

**Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 15, 2023**

**We hope you feel welcome here.**

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, racial equity, 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, gender expression, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

**We hope you can participate fully in worship.**

Everything needed to participate in today's worship is found in this bulletin. The hymns are found in the back third of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) or purple *All Creation Sings* (ACS) located under the seat in front of you. Worshipers are invited to stand as you are able at the places marked \* and to respond when indicated with bold type. We gently remind you to silence all electronic devices.

Our youngest worshipers and their parents may appreciate the Prayer Pond in the sanctuary or listening to the service from our unstaffed nursery. Activity bags are available in the narthex and children's bulletins are available from an usher.

Assisted hearing devices and complete-service, large-print bulletins are available from an usher. The blue chairs with arms are reserved for people with mobility limitations. Ushers can remove chairs to place a wheelchair.

**We hope you know Holy Communion is for you.** At communion, everyone is welcome. This includes doubters, young children, and folks who have yearned for this feast. Come forward at the direction of an usher and receive hand-torn bread or gluten-free wafers and pink wine or red grape juice. If you have mobility limitations, please take the closest available place at the altar, or ask an usher for Communion to be brought to you at your seat.

**We hope you know our welcome extends beyond our building.**

Today's 8:30 a.m. service is livestreamed. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

**We hope you know we pray for you.**

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; prayer requests made before the service begins will be included in the Prayers of the People.

## + GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

**C: Amen.**

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

P: Have mercy, O God,

**C: against you we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. 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, renewing your life through Jesus Christ.

Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love. 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, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

**C: Amen.**

\*ENTRANCE HYMN

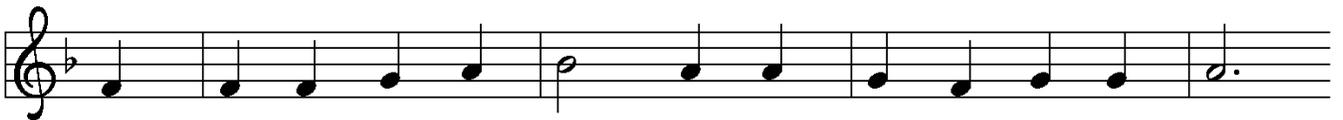
Hail to the Lord's Anointed

ELW#311

# Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1 Hail to the Lord's a - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 You come with res - cue speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 You shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth;  
 4 Kings shall fall down be - fore you, and gold and in - cense bring;



Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, your reign on earth be - gun!  
 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers, spring in your path to birth.  
 all na - tions shall a - dore you, your praise all peo - ple sing.



You come to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive  
 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to  
 Be - fore you on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald,  
 To you shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows as -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion and  
 light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, are  
 go; and righ - teous - ness in foun - tains from  
 cend; your king - dom still in - creas - ing, a



rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 pre - cious in your sight.  
 hill to val - ley flow.  
 king - dom with out end.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.  
 Music: FREUT EÜCH, IHR LIEBEN, Leonhart Schröter, 1540–1602

## \*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



*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad;      ten pie - dad      de no -*  
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us;      O . . . Lord,      have . . .



*so - tros.      Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*  
mer - cy.      Lord, . . have mer - cy on



*dad;      ten pie - dad      de no - so - tros.*  
us;      O . . . Lord,      have . . mer - cy.



*Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -*  
*Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .*



*so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -*  
*mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on*



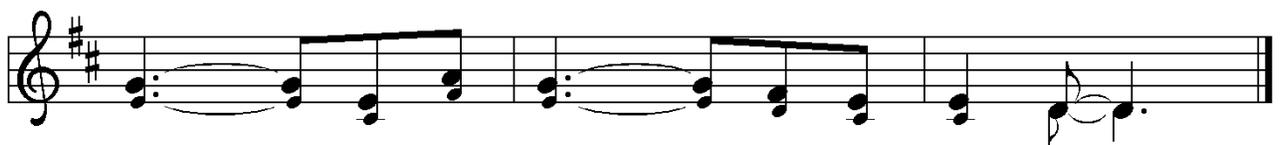
*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.*  
*us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.*



*Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -*  
*Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .*



*so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -*  
*mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on*



*dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.*  
*us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.*

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!*  
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



*Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.*  
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P:** Let us pray. O Faithful One, under the shadow of your wings, you offer the protection of a holy darkness, a promise of peace. Shine upon us like the dawn which lends clarity to sight that we may see your justice and righteousness established among us forever through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## +WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation;  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

