



Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP
WITH HOLY COMMUNION
AT 8:30 A.M. and 10:15 A.M.**

We are honored that you are joining our worship today. Today's service begins in the narthex (lobby). If participating in the palm processional is physically difficult for you, you are welcome to begin in meditation in the nave (worship space).

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. Assisted hearing devices and large print bulletins are available from an usher; the chairs with arms are reserved for people with mobility limitations.

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 Prayer Pond 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 8:30 a.m. 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

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Louis Vierne

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the chaos of this world. Through the waters of baptism, rescue us, flood us with mercy, and drown our sin forever. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. Claim us again as your holy people. Amen.

P: Beloved of God, you have passed over from death to life. You are a new creation! In the name of the Beginning and the End, the Shepherd and the Lamb, your sin is washed away forever.

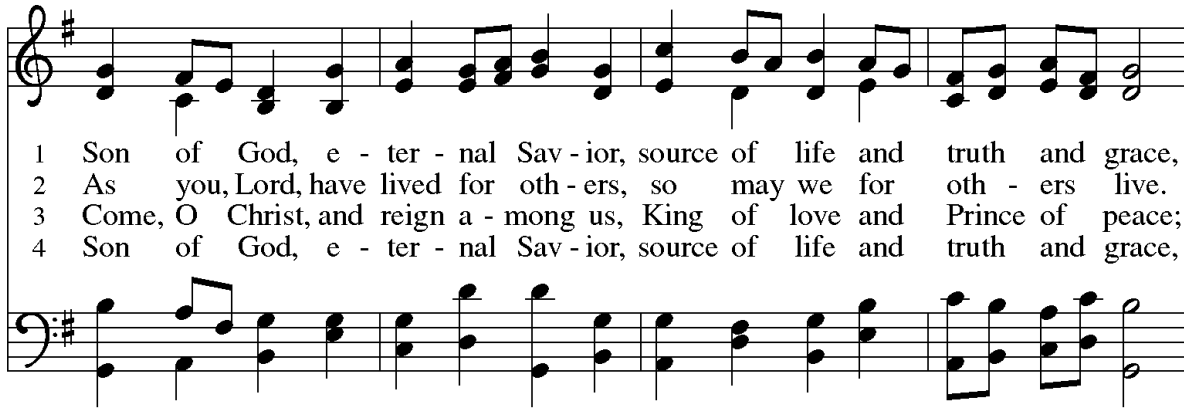
C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

