



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 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

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

ELW#864

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



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!



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

*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 God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Amy Bartleson Balcam

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-4, 9-14

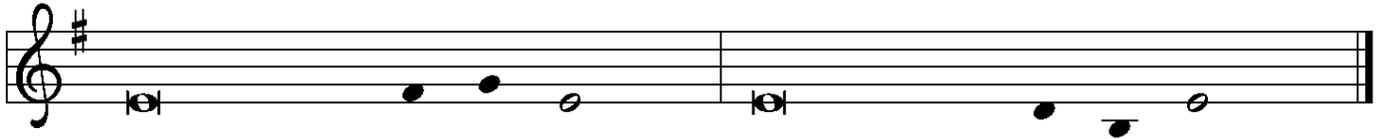
Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the

name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 30



- ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-
ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
- ²**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**
- ³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the
grave.
- ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**
- ⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the
morning.
- ⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**
- ⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong |
as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with
fear.
- ⁸**I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me; O LORD, | be my helper."

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.

SECOND READING

Acts 16:16-24

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

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 9:18-26

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

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

While he was [talking to John's disciples about fasting], suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years

came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

ELW#617

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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***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: Call your people to seek your wisdom in difficult conversations and action. Give the church everywhere courage to repent for the ways we have tolerated and practiced injustice, been silent in the face of systemic racism, and sanctioned colonialism. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Inspire our wonder at creation, from the light of dawn to the beauty of the dark night. Bring healing to lands and communities. We pray for the health Lake Izabel in Guatemala and all who rely on it for clean drinking water and livelihoods. Join our voices with our Jewish neighbors as they celebrate New Year for the Trees.* Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

*Tu BiShvat

A: Instruct the powerful in your ways. Provide upright leadership in business and industry, that workers are not oppressed, vulnerable communities protected, and natural resources replenished. Throughout the world, inspire voters and raise up politicians to heed your call for nations to practice righteousness. We pray for peace and comfort in Jerusalem after a recent synagogue shooting and in Pakistan after a mosque bombing. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Loosen the bonds of injustice in our midst. Grant peace to endless quarrels, put an end to hunger, and break every yoke of oppression. Shelter all who flee abuse in their homes or violence in their communities. Satisfy those afflicted in any way especially Elif, Jan, Caretta, Roger, Paula, Audrey, Deborah, Mike, Bob, Andrew, Doug, Yvonne, Jan, Jeff, Evelyn, Margrethe, Helen, and Leland. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We give you thanks for our relationship with Iglesia de Santo Domingo de Guzman and the people of Chichipate. Bless us that we may learn from one another, stand together against oppression, and work for mercy and peace in our world. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: The cross and resurrection bring redemption from sin and death. We praise you for all whose unshaken faith in Christ shines forth in their witness. Keep them in our remembrance and bring us with them into the kingdom of heaven. 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
ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matt Benkert

11 a.m. only
CHOIR ANTHEM
I Call to the Lord

Felix Mendelßohn

*OFFERTORY HYMN
Lift Every Voice and Sing

ELW#841
verse 1

Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871-1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873-1954

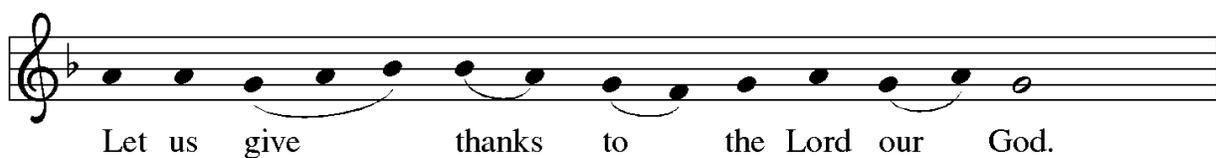
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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,

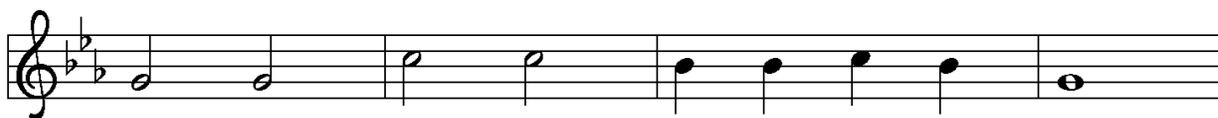
C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

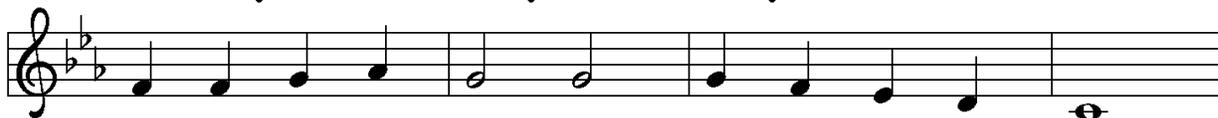
*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

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. Spanish 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.**

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los
que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

*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.



