

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 2022

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

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 +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS FOR THE SEASON
OF CREATION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins and shortcomings before God and one another.

P: We confess that we have forgotten who we are. We have alienated ourselves from God's creative work—from the unfolding of the cosmos. We have become estranged from the movements of the earth. We have turned our backs on the cycles of life.

C: We have forgotten who we are.

P: We confess that we have sought only our own security. We have exploited simply for our own ends. We have distorted our knowledge. We have abused our power.

C: We have forgotten who we are.

P: We confess that, by our action, the land is barren, the waters are poisoned, and the air is polluted.

C: We have forgotten who we are.

P: Now the forests are dying, and the creatures are disappearing, and humans are despairing.

C: We have forgotten who we are.

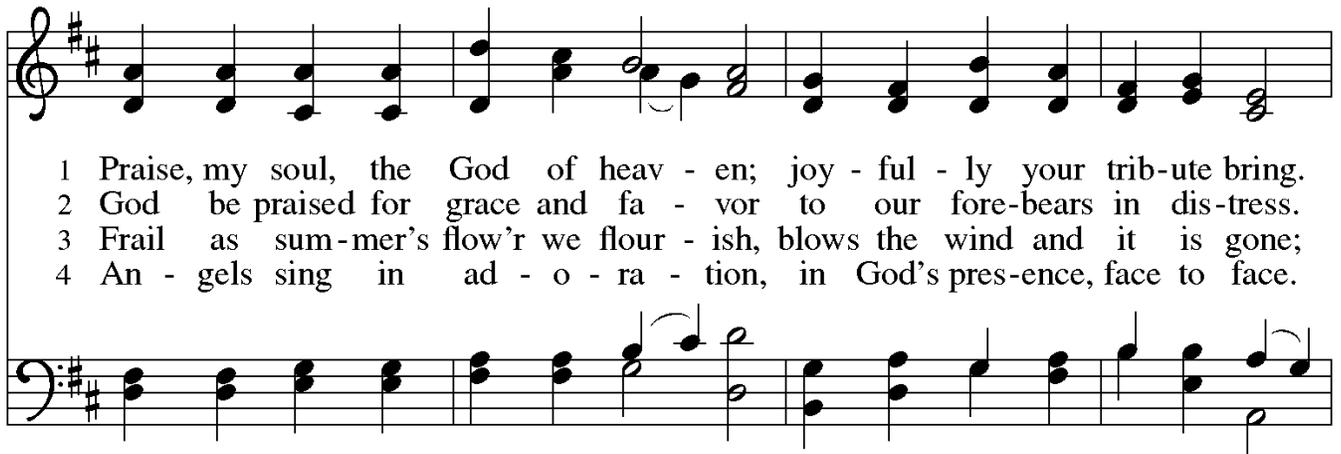
P: Beloved of God, in the beginning, God called creation good, and encouraged humanity to delight in what God made. Sin has both kept us from enjoying what God made and encouraged us to exploit it. You are forgiven in order to remember the goodness of creation and to delight in the works of God's hand. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

