



**First Sunday in Lent**

**February 26, 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.**

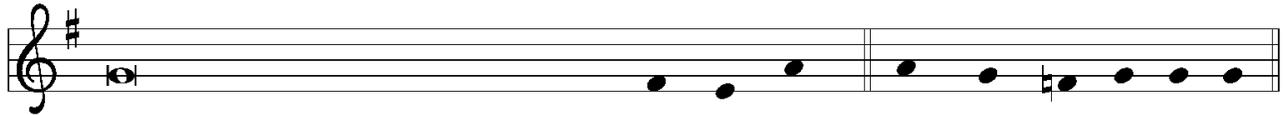
We would love to pray for the concerns of your heart during this service. Prayer request slips are located on the table near the main doors; prayer requests made before the service begins will be included in the Prayers of the People.

**+ GATHERING +**

**PRELUDE**

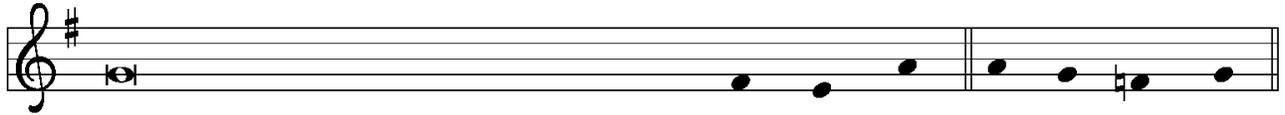
**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**





From war, bloodshed, and violence;  
from corrupt and unjust government;  
from sedi - tion and treason: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**

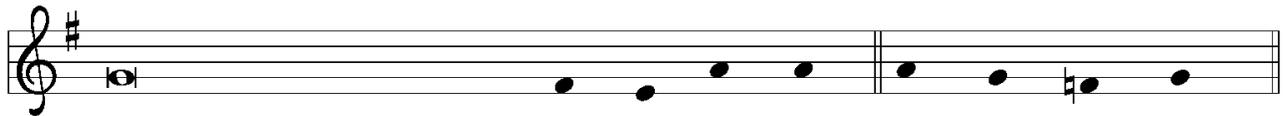
From epidemic, drought, and famine;  
from fire and flood, earthquake,  
lightning, and storm,  
and from ever - last - ing death: **Good Lord, de - liv - er us.**



By the mystery of your incarnation; by your ho - ly birth: **Help us, good Lord.**

By your baptism, fasting, and temptation;  
by your agony and bloody sweat;  
by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial: **Help us, good Lord.**

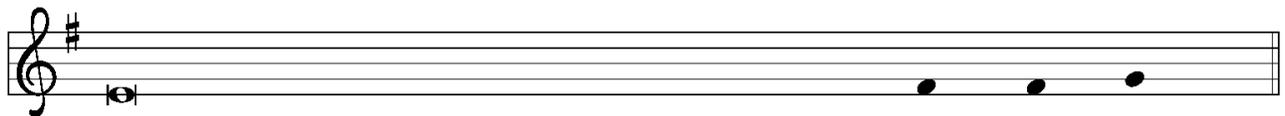
By your resurrection and ascension;  
by the gift of the Ho - ly Spirit: **Help us, good Lord.**



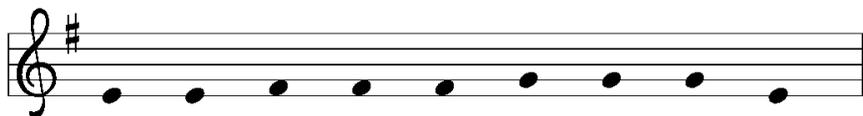
In all time of our tribulation;  
in all time of our prosperity;  
in the hour of death; and in the day of judg - ment: **Save us, good Lord.**



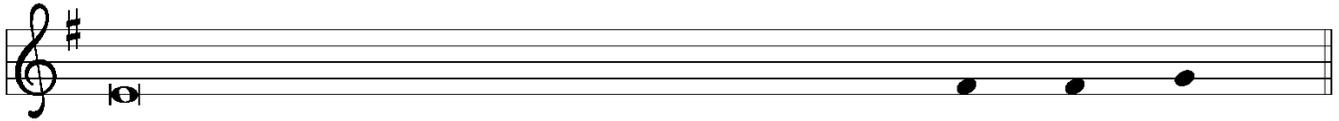
Though unworthy, we im - plore you to hear us, Lord our God.



