



**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 10, 2022**

## **SERVICE OF WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 8:30 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. 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 +

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

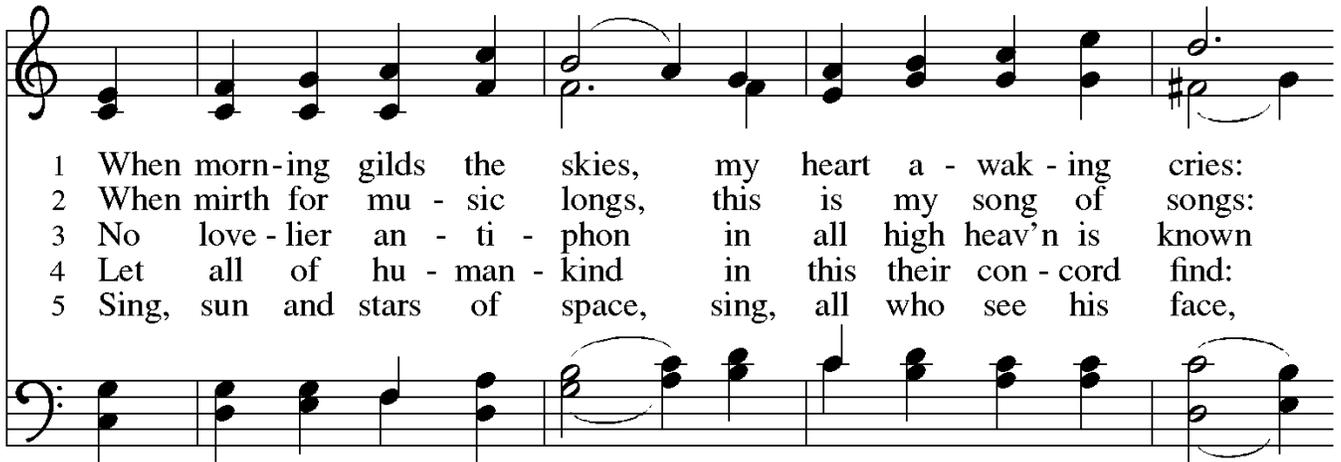
P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

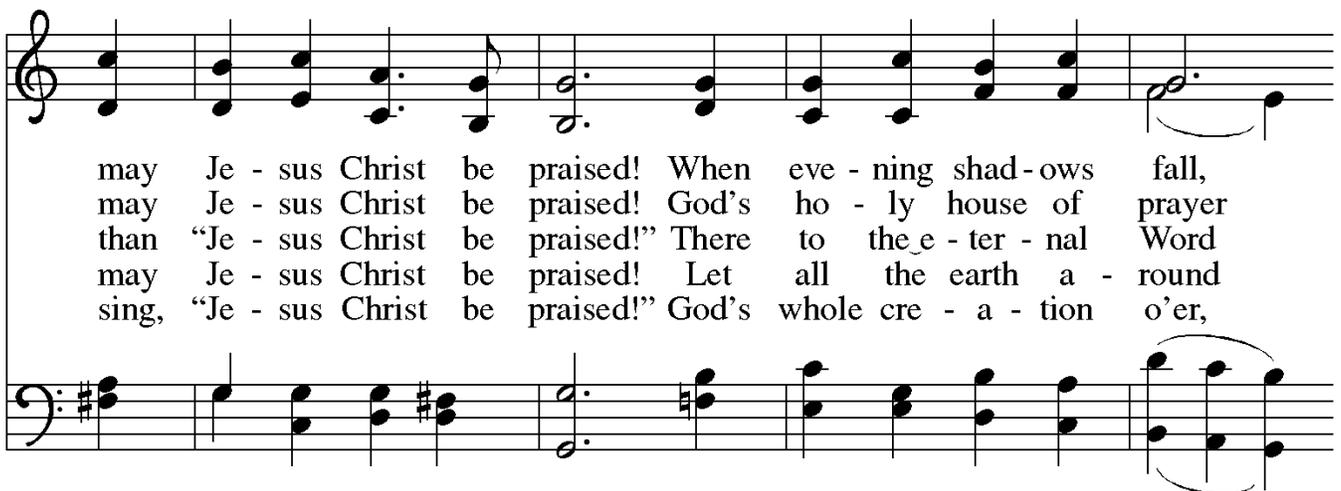
**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