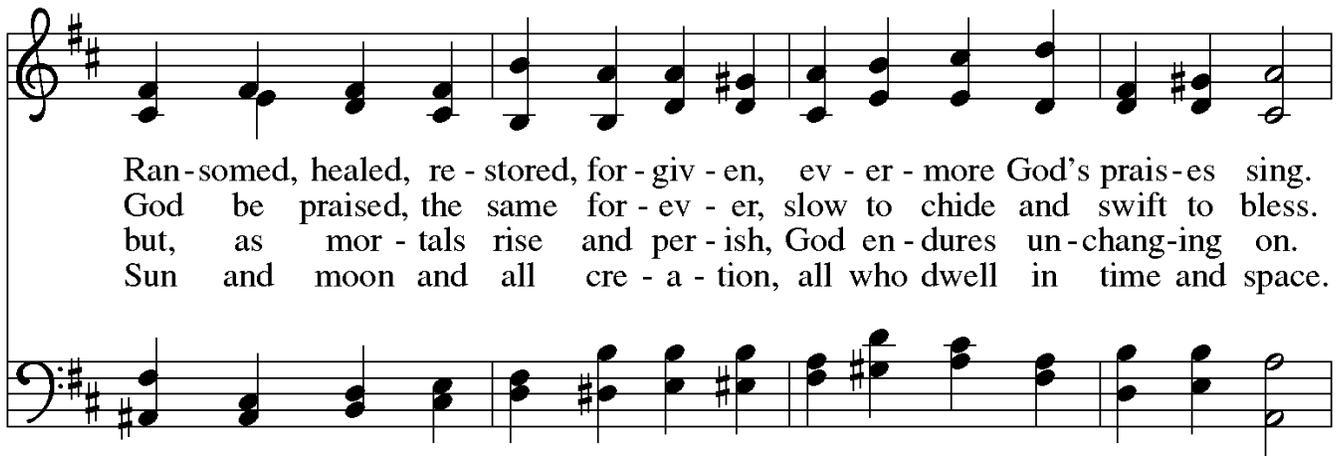
*ENTRANCE HYMN

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

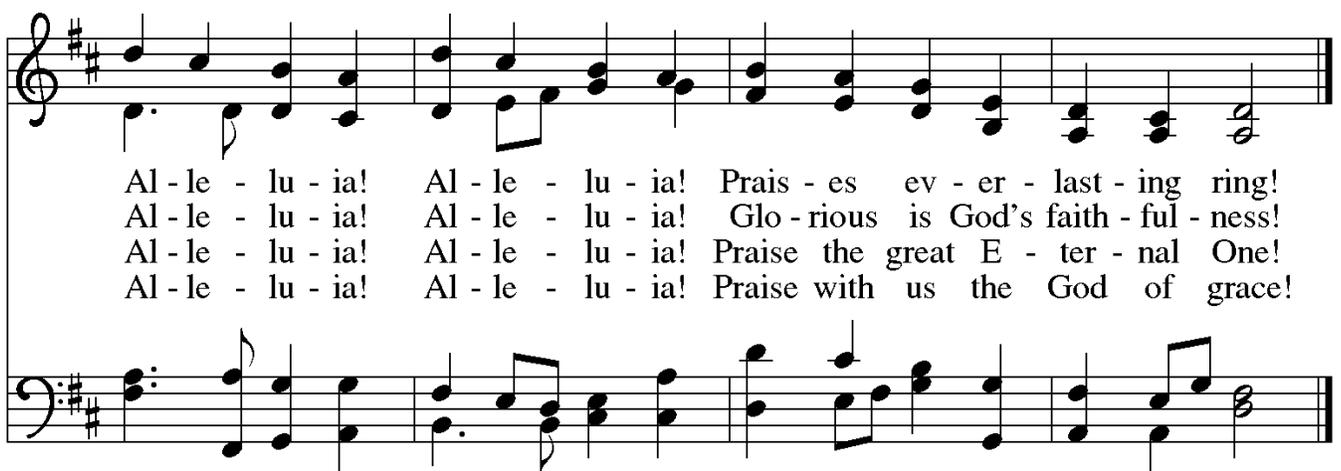
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1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en-dures un-chang-ing on.
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



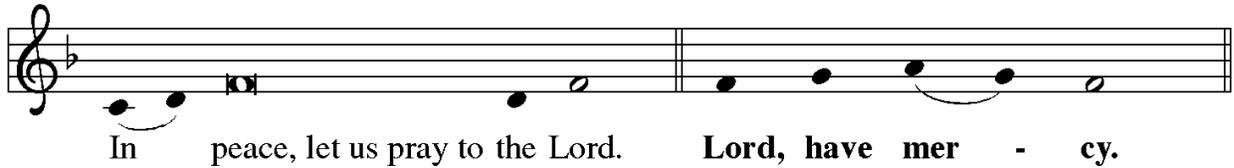
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