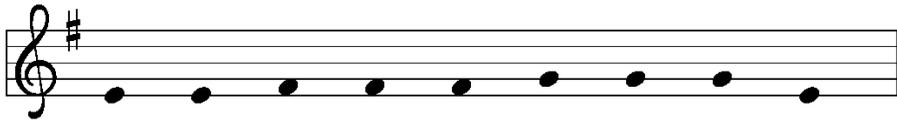
To rule and govern your holy catholic church;  
to guide all servants of your church  
in the love of your word and in holiness of life;  
to put an end to all schisms  
and causes of offense to those who would believe;  
and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone a - stray:



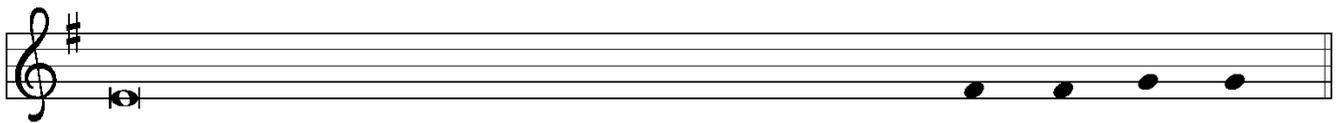
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



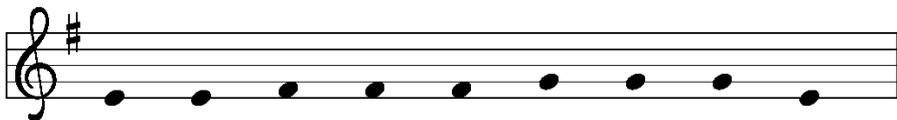
To beat down Satan under our feet;  
to send faithful workers into your harvest;  
to accompany your word with your Spirit and power;  
to raise up those who fall  
and to strengthen those who stand;  
and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the dis - tressed:



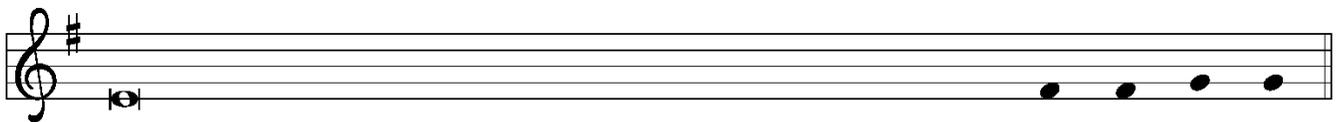
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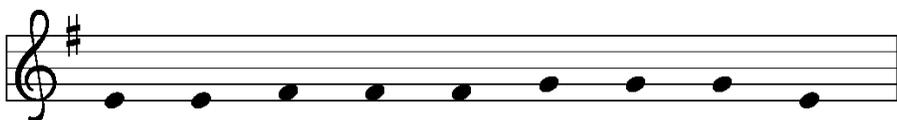
To give to all nations justice and peace;  
to preserve our country from discord and strife;  
to direct and guard those who have civil authority;  
and to bless and guide all our peo - ple:



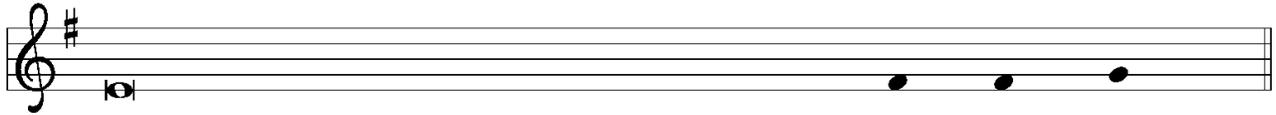
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation;  
to protect and guide all who travel;  
to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth;  
to watch over children and to guide the young;  
to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends;  
to bring reconciliation to families in discord;  
to provide for the unemployed and for all in need;  
to be merciful to all who are imprisoned;  
to support, comfort, and guide  
all orphans, widowers, and widows;  
and to have mercy on all your peo - ple:



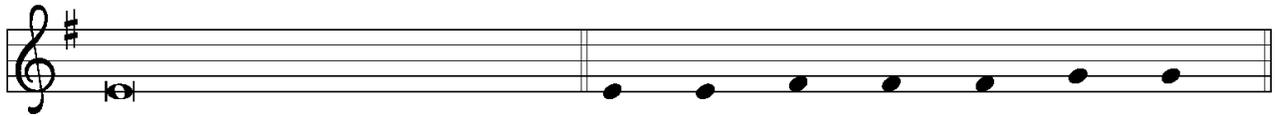
**We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.**



