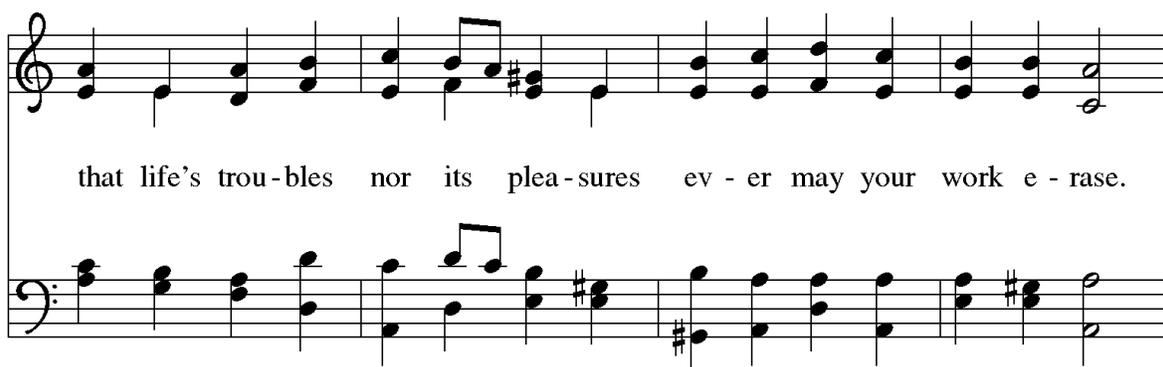
On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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# On My Heart Imprint Your Image



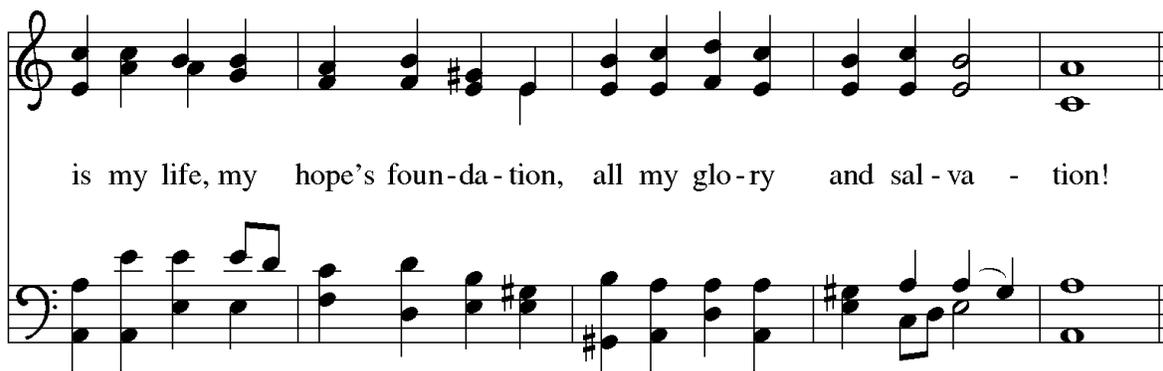
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*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 March 13**

Daylight Saving Time Begins

- 8:30 a.m.      Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m.      Faith Formation for All Ages
- 9:45 a.m.      Adult Forum – Karen Anderson
- 11 a.m.        Worship

### **Tuesday March 15**

- 10 a.m.        Property Committee Work Day

### **Wednesday March 16**

- 12 p.m.        Prayer at Noon on Zoom
- 7 p.m.         Lent Midweek Service

### **Thursday March 17**

- 6 p.m.         Finance Committee Meeting
- 7 p.m.         Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Sunday March 20**

No Sunday School

- 8:30 a.m.      Worship/Livestream Worship
- 11 a.m.        Worship
- 3 p.m.         Word in the Woods

# **Announcements**

## **Adult Forum Today**

Today Karen Anderson will zoom in to tell us about Educación Popular en Salud (EPES) / Public Health Education for Health in Santiago, Chile. St. Thomas is honored to support Karen's work through the regular giving of its members and friends. Join us online or in person in the conference room at 9:45 a.m.