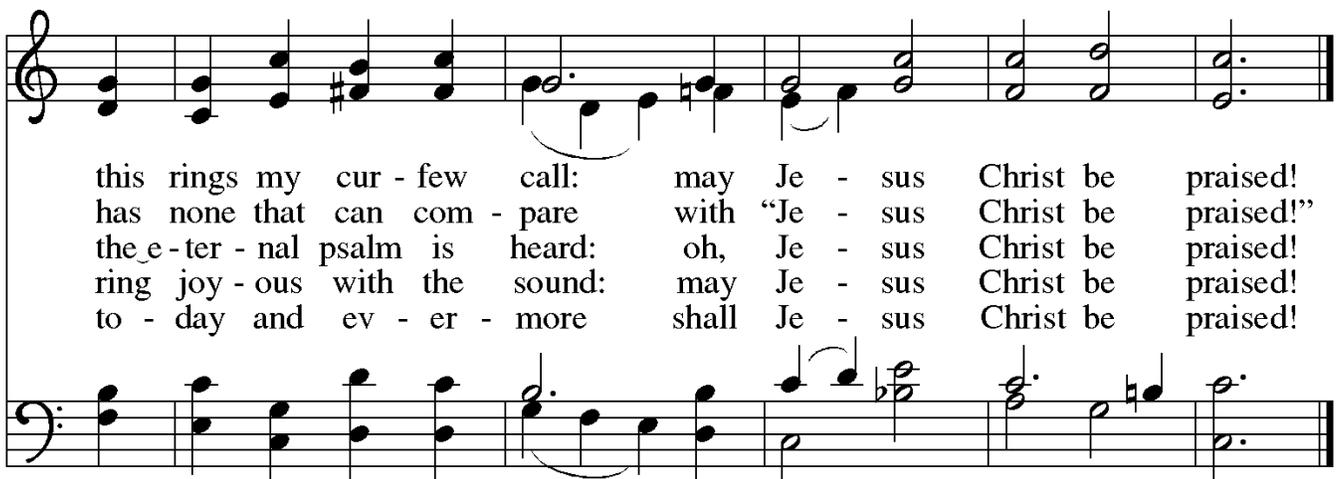
**C: Amen.**



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:  
 3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heav'n is known  
 4 Let all of hu - man - kind in this their con - cord find:  
 5 Sing, sun and stars of space, sing, all who see his face,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning shad - ows fall,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer  
 than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



this rings my cur - few call: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 has none that can com - pare with "Je - sus Christ be praised!"  
 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: oh, Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 to - day and ev - er - more shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

**\*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**

A: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

A: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*U - ya - i - mo - se, ti - na - ma - te Mwa - ri;*  
 1 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Most High;  
 2 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Sav - ior;  
 3 Come, all you peo - ple, come and praise the Spir - it;

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*u - ya - i - mo - se Zvi - no.*  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.  
 come now and wor - ship the Lord.

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pr. Lecia Beck

**FIRST READING**

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, delighting in you as in your ancestors, when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees of the LORD that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

<sup>2</sup>**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>**Show me your ways, O LORD,  
and teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted  
all the day long.

<sup>6</sup>**Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

<sup>9</sup>You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

<sup>10</sup>**All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.



leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, while traveling, came near him; and when he saw him, the Samaritan was moved with compassion. He went to him, poured oil and wine on his wounds and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day the Samaritan took out two denarii (about two days wages), gave the money to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