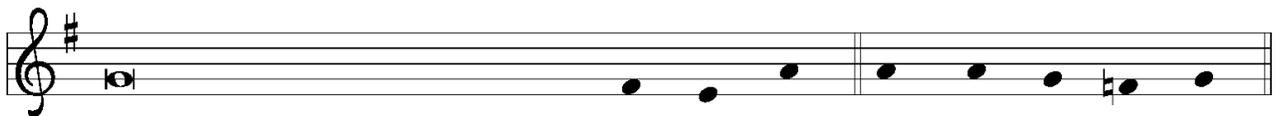
To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,  
and to reconcile us to them;  
to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures  
of the earth, the sea, and the air;  
and graciously to hear our prayers:



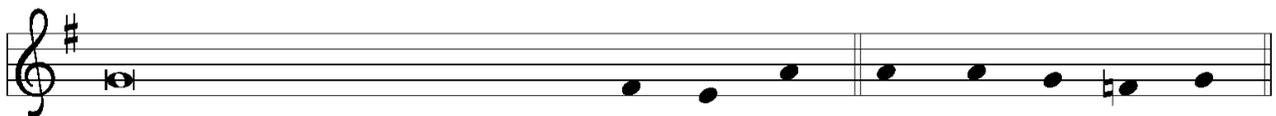
We im - plore you to hear us, good Lord.



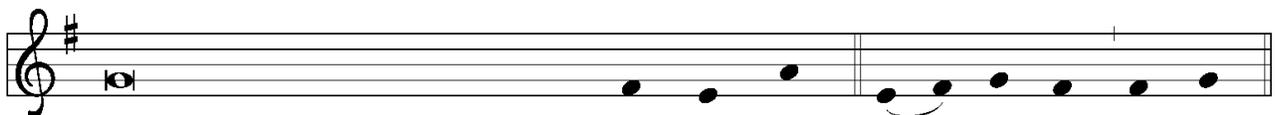
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we im - plore you to hear us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; give us peace. A - men.



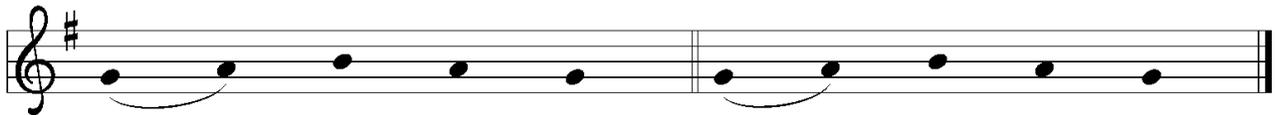
O Christ, hear us. In mer - cy hear us.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## \*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.**

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## +WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Genesis 2:7-9, 15-17, 21-25; 3:1-7, emended

Then the LORD God formed the human from the dust of the ground and breathed into its nostrils the breath of life, and the human became a living being. And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there God put the human whom God had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The LORD God took the human and put it in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the human, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the human, and it slept; then God took the human's side and closed up its place with flesh. And the Lord God built from the human's side a woman and brought her to the human. Then the human said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?” The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,

knowing good and evil.” So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 51

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, God,  
according to your faithful love;  
According to your abundant mother-love  
blot out my transgressions.

**<sup>2</sup>Thoroughly wash me from my iniquity,  
and from my sin cleanse me.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is perpetually before me.

**<sup>4</sup>Against you, against you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
therefore, you are justified in your verdict  
and blameless in your judgement.**

<sup>5</sup>Look, I wriggled out in iniquity,  
and was a sinner when my mother conceived  
me.

<sup>6</sup>**Look, you desire truth in the inward parts;  
so teach me wisdom in secret.**

<sup>7</sup>Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Make me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and wipe out all my iniquities.

<sup>10</sup>**Create a clean heart for me, God,  
and implant a new spirit within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain me with a generous spirit.**

<sup>13</sup>I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

<sup>14</sup>**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,  
God of my salvation.**

<sup>15</sup>Holy One, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

<sup>16</sup>**For you have no delight in sacrifice;  
were I to give a burnt offering, you would not  
accept.**

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not  
despise.