***GREETING**

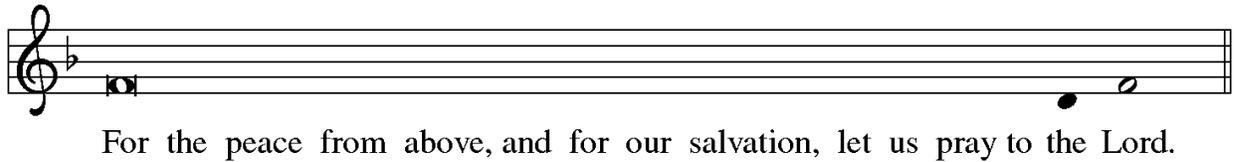
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

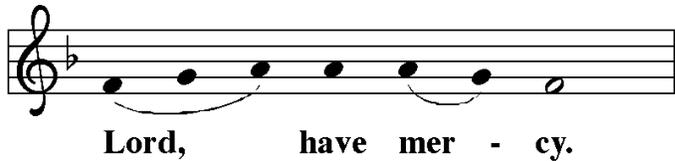
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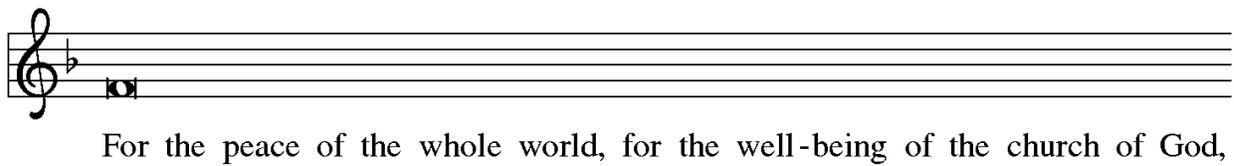
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



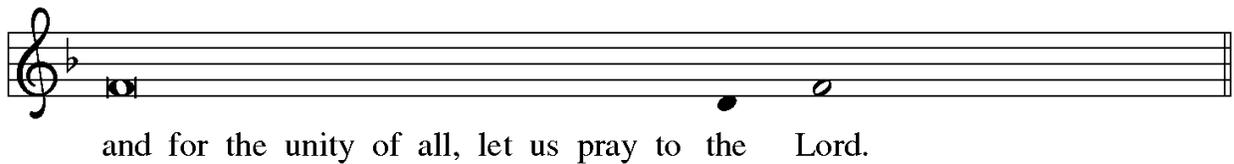
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



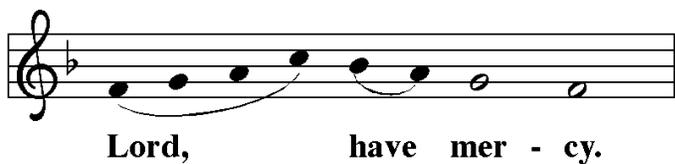
Lord, have mer - cy.



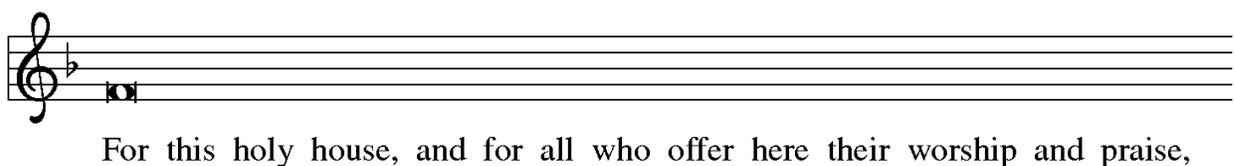
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



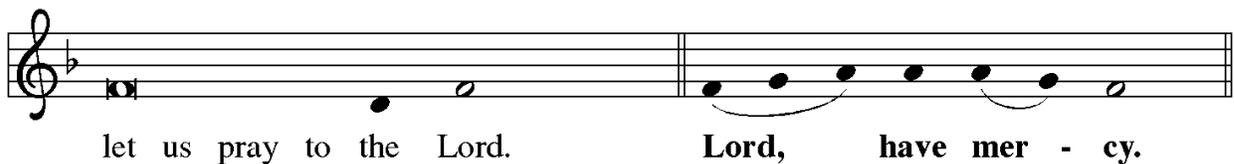
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