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

SERMON

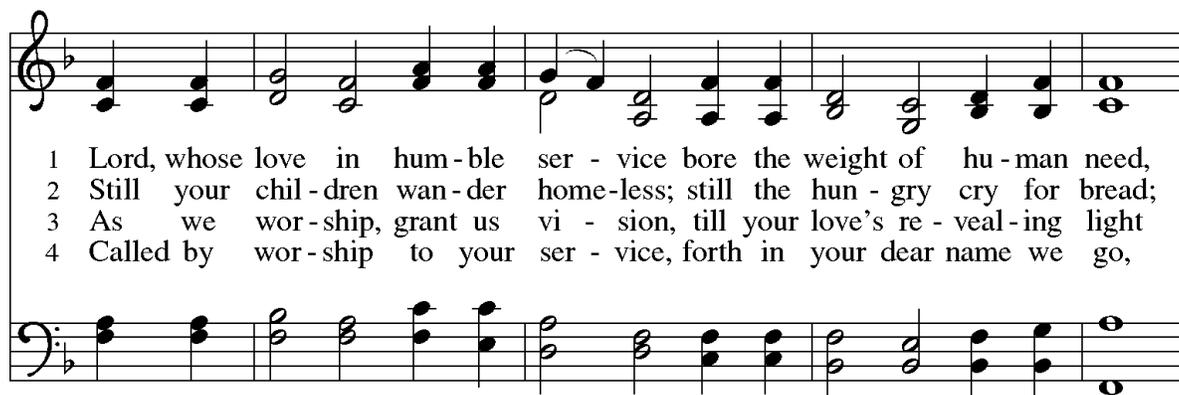
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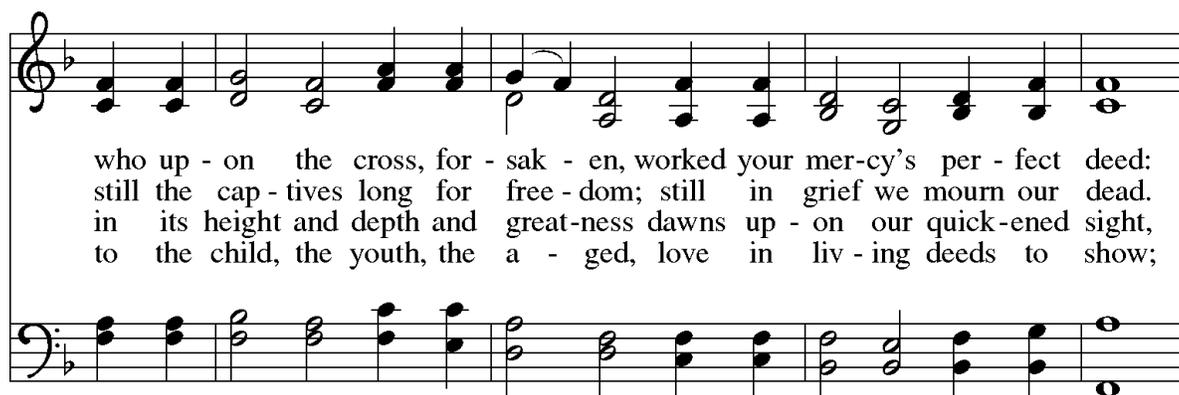
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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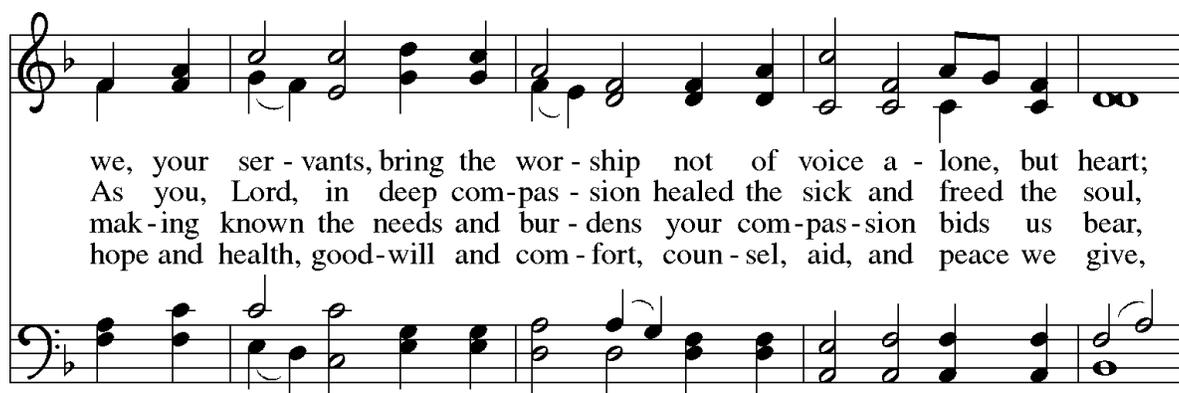
# Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

