

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 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 makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

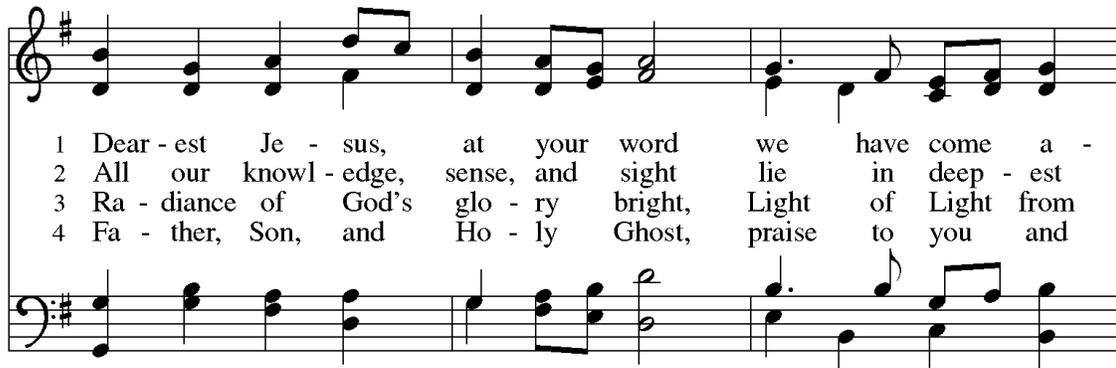
C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

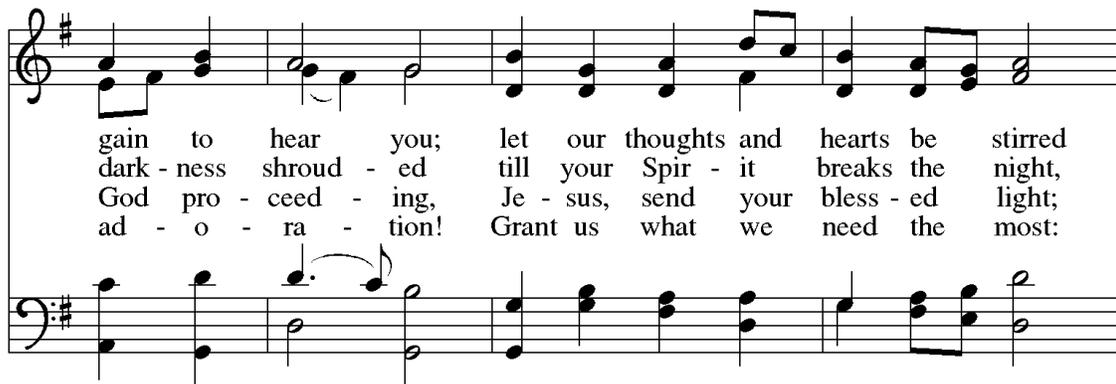
Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

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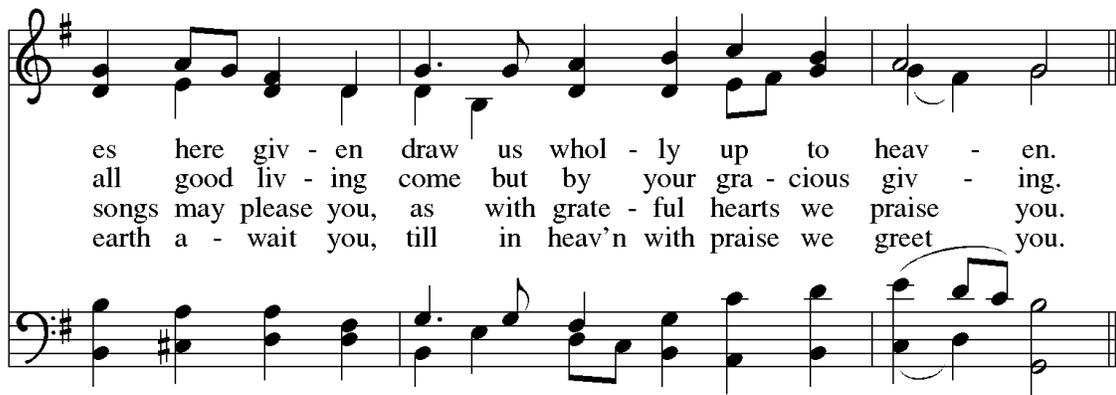
1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