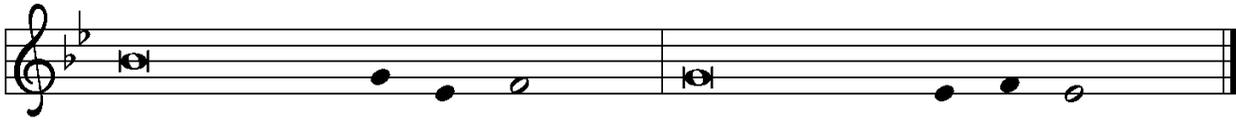
For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders,  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Great will be his authority,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 36:5-10



<sup>5</sup>Your love, O LORD, reaches | to the heavens,  
and your faithfulness | to the clouds.

<sup>6</sup>**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,  
your justice like | the great deep;  
you save humankind and ani- | mals, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>How priceless is your | love, O God!

All people take refuge under the shadow | of  
your wings.

<sup>8</sup>**They feast upon the abundance | of your house;  
you give them drink from the river of | your  
delights.**

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the | well of life,  
and in your light | we see light.

<sup>10</sup>**Continue your lovingkindness to | those who  
know you,**

**and your favor to those who are | true of heart.**

SECOND READING                      Romans 15:8-13, emended

For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the Gentiles might glorify God for God's mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name”;

and again it says,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with God's people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise God”;

and again Isaiah says,

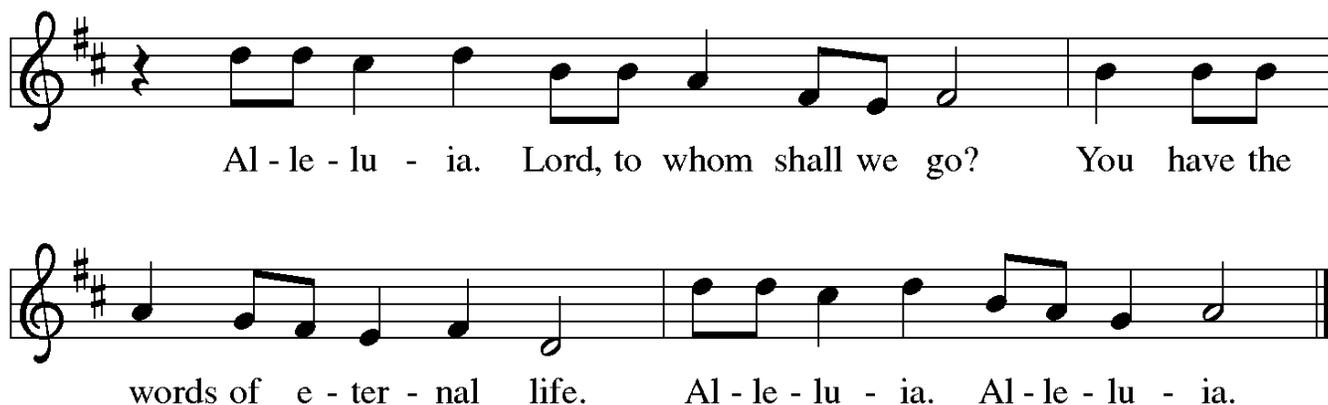
“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in whom the Gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Matthew 4:12-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan,  
Galilee of the gentiles—  
the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow

of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent,  
for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord!  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matt Seddon  
Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

The Only Son from Heaven

ELW#309

## The Only Son from Heaven



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, fore - told by an - cient seers,  
 2 Oh, time of God ap - point - ed, oh, bright and ho - ly morn!  
 3 A - wak - en, Lord, our spir - it to know and love you more,  
 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore you with God the Ho - ly Ghost,



by God the Fa - ther giv - en, in hu - man form ap - pears.  
 He comes, the king a - noint - ed, the Christ, the vir - gin - born,  
 in faith to stand un - shak - en, in spir - it to a - dore,  
 and Je - sus, we a - dore you, O pride of an - gel - host:



No sphere his light con - fin - ing, no star so bright - ly  
 grim death to van - quish for us, to o - pen heav'n be -  
 that we, through this world mov - ing, each glimpse of heav - en  
 be - fore you mor - tals low - ly cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing as he, our Morn - ing Star.  
 fore us and bring us life a - gain.  
 prov - ing, may reap its full - ness there.  
 ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

Text: Elizabeth Cruciger, 1500–1535; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–1874, alt.  
 Music: HERR CHRIST, DER EINIG GOTTS SOHN, *Enchiridion*, Erfurt, 1524