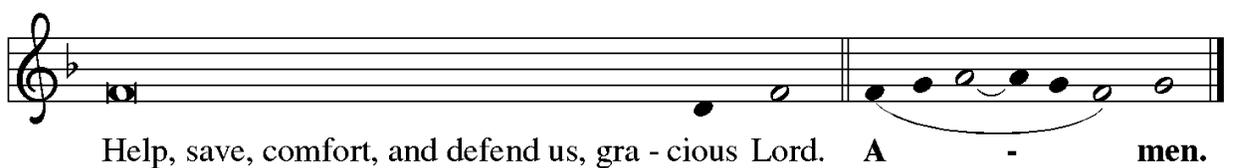
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

1* 2 3

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

** May be sung in canon.*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ WORD +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Exodus 32:7-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' "The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

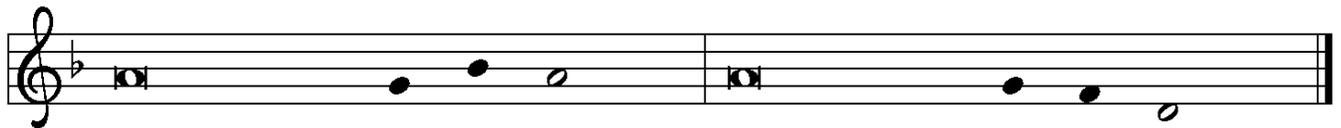
But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that their god brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the

face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed relented concerning the disaster that the LORD had planned for the chosen people.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 51:1-10



¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
²**Wash me through and through | from my
wickedness,
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

³For I know | my offenses,
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

**⁴Against you only have I sinned and done what
is evil | in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right |
in your judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

**⁶Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom | deep
within.**

⁷Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be
clean;

wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

**⁸Let me hear | joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face | from my sins,
and blot out | all my wickedness.

**¹⁰Create in me a clean | heart, O God,
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the Sovereign of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. 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 Luke 15:1-10 NRSV, emended

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. However, the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until it is found? And when you have found it, you lay it on your shoulders and rejoice. Then upon arriving home, you would call together friends and

neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Amy Bartleson Balcam

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

ELW#608

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain
watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home!

You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

RITE FOR TEACHER INSTALLATION

The following teachers have been selected to teach and disciple in our midst this year:

Leah Iversen
(coordinator)

Deacon Allison Ward

Debbie Nixon

Janine Giordano-
Drake

Marilyn Saum

Mary Thomason-
Smith

Moriah Reichert

Pamela Smith

Sarah Fogleman

Sarah Harrison

Sharon Fawbush

P: The Apostle Paul tells us in Ephesians that “each of us has been given grace according to Christ’s measure...some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry and for building up the body of Christ” (4:7, 11-12). Jesus commands us to make disciples of all people. We understand that a disciple is a faithful follower of God who is seasoned with love, empowered by forgiveness, committed to serving others, and bold in giving witness to faith in Jesus. Will you use your gifts to teach the Word of God and to help our congregation grow in discipleship?

Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you be diligent in your study of the Holy Scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace and in prayer?

Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you trust in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills and work to glorify God with your life?

Teachers: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: These people are willing to give witness to the Good News and make disciples through our congregation's education ministry. Will you commit yourselves to praying for them, their students and our ministry?

C: We will support them with our prayers and encouragement.

P: Let us pray. Most gracious God, you have blessed your church with many gifted people. We thank you now for these teachers who have dedicated themselves in service to you. May their words be your words. May their hands be your hands. May their hearts be filled with your

compassion and love. Give them insight through your Holy Spirit so that your church may be equipped and built up to witness and serve our world for your purposes. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to assume this responsibility, graciously give you the strength and patience to perform it. I declare you installed as teachers in the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation

Each petition ends:

A: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Concluding petition:

A: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; 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 Rose House LuMin and many local, national, and international ministry partners.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY HYMN

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ELW#502

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thine unction grace bestoweth;
and, oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