*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*



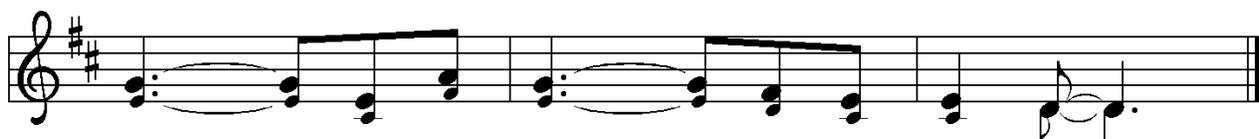
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us; O . . . Christ, have . . mer - cy.*



*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.



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And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us.

Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Adrienne Meier

FIRST READING

Tobit 13:11-17

Tobit is a book in the apocrypha about Jews living in exile in Syria.

A bright light will shine to all the remotest parts of the earth;

many nations will come to you from far away, the inhabitants of the ends of the earth to your

holy name,

bearing gifts in their hands for the King of heaven.

Generation after generation will give joyful praise in you;

the name of the chosen city will endure forever.

Cursed are all who reject you

and all who blaspheme you;

cursed are all who hate you

and all who speak a harsh word against you;

cursed are all who conquer you

and pull down your walls,

all who overthrow your towers

and set your homes on fire.

But blessed forever will be all who build you up.
Rejoice, then, and exult over the children of the
righteous,

for they will all be gathered together
and will bless the Lord of the ages.

Happy will be those who love you,
and happy are those who will rejoice in your
peace.

Happy also all people who grieve with you
because of your afflictions,
for they will rejoice with you
and witness all your joy forever.

My soul blesses the Lord, the great King,
for Jerusalem will be rebuilt as God's house for
all ages.

How happy I will be if a remnant of my
descendants should survive
to see your glory and acknowledge the King of
heaven.

The gates of Jerusalem will be built with sapphire
and emerald
and all your walls with precious stones.

The towers of Jerusalem will be built with gold
and their battlements with pure gold.

- ²⁵From you comes my praise in the | great
assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who
| fear the LORD.
- ²⁶**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the LORD give praise!
May your hearts | live forever!**
- ²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and
turn | to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- ²⁸**For dominion belongs | to the LORD,
who rules o- | ver the nations.**
- ²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow |
down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be
dead,
shall kneel be- | fore the LORD.
- ³⁰**Their descendants shall | serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to genera- | tions to
come.**
- ³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a
people | yet unborn,
saying to them, "The | LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 3:14-16

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth. Without any doubt, the mystery of godliness is great:

One who was revealed in flesh,
vindicated in spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among gentiles,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.

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 4:18-25

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.”

Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, people possessed by demons or having epilepsy or afflicted with paralysis, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him

from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and
from beyond the Jordan.

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

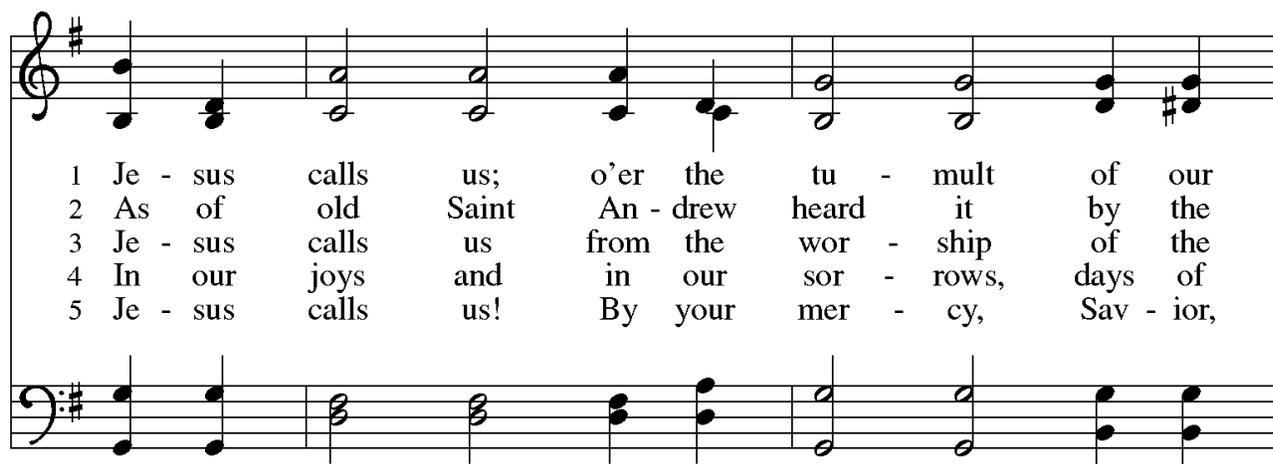
Pr. Amanda Ghaffarian
Campus Pastor, Rose House LuMin