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.



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

Come, Ye Disconsolate

ELW#607

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come

ELW#610

Come, Ye Disconsolate

1 Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish;
 2 Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3 Here see the Bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing

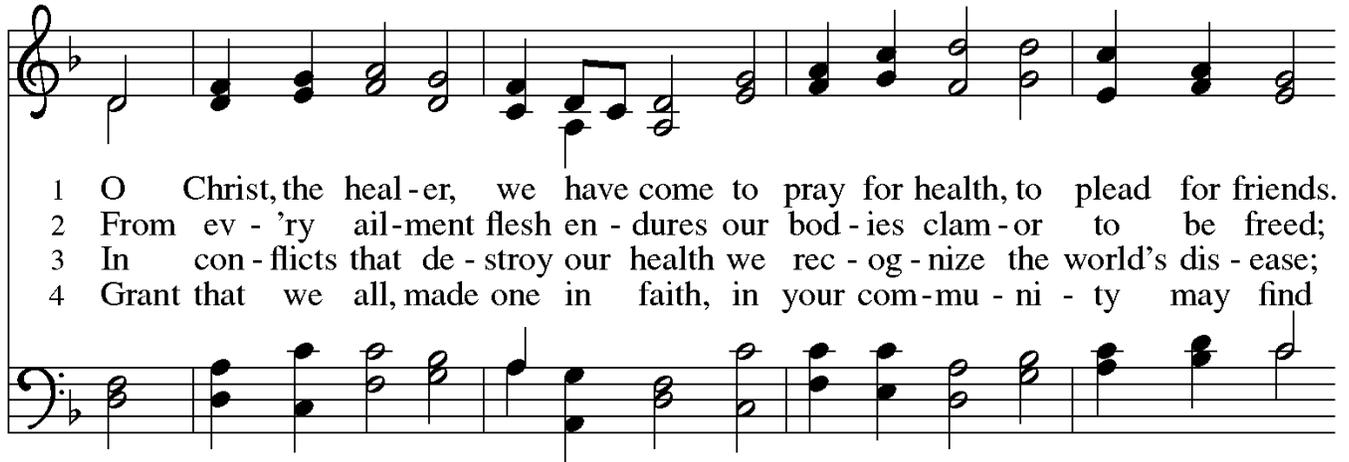
come to the mer - cy - seat, fer - vent - ly kneel.
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure;
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove.

Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing

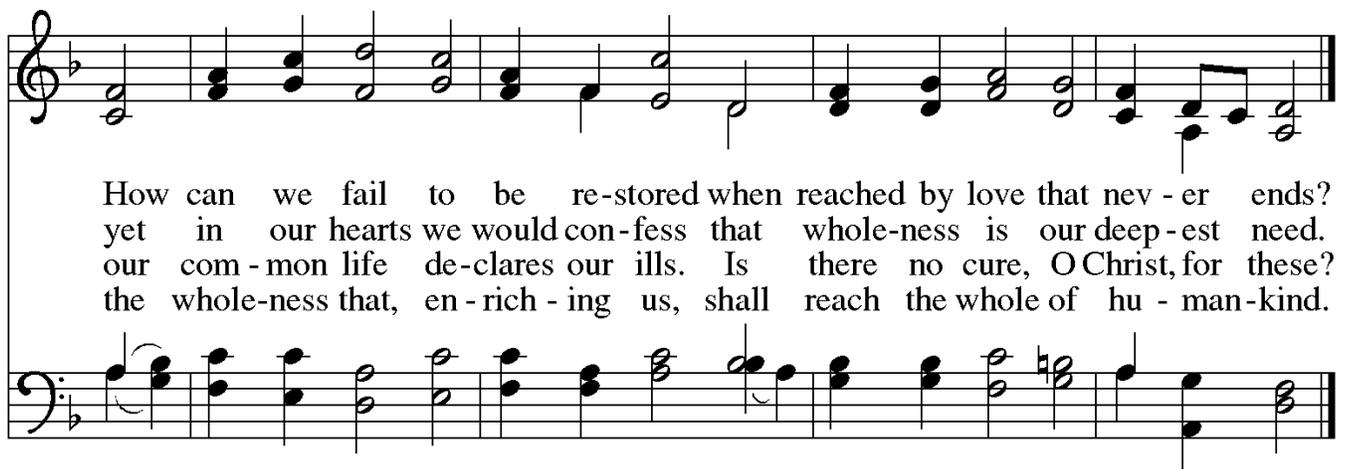
earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
 earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Text: Thomas Moore, 1779-1852, sts. 1-2; Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872, st. 3
 Music: CONSOLATOR, Samuel Webbe Sr., 1740-1816