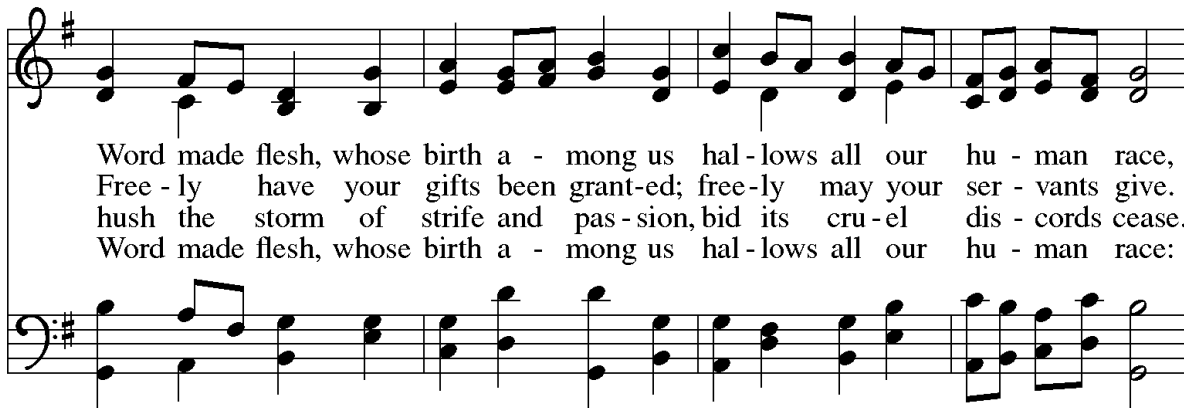
Son of God, Eternal Savior

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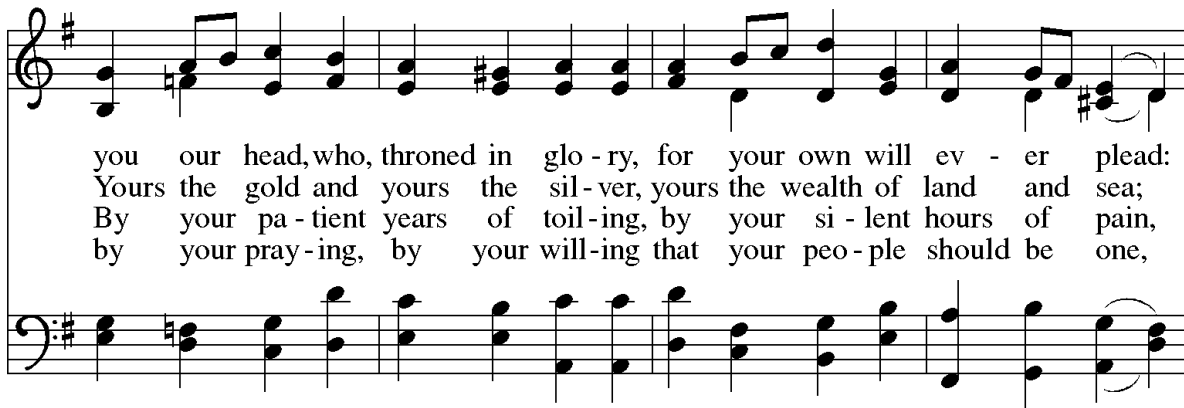
Son of God, Eternal Savior



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



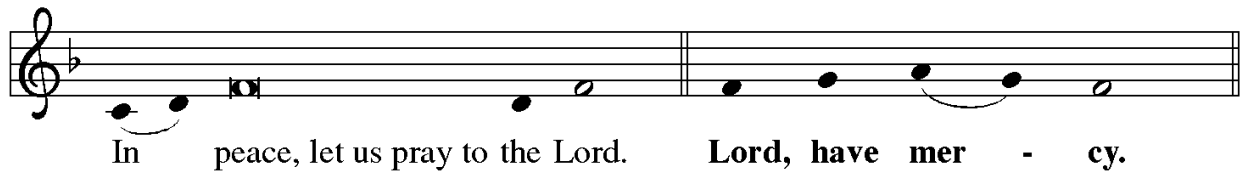
fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

*GREETING

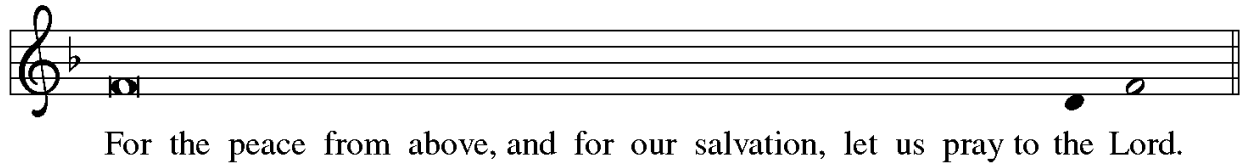
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

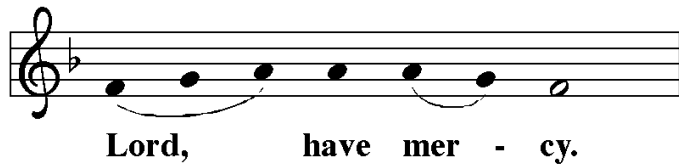
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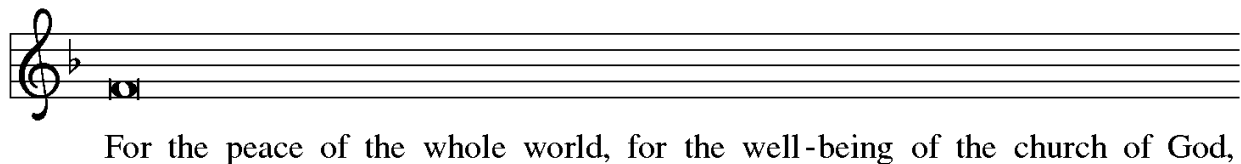
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