## **Acolyte Training Today**

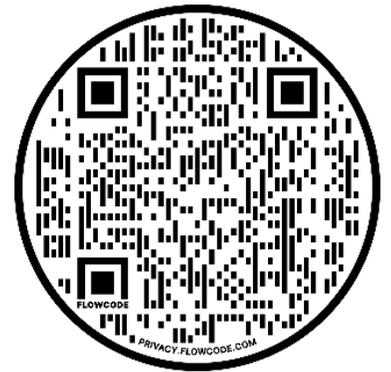
Training for students to serve as acolytes will be in March. Confirmation students will have training today **Sunday, March 13**. Training will take place during the Sunday School hour. Elementary students will have training on March 27. While students can start serving as acolytes in second grade, all elementary students will participate in the training so that the youngest ones can be ready! After training, we will share information for parents to sign up when their child will serve.

## Wednesday Worship During Lent

In addition to our Sunday morning worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., join us on Wednesdays for Prayer at Noon on Zoom. We collect prayer requests and follow a quiet, simple 15-20 minute service. Link: <https://bit.ly/3HZ9J2H> Join us for Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. in Heritage Hall; this simple service is based on the tranquil liturgy of Evening Prayer in Evangelical Lutheran Worship.

## All Creation Sings

*All Creation Sings* is a new ELCA hymnal supplement, created to complement our current hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship. *All Creation Sings* contains 200 new hymns and two additional musical settings of the liturgy. The new hymnal places a strong emphasis on care for the Earth and the creatures who inhabit it and many of the hymn texts were composed in the last fifteen years. Visit our *All Creation Sings* table in the narthex today or give online. Each copy costs \$14.50 and you may dedicate each copy you purchase.



## **Property Committee Work Day**

Property Committee meets on the first Saturday and third Tuesday of the month **from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Our next meeting is **Tuesday, March 15**. Feel free to join us! For more information contact Sam Eichmiller at 812-797-2807.

## **Spring Break**

There will be no Sunday School classes for children or adults next **Sunday, March 20**.

## **Word in the Woods**

Experience God's presence in creation! Join us as we marvel at God's handiwork in the trees, the sky, and the mud! Join us next **Sunday, March 20 at 3 p.m.** 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. We will not meet for Word in the Woods in April due to Easter. Please RSVP to Pastor Lecia at [pastorleciabeck@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleciabeck@gmail.com)

## **Prayer Vigil for Chichipate**

During Lent, the Mission Committee invites your household to share in a prayer vigil for our sister parish, Iglesia Santo Domingo de Guzman, in Chichipate, Guatemala. First, sign up here:

<https://stlconline.org/praying-for-chichipate/>. Then, when your turn arrives, pick up the vigil basket at the welcome table on Sunday.

## **Community Garden**

The St. Thomas Community Garden opens on **March 15** for the 2022 growing season. Plots are \$20 for St. Thomas members and \$30 for non-members. If you are interested in a bed please send an email to Kaye Hill [kayehill48@gmail.com](mailto:kayehill48@gmail.com) or Kathleen Boggess [kboggess44@gmail.com](mailto:kboggess44@gmail.com).

## **Creation Care Calling**

The church is blessed with a solar array that is eligible for "net metering." In essence, we sell the excess electricity generated by our solar panels **at the same price** as we buy electricity when demand rises.

St. Thomas produces 69% of the electricity the church uses. The remaining 31% comes from burning fossil fuels.

In 2021, the church generated enough power to run an off-grid home for over 3 years. That's 31,000 kilowatt hours of renewable and clean energy!

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



## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar Care: Barb Unger, Susan Colston

Bread/Wine: Sara Katuziowski

### **8:30 a.m. service**

Assisting Minister: Ashley Ahlbrand

Lector: Mike Laros

Ushers: Jim & Marti Doering

Greeters: Drew & Amy Balcam

Council Coordinator: Amy Balcam

### **11 a.m. service**

Assisting Minister: Mike Witt

Lector: Marilyn Saum

Ushers: Dean Arnold, Kaye Hill

Greeters: Jan Sinn

Council Coordinator: Tom Sinn

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