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come



1 O Christ, the heal-er, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
2 From ev - 'ry ail-ment flesh en - dures our bod - ies clam - or to be freed;
3 In con - flicts that de - stroy our health we rec - og - nize the world's dis - ease;
4 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com - mu - ni - ty may find



How can we fail to be re-stored when reached by love that nev - er ends?
yet in our hearts we would con-fess that whole-ness is our deep - est need.
our com - mon life de - clares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
the whole-ness that, en - rich - ing us, shall reach the whole of hu - man-kind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: DISTRESS, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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*EUCHARISTIC 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.

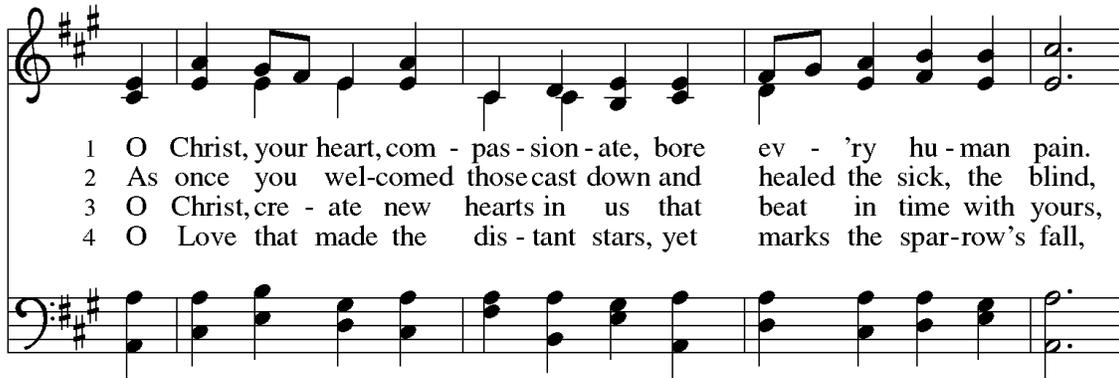
C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