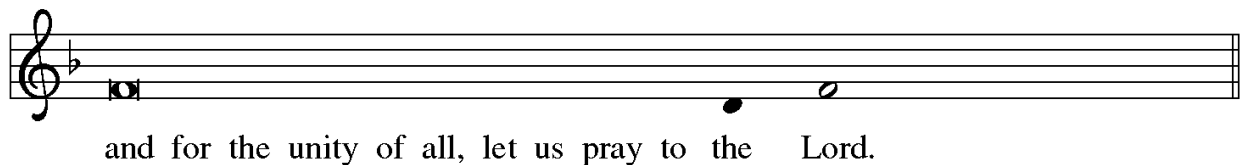
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



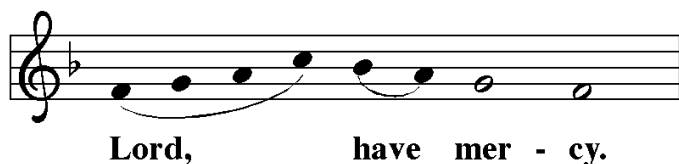
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

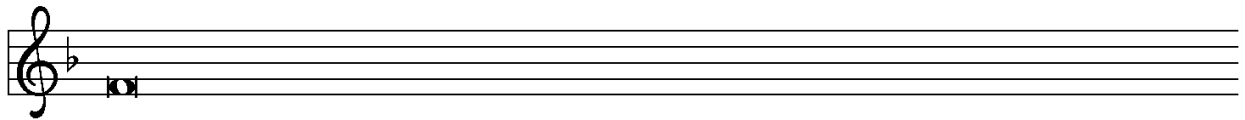


and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

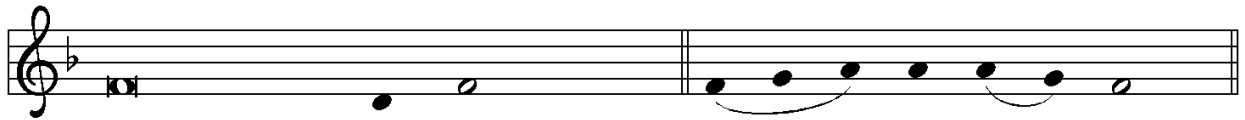


Lord, have mer - cy.

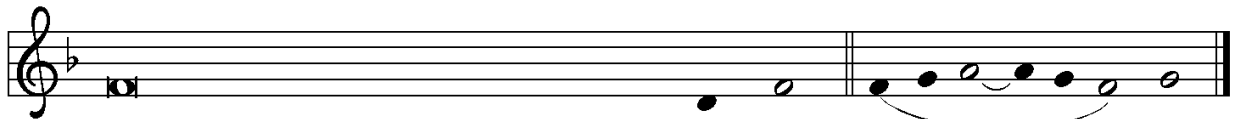
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For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

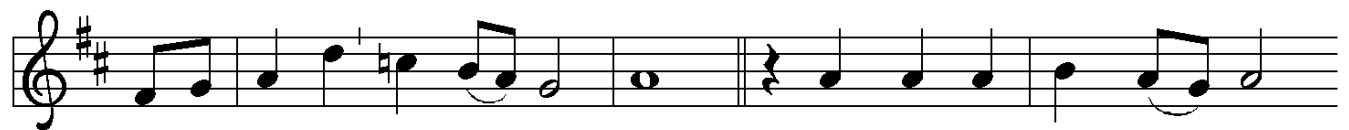


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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 READING

Acts 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When her owners had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These two are disturbing our city; they are Jewish and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the

magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given Paul and Silas a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, the jailer put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Paul and Silas spoke the word of the Lord to him

and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 97



- ¹The LORD reigns; let the | earth rejoice;
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
- ²**Clouds and darkness sur- | round the LORD,
righteousness and justice are the
foundations | of God's throne.**
- ³Fire goes be- | fore the LORD,
burning up enemies on | every side.
- ⁴**Lightnings light | up the world;
the earth | sees and trembles.**

- ⁵The mountains | melt like wax
before the Lord of | all the earth.
- ⁶**The heavens declare your righteous- | ness,
O LORD,
and all the peoples | see your glory.**
- ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved
images and delight | in false gods!
Bow down before the LORD, | all you
gods.
- ⁸**Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.**
- ⁹For you are the LORD, most high over | all
the earth;
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
- ¹⁰**You who love the | LORD, hate evil!
God guards the lives of the saints and
rescues them
from the hand | of the wicked.**
- ¹¹Light dawns | for the righteous,
and joy for the hon- | est of heart.
- ¹²**Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,
and give thanks to God's | holy name.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