**\*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: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*Each petition ends:*

A: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Concluding petition:*

A: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**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](http://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.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Let us pray. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**+ MEAL +**

**\*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:** In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

*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.*

**\*EUCHARISTIC BLESSING**

**C: Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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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 July 10**

8:30 a.m.          Worship/Livestream Worship

10:45 a.m.        Outdoor Worship

### **Monday July 11**

7 p.m.             Sister Parish Meeting

### **Tuesday July 12**

6 p.m.             Word in the Woods

### **Thursday July 14**

6 p.m.             Christian Ed Committee

### **Sunday July 17**

8:30 a.m.          Worship/Livestream Worship

10:15 a.m.        Worship

11:30 a.m.        Mutual Ministry Retreat

# Announcements

## Condolences

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to Karen Cline, on the death of her son, David Allison, which occurred on July 6, 2022. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

## Sister Parish Zoom Meeting

On **Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m.**, all St. Thomas friends of Chichipate are invited to join a conversation on Zoom with Carrie Stengel and Ruth Garrido of Sister Parish. We'll catch up on the news from our sister parish and talk over ideas for a virtual delegation, a week of activities for both parishes to reach out, stay in touch, and learn about each other. This conversation is offered by the Mission Committee. Zoom link available here: <https://bit.ly/3RhaXMw> For more information, please contact Pamela Smith at [narthex@baba-yaga.org](mailto:narthex@baba-yaga.org) or 812-323-1817.

## Word in the Woods

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it! (Psalm 24:1) Join us for Word in the Woods as we enjoy God's creation, build relationships, and contemplate scripture together. Meet us at Griffy Lake boathouse for a 1.5-mile hike which closes with Holy Communion. We will gather on **Tuesday, July 12 at 6 p.m.** Please let Pastor Lecia know if you plan to join us!

## Backpack Blessing

As children and teachers prepare for school to start again, we all prepare for our rhythms of life to shift. In this time of transition, everyone is invited to reaffirm their vocation, whether as student, teacher, mechanic, accountant and more. **On Sunday, July 31 at both services**, you are welcome to bring your backpack, briefcase, diaper bag or whatever bag you carry for daily work to be blessed. Invite your friends and neighbors who may also appreciate beginning a new school year with blessing!

## Recycling Volunteers needed!

We are seeking volunteers to collect St. Thomas's recycling and take it to a local facility. Commitment is once a month or less. If interested, please email the church office at [parishadmin@stlconline.org](mailto:parishadmin@stlconline.org) for more information.

## **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.

## **Landscape Committee Call Out**

Those of you that enjoy feeling rich soil run through your fingers might enjoy helping weed areas at church. Some areas have been started but there are several more that need some work. If you can help, young or older, contact Kathleen Boggess via email at [kboggess44@gmail.com](mailto:kboggess44@gmail.com) and she can show you what needs to be done. You can do it on your own time or find a partner to share the task. The landscaping committee is looking to complete this work before it gets too hot outside. Wood chips will be available at the Community Garden so once an area is weeded, then chips can be laid.

## **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, Jeff Theis, and Carol.

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: Karen Rohlfing, Debbie Witt

Bread/Wine: Sara Katuziensi

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

Assisting Minister: David Rohlfing

Lector: Karen Rohlfing

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Greeters: Del & Letty Newkirk

Council Coordinator: Amy Balcam

### **10:45 a.m. Service**

Assisting Minister: Debbie Witt

Lector: Mike Witt

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Greeters: Kari Esarey, Gail Seegert

Council Coordinator: Kari Esarey

**The altar flowers this week** are given in  
thanksgiving for donations collected for MCUM  
in the Each One Feed One drive.

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are Reconciling in Christ Ministries**

**We are a Christ-centered community that lives,  
shares and celebrates God's grace with all people!**