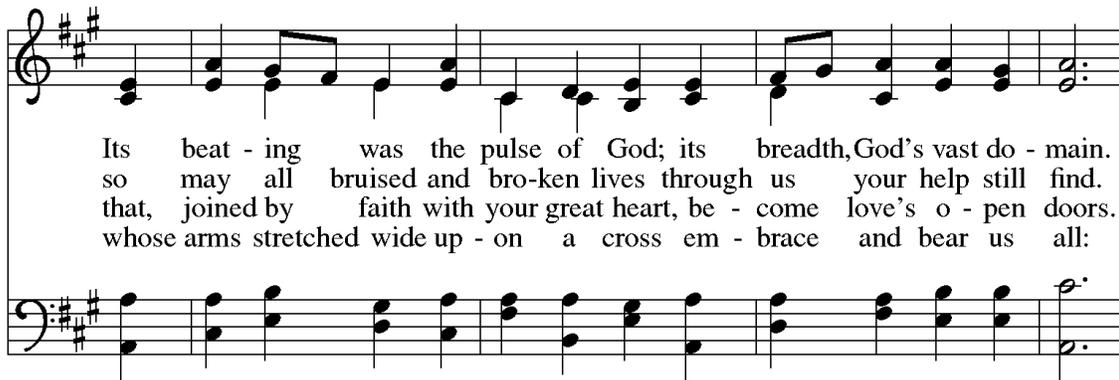
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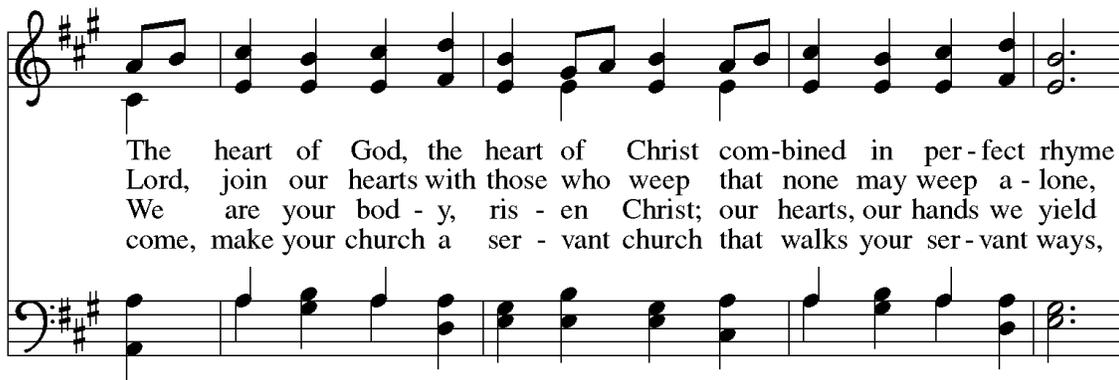
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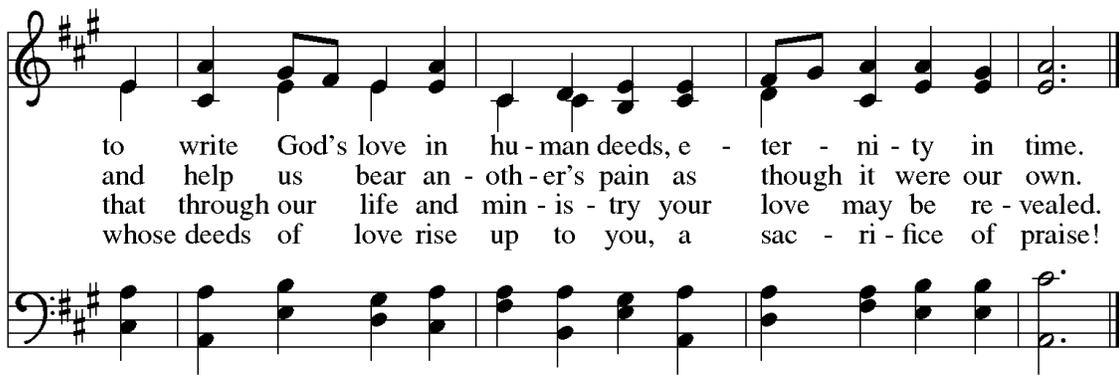
1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
 so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
 that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
 whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
 Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
 We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
 come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
 and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
 that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
 whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833
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***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 February 5

Sister Parish Virtual Delegation

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: Civic Life and Faith

11 a.m. Worship

2 p.m. Sister Parish Zoom Conversation

Monday February 6

7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday February 7

5:30 p.m. Dinner - Sister Parish Virtual
Delegation

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

7 p.m. Program - Sister Parish Virtual
Delegation

Wednesday February 8

5:15 p.m. Christian Education Committee
Meeting

8 p.m. Urban Plunge Meeting

Thursday February 9

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday February 11

4 p.m. Sister Parish Zoom Conversation

Sunday February 12
Sister Parish Virtual Delegation
Camp Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: Civic Life and Faith
- 9:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 11 a.m. Worship

Announcements

Souper Bowl of Caring: STLC vs. Rose House LuMin
St. Thomas demands a rematch after losing the Golden Charger to Rose House LuMin in last year's Souper Bowl of Caring (peanut butter vs. cereal). The 2023 Souper Bowl of Caring is a PASTA ROYALE. Members and friends are invited to bring in dried pasta to support Rose House LuMin and pasta sauce to support St. Thomas next **Sunday, February 12**. The community with the greatest number of boxes or jars will be the winner and will host the Golden Charger for the year.

Sharing Blessings–Virtual Visit 2023

Our Virtual Visit with Iglesia de Santo Domingo de Guzman is an exciting opportunity to share the life and culture of our respective communities. The week of the virtual delegation, February 5-12, we will share livestreamed worship services in both communities and three Zoom conversations to reconnect with our brothers and sisters in Chichipate and grow in our relationship. You'll be getting links for all these resources and Zoom conversations in daily emails from St. Thomas.