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult

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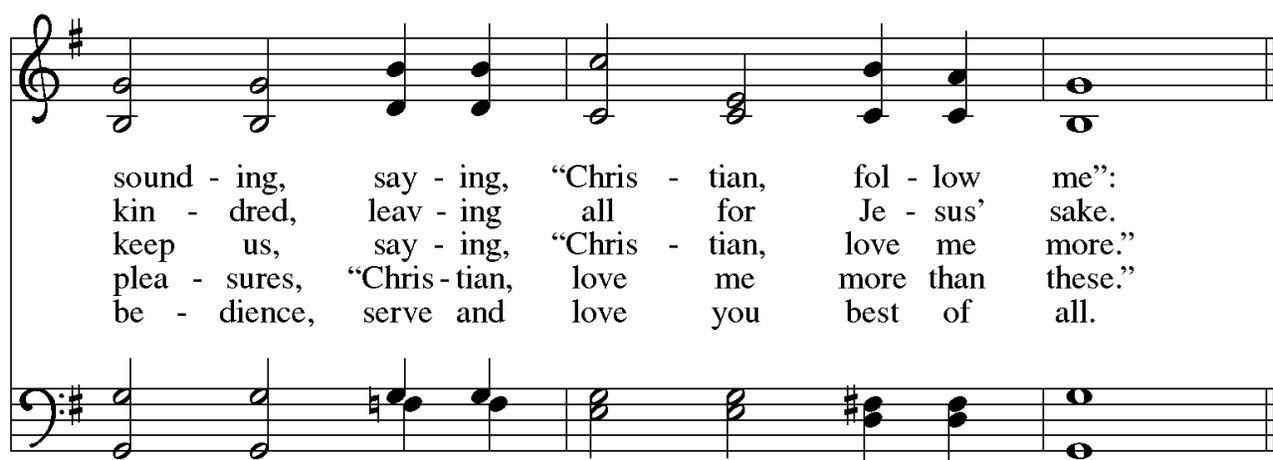
Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

***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.

A: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, and the Bloomington Multi-Faith Alliance. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Care for chicken farmer battling avian flu in their flocks. Bring an end to extreme weather in California. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. In the wake of anti-Asian crime in our own community, bring healing, conversation, and a renewed welcome from people of Asian and Pacific Islander descent in Bloomington. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely.

Especially we pray for Elif, Jan, Caretta, Roger, Paula, Audrey, Deborah, Casey-Marie, Mike, Bob, Andrew, Doug, Yvonne, Jan, Jeff, Evelyn, Margrethe, and Helen. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community, especially our neighbors, University Baptist and Congregation Beth Shalom. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. 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). 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
CHOIR ANTHEM
I Wander by the Sea

Dale Wood

11 a.m. only
CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Rise, Shine, You People!

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verses 1 and 4

Rise, Shine, You People!



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.