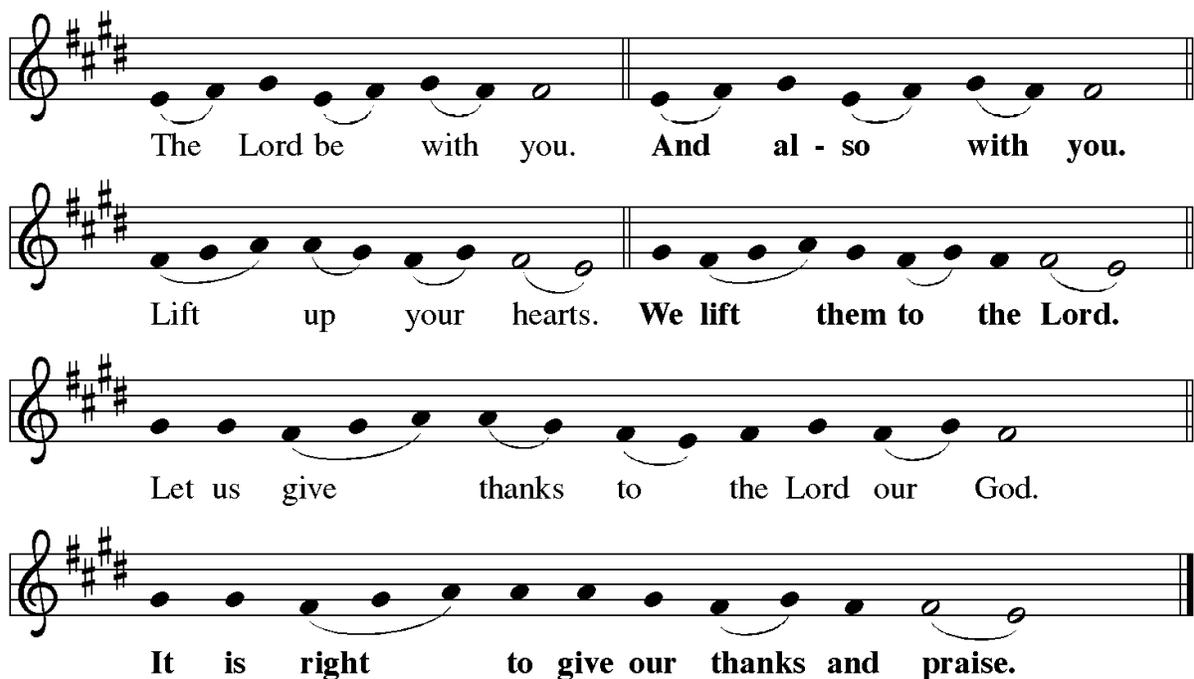
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