***HOLY GOSPEL** John 17:20-26, NRSV, emended

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

(Jesus is speaking to his Father in prayer:) "I ask not only on behalf of these, *(my disciples)* but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you

have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, so that they may be one, as we are one. I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I also desire that those whom you have given me may be with me where I am, to see my glory, the glory which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your Name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Lecia Beck

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed

ELW#463

Lord, Who the Night You Were Betrayed

1 Lord, who the night you were be - trayed did pray that all your
2 For all your church on earth, we in - ter - cede; Lord, make our
3 And hear our prayer for wan-d'ers from your fold; re - store them,
4 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease, may we be

church might be for - ev - er one: help us at
sad di - vi - sions soon to cease; draw us all
too, Good Shep - herd of the sheep, back to the
one with all your church a - bove— one with your

ev - 'ry eu - cha - rist to say with will - ing heart and
clos - er, each to each, we plead, by draw - ing all to
faith your saints con - fessed of old, and to the church still
saints in one un - bro - ken peace, one with your saints in

soul, "Your will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one
you, O Prince of peace; thus may we all one bread, one
pledged that faith to keep. Soon may we all one bread, one
one un - bound - ed love; more bless - ed still, in peace and

bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
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bod - y be, through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.
love to be one with the Trin - i - ty in u - ni - ty.

***NICENE CREED**

A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and Earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.**

**who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

Each petition ends:

A: God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; 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.*

Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by the door or you can also give on our website (stlconline.org). 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.