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Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934-2003
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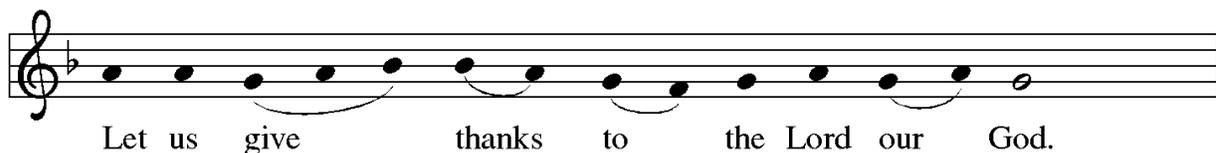
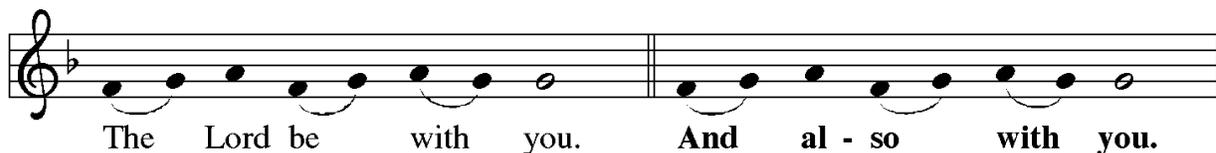
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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



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.

P: 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. Ukrainian 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.**

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.
Khlib 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: 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



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros.
have . . mer-cy up - on us, have . . mer-cy up - on us.



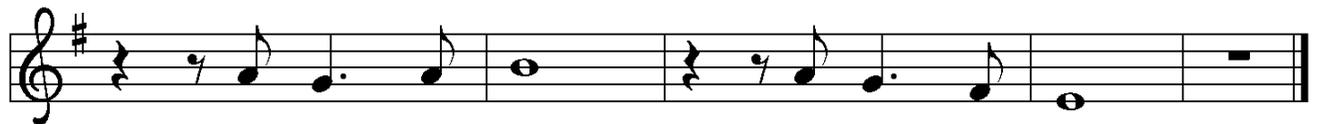
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Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .



da - nos tu paz, da - nos tu paz.
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

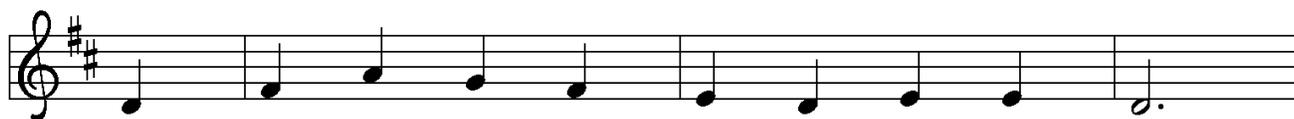
The Son of God, Our Christ

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Here I Am, Lord

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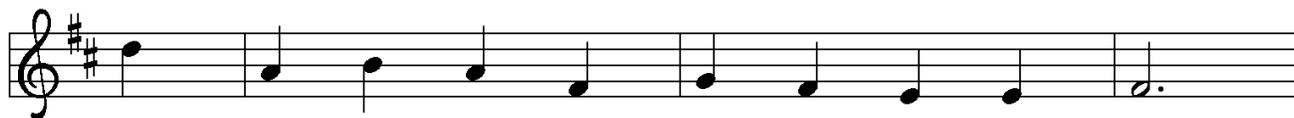
The Son of God, Our Christ



1 The Son of God, our Christ, the Word, the Way,
2 In ev - 'ry test, in tri - als man - i - fold,
3 To - day, as then, Christ sum - mons us to dare
4 In cit - y street, in town, or on the soil,
5 Wher - e'er we find our wit - ness should be made,



shared hu - man life and toiled through - out the day;
these ser - vants wit - nessed, by their faith made bold;
to fol - low bold - ly and his work to share,
may each serve Christ in faith - ful dai - ly toil,
what - e'er our task, be thou, O Christ, our aid,



from com - mon folk he called the twelve to be
and with the gifts and tal - ents which they brought
to help and heal the sick, the blind, the lame,
and in each thought and kind - ly word and deed,
that we may glad - ly give for thee our best



co - work - ers in his sa - cred min - is - try.
the church was found - ed and God's mes - sage taught.
de - clar - ing to the world his ho - ly name.
o - bey Christ's call and go where he shall lead.
and find each task di - vine - ly sent and blest.

Text: Edward M. Blumenfeld, b. 1927, alt.