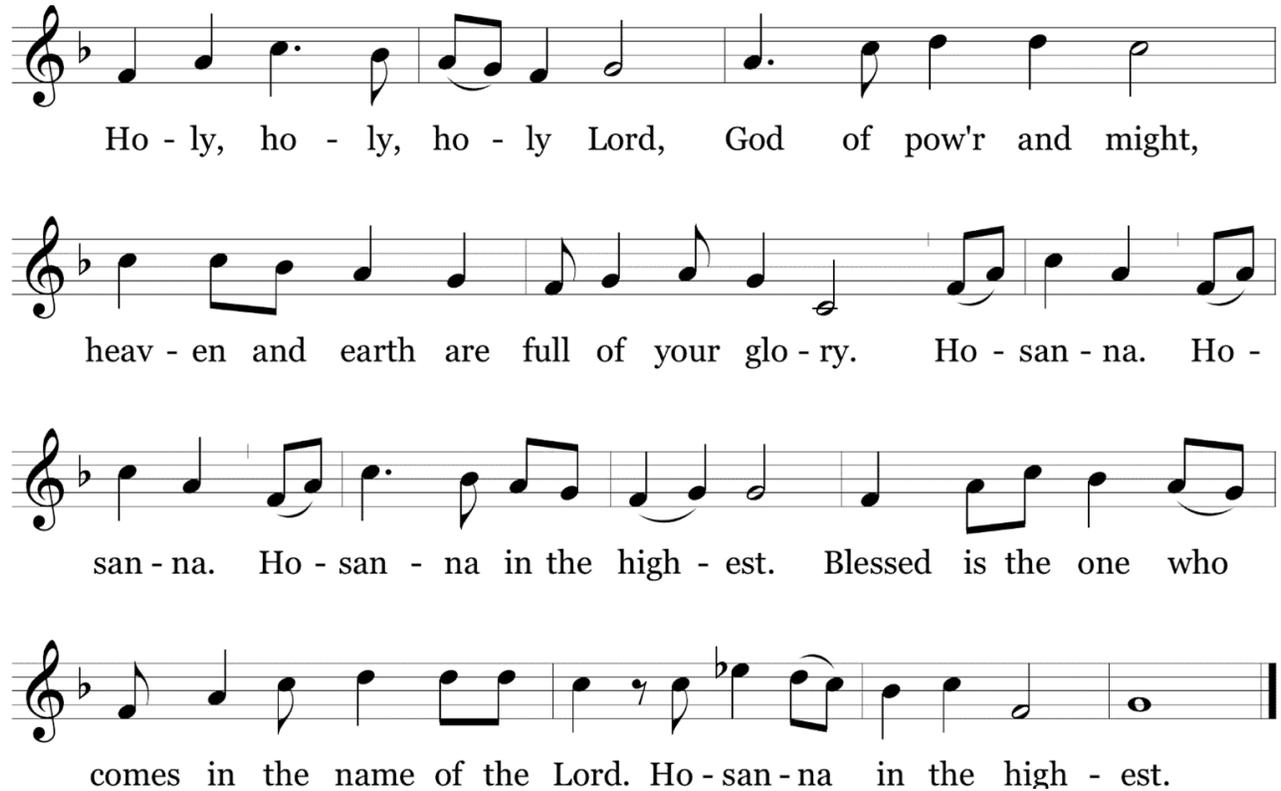
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 congregation echoes the presider when she says:

C: The earth is full of your glory.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Speak this prayer in your preferred language. Ukrainian is provided on the next page. 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.**

Otche nash, shcho yesi na nebesakh,
nekhai sviatit'sia Im'ia Tvoie.
Khai priide Tsarstvo Tvoie,
nekhai bude volia Tvoia
Yak na nebi, tak i na zemli.
Khib nash nasushchnyi dai nam s'ohodni.
I prosty nam provyny nashi,
yak i my proshchaiemo vynuvsiam nashym.
I ne vvedy nas u spokusu,
ale vyzvoly nas vid lukavoho.
Bo Tvoie ye Tsarstvo, i sila, i slava naviky.
Amin'.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

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

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

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

ELW#779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

***EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

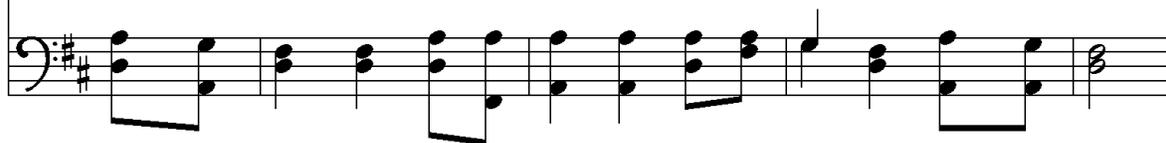
Come Though Fount of Every Blessing

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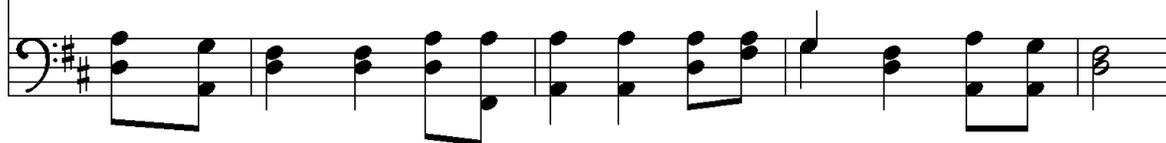
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*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 September 11

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Kick Off

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

“Lost in Translation”

9:45 a.m. Women’s Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship

5:30 p.m. Grad Student & Early Career Folks

Monday September 12

7 p.m. Mission Committee

Tuesday September 13

2 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting

6 p.m. Word in the Woods

Thursday September 15

7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Sunday September 18

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School

“Lost in Translation”

