

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 14, 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

\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

**C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

**C: In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.**

P: Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**C: Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

P: Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

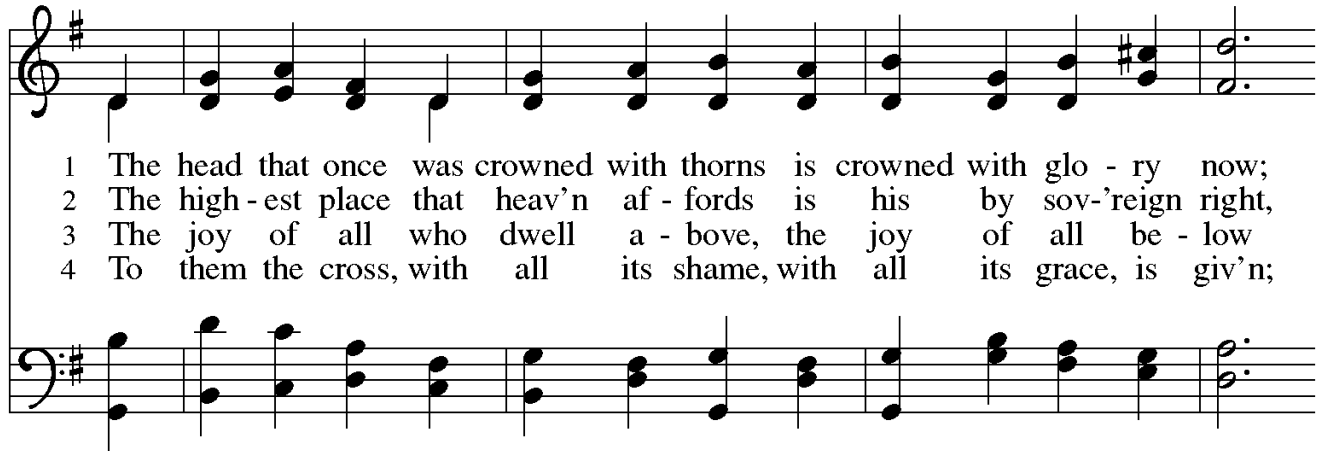
**C: Amen.**

\*ENTRANCE HYMN

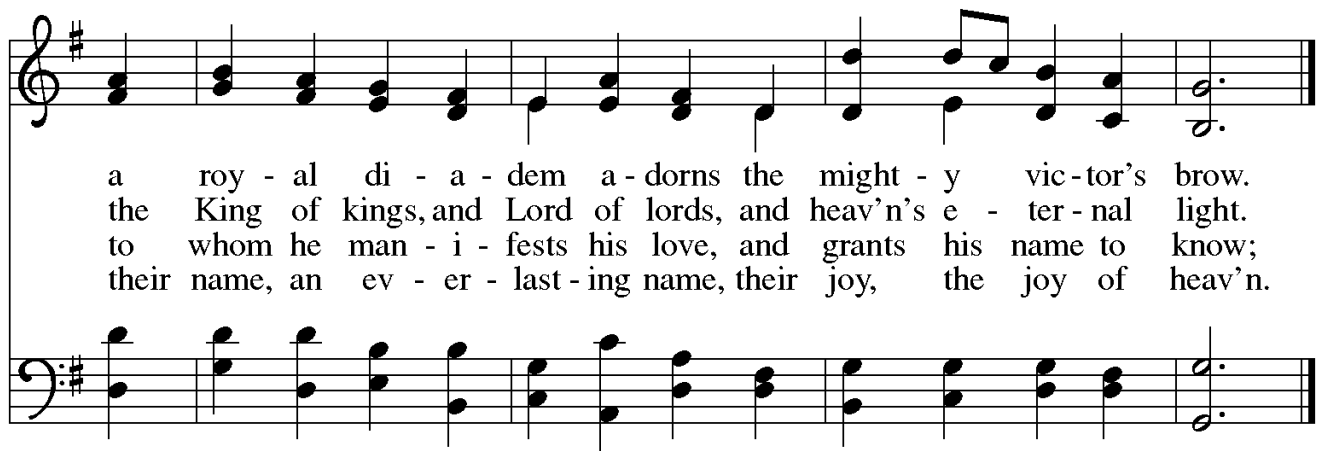
The Head That Was Once Crowned

ELW#432

# The Head That Once Was Crowned



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,  
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.  
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;  
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

5 They suffer with their Lord below;  
they reign with him above;  
their profit and their joy to know  
the myst'ry of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him;  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme!