8:30 a.m. CHOIR ANTHEM

Our Father

Maurice Duruflé

10:15 a.m. ORGAN IMPROVISATION

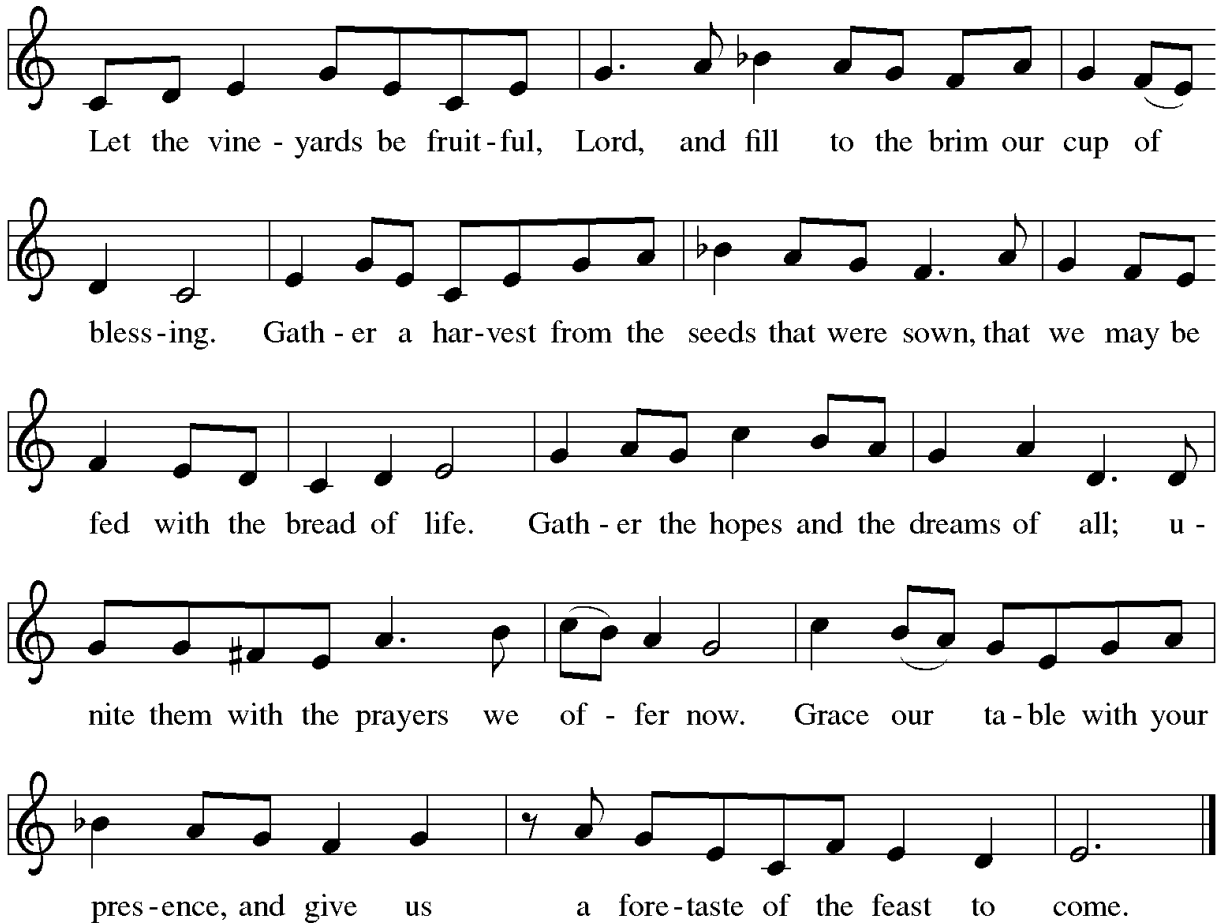
*OFFERTORY HYMN

Let the Vineyards

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

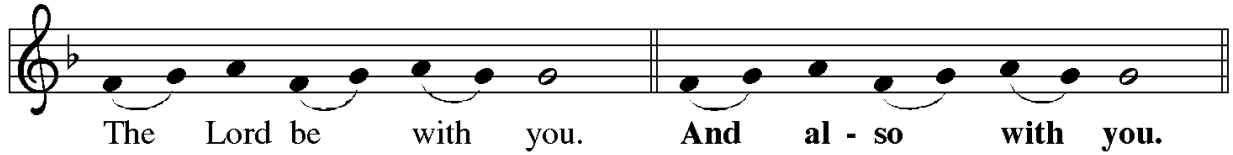
A: Let us pray. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table.

Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

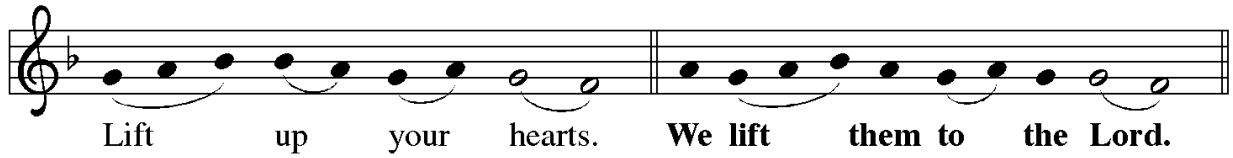
C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

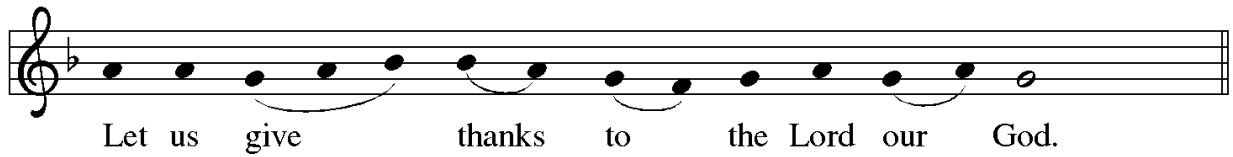
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san - na. 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

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: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