Music: SURSUM CORDA, Alfred M. Smith, 1879-1971

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Here I Am, Lord



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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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**

I Love to Tell the Story

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I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

*DISMISSAL

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

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 January 22

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: Behind-the-Scenes:
Scripture in Worship
- 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

Monday January 23

- 7 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting

Thursday January 26

- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday January 27

- 7 p.m. Trivia Night

Sunday January 29

Love Boldly Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: Building Belonging
with Stone Belt Arc
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Concert

Condolences

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to Drew and Amy Balcam and their children Tate and Quinn on the death of their father and grandfather, Aldon Balcam, which occurred on January 11, 2023. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to David and Kari Esarey on the death of David's mother, Shirley Esarey, which occurred on January 8, 2023. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to Kris Stewart on the death of her father, Kenneth Pohlmann, which occurred on January 17, 2023. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

St. Thomas offers condolences to the friends and family on the death of Pam Isaacson, including Sarah Ratzburg and Kari Esarey, which occurred on January 18, 2023. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Announcements

One Minute Videos Requests for Virtual Delegation

The purpose of our relationship with Iglesia de Santo Domingo de Guzman in Guatemala is to foster mutual understanding and commit to peace and justice among people in the U.S. and Central America. For our virtual visit, our friends in Chichipate want to learn about everyday life in the U.S. You can help by preparing one minute videos about an aspect of your life. Sign up at the welcome table in the narthex with one of the suggested topics or list your own. These videos will be shared with the people in Chichipate and on the private St. Thomas-Chichipate Facebook page. Contact Pr. Adrienne if you need help making a video.

Love Boldly Sunday

Celebrate our commitment to welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church at worship next **Sunday, January 29**. Wear your rainbows, bright colors, or grab a Love Boldly sticker on your way in!

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.

Outreach Committee Meets This Monday

Do you have ideas about community-building events at St. Thomas? Ideas for ways to spread the word about our congregation? The Outreach committee welcomes folks with new ideas who want to get involved. Join us **Monday, January 23, at 7 p.m. (via Zoom)**. Contact the church office at parishadmin@stlconline.org for the Zoom link.

Adult Forum: *Building Belonging with Stone Belt Arc*

How to do we welcome and affirm folks whose ability makes them seem very different from us?

How do we address ableism in the church. On

Sunday, January 29, join the Rev. Sarah McKenny, Spiritual Support and Volunteer Coordinator for Stone Belt Arc, and members of our Building Belonging Team for a conversation about St. Thomas, welcome, and folks of all abilities.

MEF Accepting Applications

The Mission Endowment Fund provides funding for special projects at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, local outreach, and missions beyond the local community. If you have a project in need of funding, please submit an application before

January 31. Application forms can be found on our website. If you have questions, please

contact Kristin Marsh, Chair of the Mission

Endowment Fund Committee, at or the church office at parishadmin@stlconline.org or 812-332-5252.

Bloomington Bach Cantata Project

Music & the Arts Concert Series presents The Bloomington Bach Cantata Project. Continuing its thirteenth season, they present cantatas by Johann Sebastian Bach in performances modeled on his own. The format is unique: a performance of a cantata, a short talk about it, and a second performance in which we hope you hear new things. Performances are free and take place on Sunday afternoons at St. Thomas. We are grateful for the support and look forward to sharing this music with members of the St. Thomas community. The next performance opportunity is on **January 29 at 2:30 p.m.** "Nimm von uns, Herr, du treuer Gott" BWV 101, directed by Dana Marsh.

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, and Helen Kane.

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: Ute Coyne, Charlene Braun

Bread & Wine: Kathleen Boggess

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kathleen Boggess

Lectors: Lynn Coyne, Carol Seaman

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Greeters: Drew & Amy Balcam

Council Coordinator: Frank Nierzwicki

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Ashley Ahlbrand

Lectors: Susan Hiller, Sharon Fawbush

Acolyte: Mary Rust

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Greeters: Drew & Leila Watters

Council Coordinator: Sarah Fogleman

The altar flowers this week are given
by Kris Stewart in memory of her father,
Kenneth Pohlmann.

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