On Sunday, February 5 our 8:30 a.m. liturgy will be livestreamed, so please sing out on our Spanish-language music! During Adult Forum at 9:45 a.m. Pastor Adrienne will introduce the study guide from the ELCA Task Force on Civic Life and Faith. And there will be a 2 p.m. Zoom conversation with the delegation from Chichipate, which you can join from home.

On Tuesday, February 7 at 7 p.m. we'll Zoom in for **A Sustaining Faith: Hearing the Story of a Chichipate Elder**. Maria Maquin will tell us about her life and the lives of women in Chichipate.

You can Zoom from home to hear Sra. Maquin or get together as a group at St. Thomas—**and if you do want to get together, you're invited to come at 5:30 p.m. for tacos.** We're offering this taco meal as an experience of *convivencia*. We'll contribute to it together, serve it together, eat together, and clean up together. Please sign up on the Virtual Visit table — that's the one with the party lights!

On Friday, February 10 you're invited to watch a film about Guatemala at home. We've put a selection of films under the ACT menu at stlconline.org and we'll have space on the church website for your comments and reflections.

On Saturday, February 11 at 4 p.m. we'll have a Zoom conversation on refugee resettlement with a presentation by our refugee team. You can Zoom in to this conversation from home.

On Sunday, February 12 during Adult Forum, Pastor Adrienne will continue our discussion of Civic Life and Faith. Then we'll have an opportunity to experience 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship at Santo Domingo on Zoom. We'll setup a video in Heritage Hall and you're invited to attend their service, our

service, or stroll back and forth between the two. And after our 11 a.m. service, let's get together for a farewell photograph.

What is an Urban Plunge?

Students and their parents can join us on **Wednesday, February 8 at 8 p.m.** for a short Zoom meeting to learn more about the Urban Plunge, meet the leaders and learn how to be involved. Contact Pastor Lecia for the Zoom link.

Adult Forums

In 2019, the ELCA Churchwide Assembly indicated the need for broad social teaching on Civic Life and Faith. When the church creates social statements—our highest and most influential social teaching statements—a task force concludes an extended period of study by releasing study documents for the whole church to review and provide comments. Join Pr. Adrienne on **February 5 and 12** to explore this study guide and prepare comments and feedback to the task force.

Women's Bible Study

The St. Thomas Women's Bible Study will meet on **Sunday February 12** in Room 14 to continue our look into the Ten Commandments. Please come and join this very interesting study! We didn't finish Session 1 last month, so we will continue with that and move into session 2.

LuMin Lunch for Students

Undergraduate and Graduate students are invited for lunch after the second service on **Sunday, February 19**. Join Pastors Amanda, Adrienne, and Lecia, Vicar Amy, and members of the St. Thomas council for a free lunch and conversation.

Lent Mini-Retreat

Explore our Lenten theme, *Works of Love: a Christian's Freedom to Resist Despair*, at our Lent Mini-Retreat in Heritage Hall on **Sunday, February 19 at 9:45 a.m.** and before Ash Wednesday worship on Wednesday, February 22. There will be no Sunday School on February 19 so individuals, groups of friends, and children with their grown-ups can drop-in for activities and collect take-home resources to use during the season of Lent.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is **February 22**. The Psalmist sings, “a broken and contrite heart, God, you will not despise,” and, so, we begin the season of Lent with confession. The imposition of ashes reminds us of our brokenness, our sin, our mortality—but in the symbol that points to wholeness, forgiveness, and resurrection: the cross. Join us for worship at 7pm in the worship space.

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 Leland Heidebrecht.

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: Barb Unger, Debbie Witt

Bread & Wine: Vicki Polansky

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Karlyn Grise

Lectors: David Ellies, Lynn Coyne

Ushers: Gene & Gayl Laughman

Greeters: Mike & Jaydene Laros

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Mary Thomason-Smith

Lectors: Noah Smith, Tim Smith

Acolyte: Hope Meier

Lord's Prayer Leader: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Greeters: Kaye Hill

Council Coordinator: Tim Smith

**The altar flowers this week are given
by Gene & Gayl Laughman
in remembrance of their son Tony
and in honor of
their daughter Chris and son-in-law Kelly.**

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