## SECOND READING

Revelation 22:1-5, 16-17, emended

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and God's servants will worship God; they will see God's, and God's name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

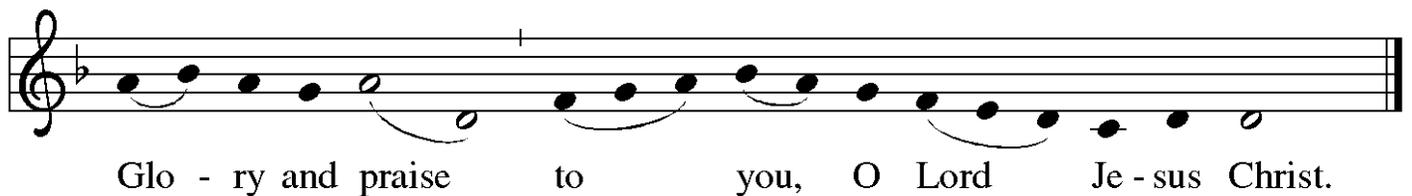
"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."  
And let everyone who hears say, "Come."  
And let everyone who is thirsty come.  
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as  
a gift.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 3:1-6

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the  
wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the  
kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the  
one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he  
said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;  
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

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

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

There in God’s Garden

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# There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!"

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,  
 this my resurrection;  
 into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 healing, strength, and pardon.  
 Peoples and nations,  
 take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

P: You alone are God. Sustain your church in times of wilderness. Give vision and wisdom to bishops, their staff, and all entrusted with the ministry of administration *especially* Bishop Bill and the staff of the Indiana-Kentucky synod including Pr. Dan, Pr. Nancy, Pr. Cory, Pr. Daniel, Pr. Jerry, Pr. Karl, April, Carol, and Susie. Counsel all who faithfully lead your people into the future. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You create verdant gardens and expansive deserts. Tend to the needs of every living creature. Bless those who work in fields and orchards, and St. Thomas's Community Garden, that the world is nourished by the fruits of their labor. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You know our temptations. Sustain those who govern and legislate. Instill in them a sense of your justice and righteousness, that equity and peace would pervade all the regions and nations of the world. In the Indiana Statehouse, preserve the rights of LGBTQIA+ people .  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You are a hiding place for all in distress. Draw near to exiles, and accompany all refugees and immigrants, especially children who travel alone. In times of trouble, trauma, or illness, surround your people with your steadfast love especially Elif, Jan, Caretta, Roger, Paula, Audrey, Deborah, Mike, Bob, Andrew, Doug, Yvonne, Jan, Evelyn, Margrethe, Helen, Jacky, and Lois.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You offer abundance to all. Bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Help us to remember our nametags, to be unafraid to say hello, to forgive when we've been forgotten, to be generous hosts, and to be gracious guests in this place. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: You alone are God. We praise you for the faithful departed in every age. Unite our prayers with theirs, until our wilderness journey is complete, and we rest in you. Merciful God,  
**C: receive our prayer.**

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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.*

*Pass the offering plate to your neighbor as it reaches you, gifts may be placed in the offering plate or you can 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 OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

11 a.m. only

CHORAL ANTHEM

Gethsemane's Window

Lou Ann Schafer

\*OFFERTORY HYMN

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

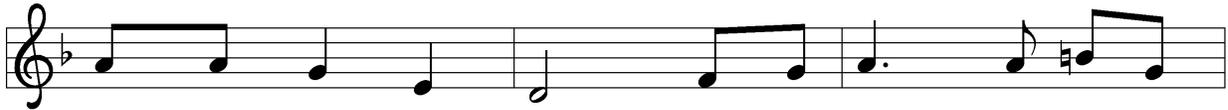
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Verse 1 and Lent 1

# Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
bod - y of our Lord.  
riv - er, you the sea.

*One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.*

## *General*

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
give new strength to our believing,  
give us faith to live your word

## *Lent 1*

From the dawning of creation  
you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation,  
make us turn to you alone.

## *Lent 2*

In our call to be a blessing,  
may we be a blessing true;  
may we live and die confessing  
Christ as Lord of all we do.

## *Lent 3*

Living Water of salvation,  
be the fountain of each soul;  
springing up in new creation,  
flow in us and make us whole.

## *Lent 4*

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
make us children of your light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
as your gospel shining bright.

## *Lent 5*

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death,  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as every breath.