11 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. Pizza with the Pastor

1:30 p.m. Council Meeting

5:30 p.m. High School Youth Group

at Trinity Episcopal Church

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School will kick off **TODAY at 9:45 a.m.** There are classes for students ages four through adults. All children, confirmation students and high school youth will gather in the sanctuary to start the year off together. Everyone is invited to join us on the back patio for make-your-own yogurt parfaits at 10:30. Please fill out the **student information form** to register your child(ren). Paper forms are available in the church office, or online at <https://bit.ly/3Tj9Xsn>.

Grad Student & Early Career Folks

Worship, Free Dinner, and Hogwarts Tour of the IU Bloomington Campus

Join us **TODAY** for our next grad student/early career folks gathering and fellowship time. We will begin at **4 p.m.** with a worship service led by **Father Ed Bird** at Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry (719 E 7th St, Bloomington). A **FREE** meal will be provided at **5 p.m.** following the service. After dinner (about 5:45pm), doctoral student **Moriah Reichert** will lead our group on a Hogwarts tour of the IU Bloomington Campus. All graduate students/early career folks (and their small children) are welcome to participate. There is no parking at Canterbury, so please plan to park on a

side street, in a city parking lot nearby, or on campus and walk over. You may join us for any combination of worship, dinner, or the tour. No RSVPs needed.

Word in the Woods

Let the rivers clap their hands and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord! (Psalm 98:9) 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, September 13 at 6 p.m.** Please let Pastor Lecia know if you plan to join us!

Collecting Toys

We are gathering toys for school-aged children to use while playing in Heritage Hall on Sunday mornings as adults gather to drink coffee. Do you have fun things your children have outgrown? Specifically, we are looking for legos, magna-tiles, and/or k'nex. If you have items to share, please talk to Pastor Lecia.

MCUM September "Gimme 5(00)" Food Drive

St. Thomas is participating in a new way of replenishing MCUM's Food Pantry. It has been almost wiped-out due to unprecedented demand for assistance. We have been asked to collect 500 cans of condensed or ready-to-eat soup during the month of September. There are many ways help us reach this goal! Place soup in the MCUM donation baskets are in the Narthex. Or donate through Amazon: add MCUM (827 W. 14th Ct. Bloomington, IN 47404) to your address list and send a case of soup directly to them! Also on Amazon, you can send a gift card to MCUM to help them purchase food-- let them know if came from St. Thomas. Your generosity will be appreciated by the children and adults who rely on the MCUM Food Pantry for sustenance.

Questions/Comments: contact Helen Ingersoll via email or 812.339.9610.

Youth Group

High School students are invited to meet **next Sunday, September 18 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church.** Our gathering with other local churches will include dinner, a game and a faith discussion. Hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Pastor Lecia by Thursday, September 15.

Student Information Forms

With the start of a new program year, please make sure you have completed a new **Student Information form!** You can fill out the form online (at <https://bit.ly/3Tj9Xsn>) or paper forms are available in the church office.

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, join Pr. Adrienne for Pizza with the Pastor and get a chance to hear more about her story and St. Thomas story. You'll have an opportunity to ask about what we believe, what we do, and where we believe God is calling our congregation. the next Pizza with the Pastor will be after the second worship service on **Sunday, September 18**. Afterwards, if you wish to join St. Thomas as a member, we will receive you on **Sunday, September 25** 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.

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, Erin Wyatt, Bob Osborn, Andrew Halvorson, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Jan Coulter, Jeff Theis, Kathleen Boggess, Evelyn Niemeyer, Michelle, and Shanna.

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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Dawn Smith, Susan Colston

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lector: Karlyn Grise

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Greeters: Mike & Jaydene Laros

Council Coordinator: Kari Esarey

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Tim Smith

Lector: Noah Smith

Ushers: Kim Filiatrault & Dennis Baurle

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

Council Coordinator: Tim Smith

Today's altar flowers are given by
Drew & Amy Balcam
in memory of Amy's brother, Erik Bartleson.

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