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**C: 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: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

P: You increase our joy. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries, especially Karen Anderson in Chile and Naomi Sveholm in Slovakia. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You call us to life in the Spirit through the waters of baptism. Preserve the world's waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Merciful preserve life amid floods and landslides in California. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You break the rod of the oppressor and bring peace. Show your mercy to all nations. We pray for the 2023 Session of the Indiana General Assembly, which began its work Monday. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. We pray especially for Elif, Jan, Caretta, Roger, Paula, Audrey, Deborah, Casey-Marie, Mike, Bob, Andrew, Doug, Yvonne, Jan, Jeff, Evelyn, Margrethe, Helen, and Jacky. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You are righteous, faithful, and just. With Martin Luther King Jr., make us zealous for your kin-dom. Take away the yoke of oppression, grow your authority, and grant us peace without end. Give us courage to receive your call to repentance and act for racial justice. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: You confirm and fulfil the promises made to our ancestors. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ 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.*

8:30 a.m. only

ORGAN IMPROVISATION

11 a.m. only  
CHOIR ANTHEM  
O Clavis David

Peter R. Hallock

\*OFFERTORY HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW#665

*verses 1 and 4*



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.  
Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934-2003  
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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**A:** Let us pray. Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . . God,



Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.



Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on



tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the



nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the



cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -  
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .



di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: O God most mighty, O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we  
praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you  
formed order and beauty. When Abraham and  
Sarah were barren, you sent them a child;  
When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them  
to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought  
Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
and full of compassion, you granted the people  
your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor, he lived under  
oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite  
love, he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord  
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and  
gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this  
is my body, given for you. Do this for the  
remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

**C: Amen.**

P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**C: Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life,

the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete. Q'eqchi' is provided on the next page.*

**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.**

At qayuwa' wankat sa' chooxa  
Usil aatinab'il ta laa k'ab'a  
Chi chalq ta laa nimajwal awabejihom  
Chi uxq ta li nakawaj arin sa' ruuchich'och' jo'  
sa' chooxa  
Chak'e ta qe hoom li qawa chi rajlal kutan  
Chakuy chasach ta li qamaak  
Jo' laa'o xqakuy xmaak li ani xmaako' chi qu  
Ut mohaakanab' ta chi t'ane'k sa' li aaleek  
Chohaakolaq b'an chi ru li maa'us  
Jo'kan taxak

#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

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

# ANGUS DEI

Let the bro - ken ones be healed. Let the  
lost be found and fed. Let the grace of God roll on, roll on.  
Let the ri - ver rise and spread. Step in - to the stream with me! Let God's  
gra - cious pur-pose be. Let God's gra - cious pur-pose be. Let the be.

# COMMUNION HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

ELW#308

# O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
 2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
 3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
 4 Al - mighty - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
 in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
our voices gaily blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!  
Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
the Lord we love is first and last,  
the end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
transport us to that happy place  
beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!  
Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
for the day of your returning.

Text: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai  
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## \*EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

**P:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P:** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod † bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

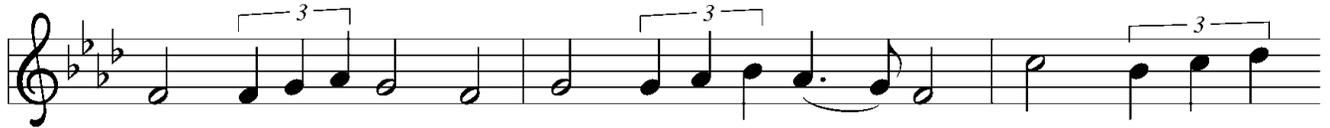
**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

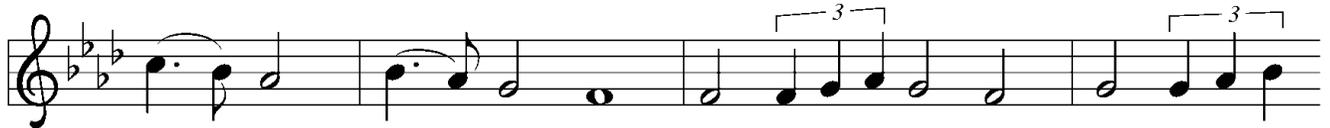
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# Thy Strong Word