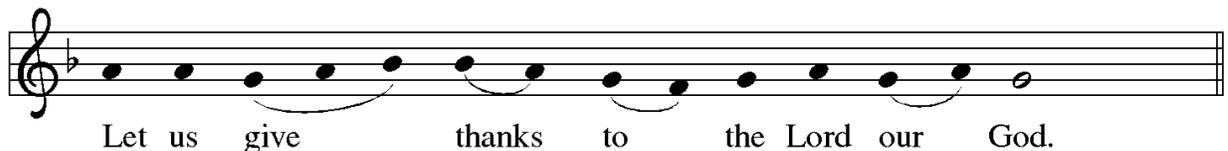
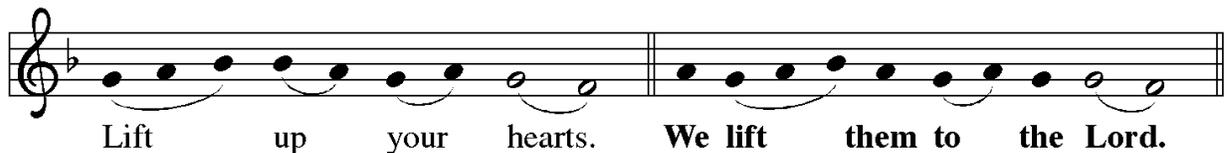
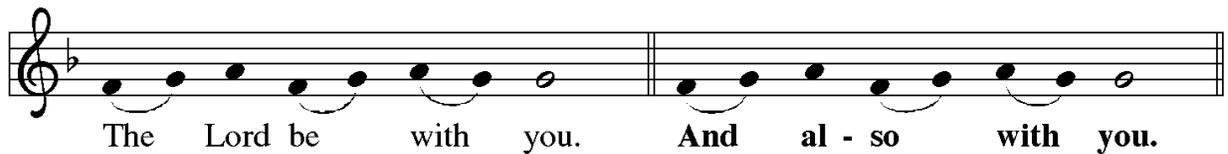
## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

**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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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: With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

*Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete. Norwegian 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.**

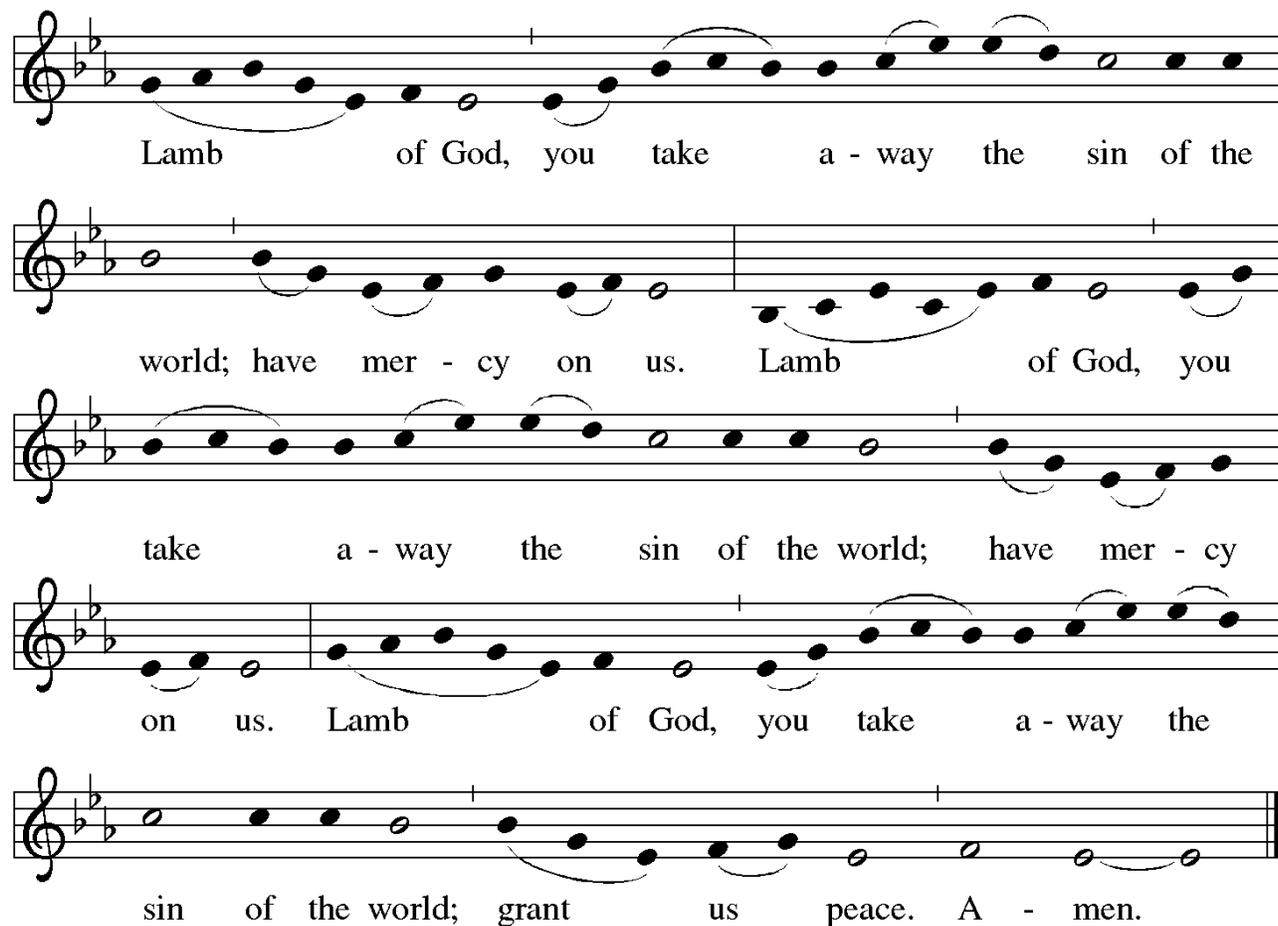
Vår Far i himmelen!  
La navnet ditt helliges.  
La riket ditt komme.  
La viljen din skje på jorden slik som i himmelen.  
Gi oss i dag vårt daglige brød,  
og tilgi oss vår skyld,  
slik også vi tilgir våre skyldnere.  
Og la oss ikke komme i fristelse,  
men frels oss fra det onde.  
For riket er ditt og makten og æren i evighet.  
Amen.