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

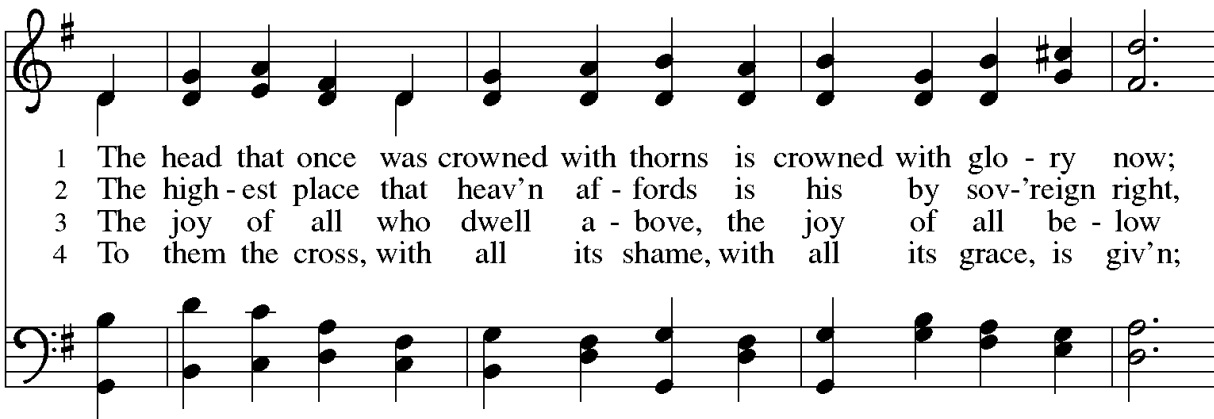
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

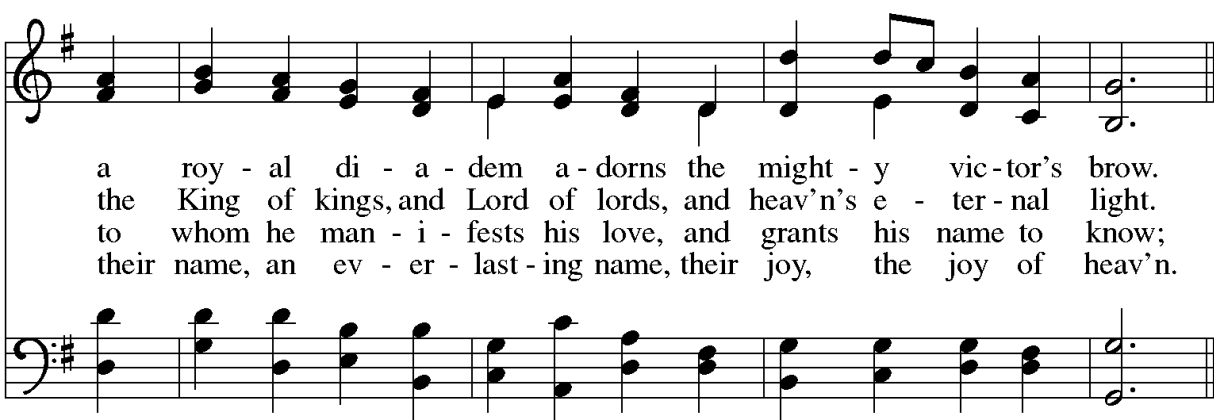
The Head That Once Was Crowned

ELW#432

The Head That Once Was Crowned



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;
they reign with him above;
their profit and their joy to know
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him;
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme!

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

***EUCHARISTIC BLESSING**
C: Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BENEDICTION

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW#657

Rise, O Sun of Righteousness



1 Rise, O Sun of righ - teous - ness; with your
2 Rouse our hearts from slum - ber deep; may your
3 Gath - er in your scat - tered flock; give us
4 Burst the bars of stub - born pride; make the
5 Hon - or, praise, and glo - ry be to the



might cre - a - tion bless. Shine up - on your church to - day,
word with - in us leap. Give us voic - es to pro - claim
wa - ter from the rock. Bless the u - ni - ty we share
heav'n - ly path - way wide. Raise us up from sin and death
ho - ly Trin - i - ty! May your gra - cious will be done:



show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Christian David, et al.; tr. Frank W. Stoldt, b. 1958

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

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A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Toccatà

Dietrich Buxtehude

*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 May 29

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
10:15 a.m. Worship

Monday May 30

Office Closed

Wednesday June 1

12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

Sunday June 5 Day of Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
10:15 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. Vacation Bible School

Announcements

Sunday Morning Fellowship

Coffee is back! On Sunday mornings, enjoy a cup of coffee and mask-optional fellowship in Heritage Hall (please wear your mask if you head into the rest of the building after about 10 a.m.). Fill your personal mug or a visitor mug with fair trade coffee or tea and, when you're done, leave it on the marked tray to be washed and reused next week. There are plenty of mugs available for adoption as a personal mug, too, just talk to Debbie Selk. In good weather, the parking circle and patio will also be available for conversations and coffee, and we'll have a tub of toys (bubbles, sidewalk chalk) for our youngest Children of God.