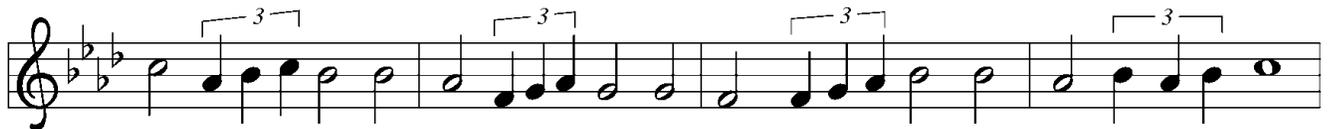
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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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 January 15**

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum

11 a.m. Worship

### **Monday January 16**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday January 17**

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

### **Thursday January 19**

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday January 21**

10 a.m. Fiber Arts Spiritual Growth Group

### **Sunday January 22**

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum

11 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. Lunch for LuMin students

1:30 p.m. Council Meeting

5 p.m. Youth Group Trip to Urban Air

## **Announcements**

### **Welcome**

Welcome Rev. Dr. Matt Seddon, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Bloomington. Rev. Matt and Pr. Adrienne have swapped pulpits on this Second Sunday after Epiphany! It is an honor to celebrate our common call to mission and the full communion partnership enjoyed between the Episcopal Church and the ELCA.

### **Lost and Found**

There's a table outside the office with dishes and other lost and found items. Please check out the table today. All unclaimed items will be taken to Opportunity House on January 17.

### **Property Committee Work Day**

This month the Property Committee meets **Tuesday, January 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** to paint, caulk, fix light bulbs, and a wide variety of other small jobs—many of them outdoors. Feel free to join us! For more information contact Sam Eichmiller at 812-797-2807.

## **Fiber Arts Spiritual Growth Group**

We will gather on **Saturday, January 21** in the Conference Room. You're invited to drop in any time between 10 am and noon to visit, do some stitching, knitting, or papercrafting, or just share how you're beginning this new year.

*from Pamela Grenfell Smith*

## **Adult Forum *Behind-the-Scenes: Scripture in Worship***

Interested in learning more about the *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church*, the source of our worship texts for 2023? Have questions about the intertestamental books (like Susanna)? Wonder why we've abandoned the Revised Common Lectionary (for a short time!)? Curious about what a lectionary even is? Join Pr. Adrienne on **Sunday, January 22** for a behind-the-scenes look at the lectionary for 2023 and get some insights into how we prepare for worship through season, Scripture, and liturgy.

## **LuMin Lunch for Students**

Hungry? IU Students are invited to lunch **Sunday, January 22** after the second service. This lunch is free; St. Thomas is honored to have students as guests, friends, and colleagues in ministry.

## **Youth Group Trip to Urban Air**

Junior high and high school students are invited to join our ecumenical youth group for an evening at Urban Air (3603 IN-46) on **Sunday, January 22, 5 - 7 p.m.** We will cover admission; youth should bring money if they plan to purchase snacks. Parents must complete a waiver prior to the event or when they drop off their youth. Please RSVP to Pastor Lecia by Thursday, January 19.

## **Trivia Night**

Gather a team and join us for an evening of fun on a cold, dark winter night. We'll meet in Community Hall on **Friday, January 27 at 7 p.m.** for a trivia competition led by local trivia master Rance Fawbush. Teams of 3-4 adults and youth are suggested (younger team members are also warmly welcome). Drinks will be provided. Bring a snack to share. Prizes will be awarded!!! Look for a sign-up in the narthex—sign up as a team, or as individuals who need a team.

## **Prayers for those with health and safety concerns**

Elif Ogan, Jan Ellis, Caretta Van Ruler, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Audrey Alpers, Deborah O'Brien, Casey-Marie, Mike Ost, Bob Osborn, Andrew Halvorson, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Jan Coulter, Jeff Theis, Evelyn Niemeyer, Margrethe O'Connor, Helen Kane, and Jacky Harner.

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, Gail Seegert

Bread & Wine: Letty Newkirk

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

Assisting Minister: Allison Ward

Lectors: Jim Ward, David Ellies

Ushers: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Greeters: Del & Letty Newkirk

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

### **11 a.m. Service**

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Sowinski

Lectors: Chris Martz, Nancy Mathews

Acolyte: Noelle Drake

Lord's Prayer Leader: Julianna Drake

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

Council Coordinator: Kaye Hill

**The altar flowers this week are given  
in recognition and gratitude for Gayl Laughman  
for her 12 years of service as the Chairperson of the  
Worship Committee.**

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