#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

*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.*

# LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

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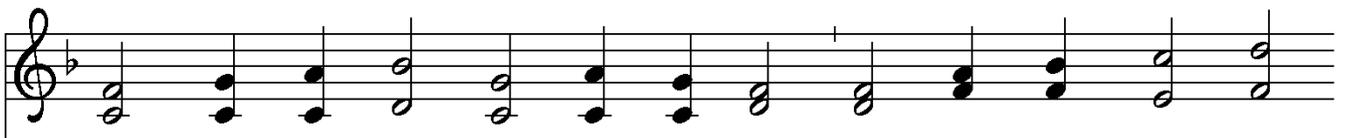
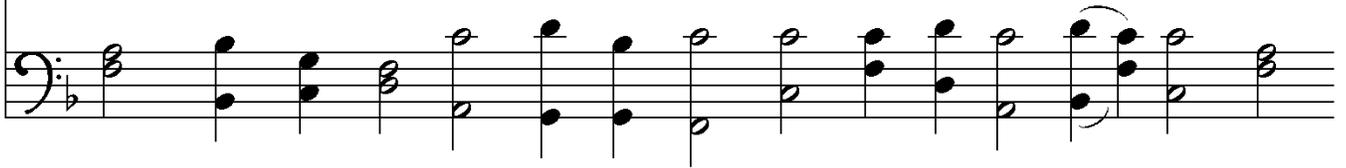
# A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.  
2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,  
3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:  
4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.  
whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.  
"My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."  
You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -  
"Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren  
Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals  
Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



out com-plaint; his spot-less life he of-fers. He bears the shame,  
 from their dread of death and con-dem-na-tion. The pain-ful stripes  
 can-not right the Son was sent from heav-en. What love, O Love,  
 ter-ni-ty be-fore the throne of heav-en, where we shall stand

the stripes, the wrath; his an-guish, mock-er-y,  
 are hard to bear, but by your death they all  
 who came to save by lov-ing e-ven to  
 close by your side, your church, the well-ap-point-

and death for us he glad-ly suf-fers.  
 can share the joy of your sal-va-tion."  
 the grave un-til the stone was riv-en.  
 ed bride, when all the faith-ful gath-er.