Coffee Crew

Are you a caffeine-fiend? Have an opinion about the right way to brew a good cuppa? We are looking for dedicated volunteers to set out coffee on Sunday mornings, replenish between services, and clean up afterwards. If you are willing to volunteer once every six weeks or so, please let the office know. Training will begin in the fall.

Condolences

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to Chris Ogan and family, on the death of her brother, the Rev. Von Berlin, which occurred on May 20, 2022. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him. Rev. Berlin's obituary may be read here: <https://bit.ly/39MEFYD>

Office Closed Monday May 30

The church office will be closed **Monday, May 30** in observation of Memorial Day. We will resume regular hours (9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) on Tuesday, May 31.

Prayer at Noon on Zoom

It can be hard to find time to pray, especially when there is so much to worry about—so much to pray for. Join us for a calm, quiet moment in the middle of the week to share requests and pray together—we gather for about 20 minutes. Our next gathering will be **Wednesday, June 1** at noon on Zoom. Join us here: <https://bit.ly/3jVA3k0>

Pizza with the Pastor

You've been worshiping with us for a while. You've even taken a next step to get more involved. Are you ready to become a member? Becoming a member is to be committed to the future of St. Thomas Lutheran Church and the community that dwells here. Before you dive into membership, we want to be sure you have ample opportunity to ask about what we believe, what we do, and where we believe God is calling our congregation. Join Pr. Adrienne for Pizza with the Pastor after the second worship on **Sunday, June 12**. Afterwards, if you wish to join St. Thomas as a member, we will receive you on **Sunday, June 19** at the worship service of your choosing (if you're ready to make this step now, attendance at Pizza with the Pastor is not required). RSVP to Pr. Adrienne at pastoradrienne@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School This June

This summer we will have Vacation Bible School on **Sunday, June 5, 12, 19, & 26** from **12 -2 p.m.** Please register your child or children online:

<https://bit.ly/3FHdKcv> Volunteers are needed to help in many areas. If you are interested in helping make this program happen, please email Kris Stewart at nonniekris@gmail.com or Pastor Lecia pastorleciabeck@gmail.com.

Mission Committee Book Club

On **June 21 and June 28 at 7 p.m.** the Mission Committee will be hosting a discussion of the book, *The Ungrateful Refugee: What Immigrants Never Tell you*, written by Dina Nayeri, who was herself a refugee. "Nayeri weaves together her own vivid story with the stories of other refugees and asylum seekers in recent years, bringing us inside their daily lives and taking us through the different stages of their journeys, from escape to asylum to resettlement," according to the book's summary. The discussion will be in-person in our conference room, masks required. Copies of the book are available in the church office to borrow.

Graduates

We want to celebrate with you! Please email the church office at parishadmin@stlconline.org with information about any upcoming graduations. We will bless high school graduates in worship in June.

Directory Updates in Process

Starting today, please visit the table in the narthex to confirm or update your listing in the church directory. We want to confirm your name, address, phone number, email, and birthday before we print and distribute new directories. You can also reach us at parishadmin@stlconline.org to confirm or change your directory information, especially if you are attending the livestreaming worship.

Young Worship Leaders

Students in second grade and up who have been trained as acolytes are able to sign up to serve. Students who are fluent readers are welcome to sign up as lectors. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/36ECuVc>.

ECHO Plant Sale Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who donated plants, helped to set up and run the sale, and bought plants. Thanks to your generosity we were able to raise over \$300 for ECHO and its work of fighting world hunger through education and agricultural innovation.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Barb Unger, Charlene Braun

Bread/Wine: Haley Hatton

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Allison Ward

Lector: Jim Ward

Ushers: Gene & Gayl Laughman

Greeters: Mary Sasse, Shirley Mingee

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Ashley Ahlbrand

Lector: Susan Hiller

Ushers: Kim Filiatrault & Dennis Baurle

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

The altar flowers this week are given by
Tim Smith & Mary Thomason-Smith
in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary
and
Dave & Rita Pavolka
in celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary

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, Jan Coulter, and Jeff Theis.

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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