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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. Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

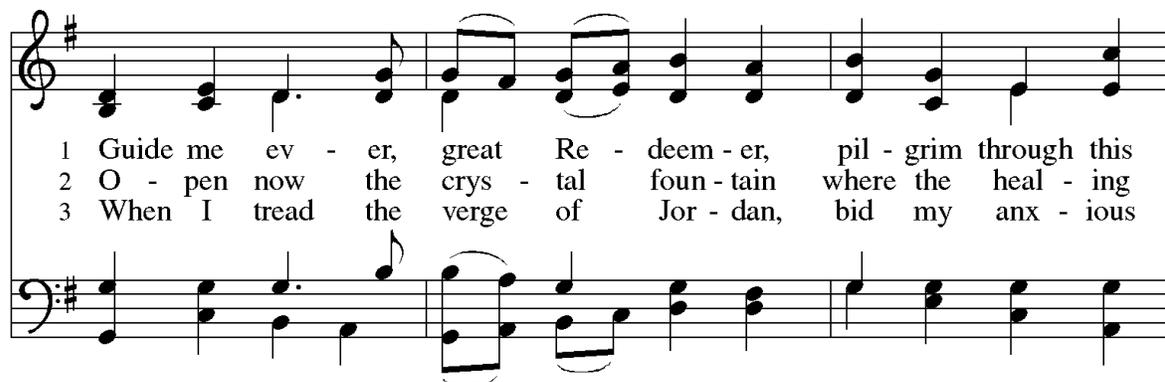
**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

Guide me Ever, Great Redeemer

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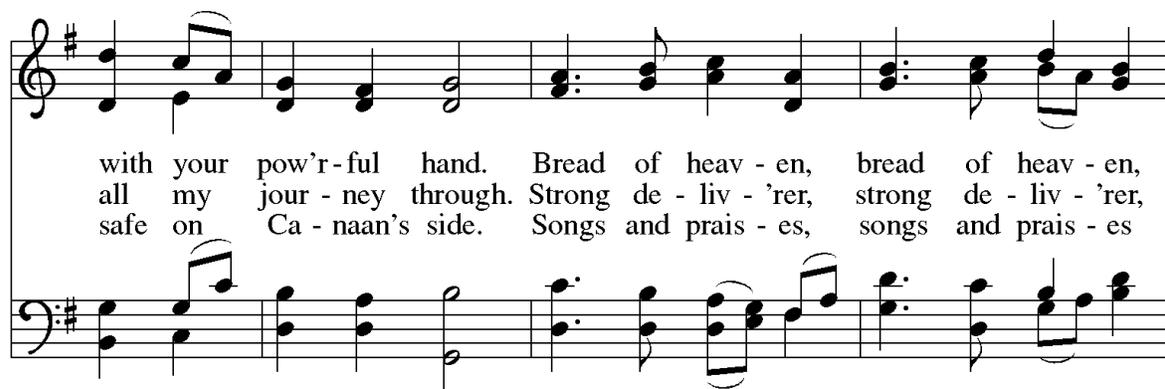
# Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me  
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,  
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.  
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve in love.

**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 February 26**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Concert
- 4 p.m. Junior High Youth Game Night
- 5:30 p.m. Senior High Youth Game Night

### **Wednesday March 1**

- 7 p.m. Midweek Service

### **Thursday March 2**

- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday March 4**

- 10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

### **Sunday March 5**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 11 a.m. Worship

## **Announcements**

### **Lenten Midweek Services**

Each Wednesday in Lent, **beginning March 1**, we will explore the world's despair and the works of love Christians—and not just any Christians, but members of St. Thomas—employ in order to resist hopelessness. Our worship will feature music from Holden Village by Marty Haugen, including Holden Evening Prayer and Holden Prayer Around the Cross: Beside Still Waters. **Midweek worship will be held in Heritage Hall at 7pm.**

### **Property Committee Work Days**

This month the Property Committee meets **Saturday March 4 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.

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

Elif Ogan, Jan Ellis, Caretta Van Ruler, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Audrey Alpers, Deborah O'Brien, Mike Ost, Bob Osborn, Andrew Halvorson, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Jan Coulter, 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: Shirley Mingee, Charlene Braun

Bread & Wine: Carol Seaman

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

Assisting Minister: Amy Bartleson Balcam

Lectors: Elaine Moore, Jim Ward

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Communion Steward: David Ellies

Greeters: Shirley Mingee

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

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

Assisting Minister: Amy Bartleson Balcam

Lectors: Susan Hiller, Sandy Arnold

Ushers: Dean Arnold, Kaye Hill

Communion Steward: Mary Thomason-Smith

Greeters: Karen Rohlfing, Susan Colston

Council Coordinator: Kaye Hill

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