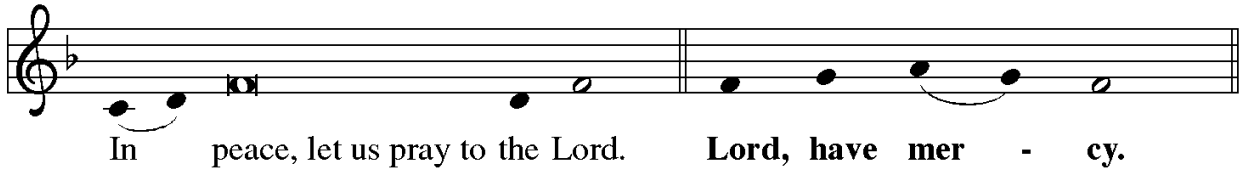
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Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

## \*GREETING

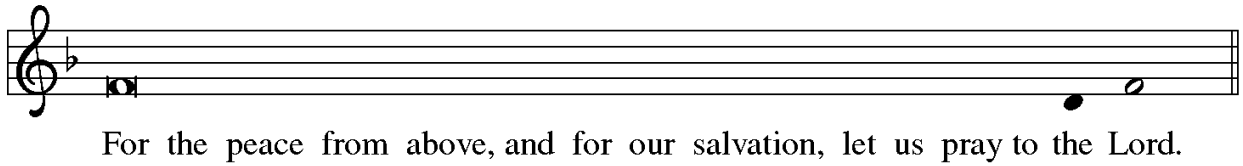
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

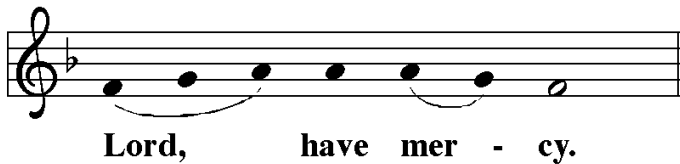
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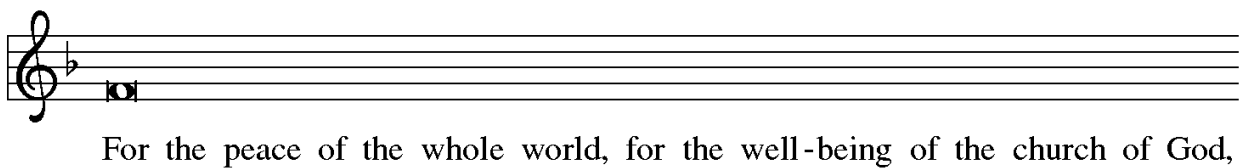
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



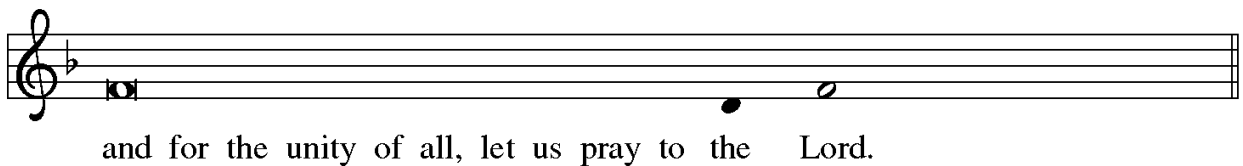
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



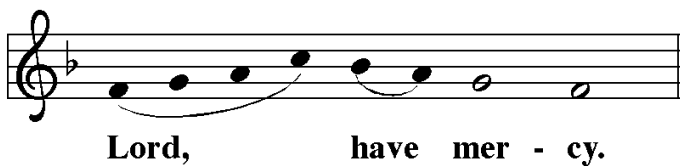
Lord, have mer - cy.



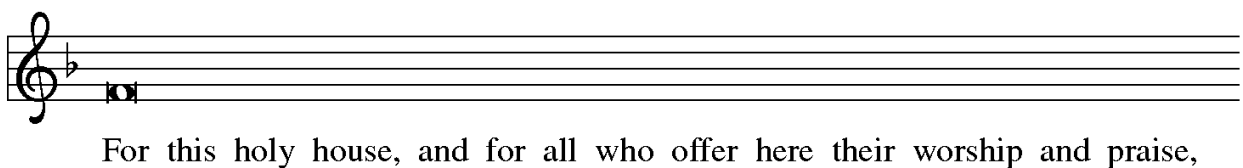
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



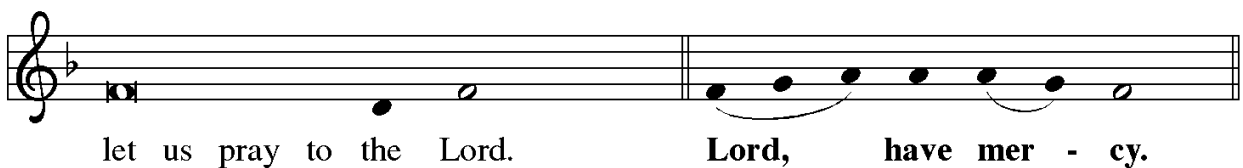
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.



# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb




who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, for by your cross you have redeemed the world and by your resurrection you have joined us to your life. Grant us courage to receive you always and empower us in witness so all may recognize in the scandal of the cross the mystery of abundant life, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## +WORD+

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Vicar Amy Bartleson Balcam

### FIRST READING

Acts 17:22-34

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, the one who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is God served by human hands, as though God needed anything, since the Lord gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor God made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and God allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for God and find God—though indeed the Lord is not far from each one of us. For 'In the Lord we live and

move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are God's offspring.'

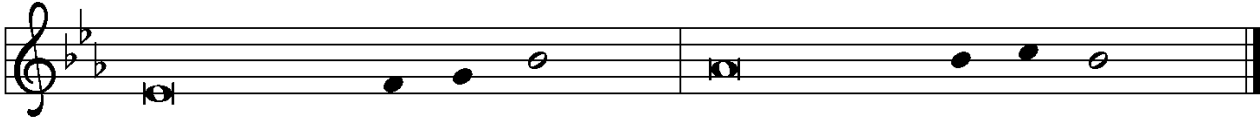
"Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now the Lord commands all people everywhere to repent, because God has fixed a day on which the world will be judged in righteousness by a person whom God has appointed, and of this God has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed, but others said, "We will hear you again about this." At that point Paul left them. But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 19: 7-10



<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- |  
vives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives  
wisdom to | the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | jice  
the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and  
gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures  
forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and  
righteous | altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more  
than | much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the  
comb.**

## SECOND READING

Philippians 3:7-11

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things,

and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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 27:45-54**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

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

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake



and what took place, they were terrified and said,  
“Truly this man was God’s Son!”

P: The Gospel of our Lord!

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

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

In The Cross of Christ I Glory

ELW#324

# In the Cross of Christ I Glory



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

## **\*NICENE CREED**

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

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and Earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver  
of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped  
and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic  
Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A: Mothering God, you gather us as a hen gathers her chicks. We give you thanks for the vocation of parenting, for mothers everywhere, and for aunts, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers, and anyone who cares for children with love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: All the earth sings praises to you because you care for the earth and all who dwell therein. Restore the world and inspire us to nurture creation as you do. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You call all people of the world your children. We pray for parents who live apart from their children in order to provide for them, for parents who undertake dangerous journeys for their children's safety and freedom, and for parents who struggle to protect their children in the midst of armed conflict. May every parents and every

parents' child be met with justice, equity, meaningful labor, welcome, and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. We pray for those who are estranged from their parents, whose relationships are complicated by mental or physical illness, or strained by hardship and trauma. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving *especially* Elif, Caretta, Roger, Paula, Audrey, Deborah, Mike, Bob, Andrew, Doug, Yvonne, Jan, Evelyn, Helen, Jacky, Lois, Keri, Marcia, Robert, Diana, Matilde, and Shirley. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: You hold us in your loving care. We pray for people who are pregnant or waiting to adopt a child and for those who struggle with infertility or pregnancy loss. We pray for an end to shame and guilt for those who cannot or do not wish to become parents and confidence in your call to other holy vocations. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. Console those who grieve the death of a mother or who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.  
**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.  
**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.

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

11 a.m.

CHOIR ANTHEM

O All Ye Nations

Heinrich Schütz



# \*OFFERTORY HYMN

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives

ELW#619

*Verses 1, and 7*

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
he lives to plead for me above;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed;  
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
he lives and loves me to the end;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
what joy this blest assurance gives:  
I know that my Redeemer lives!

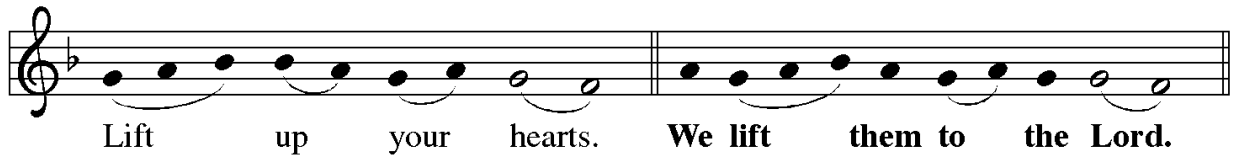
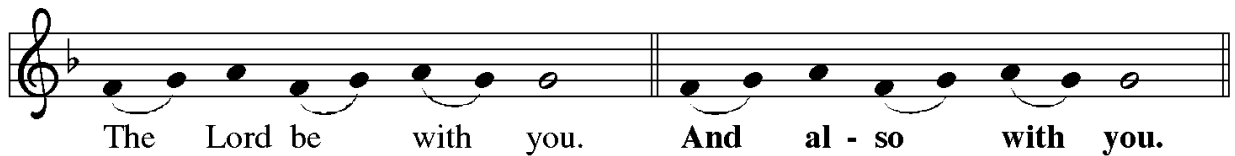
## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

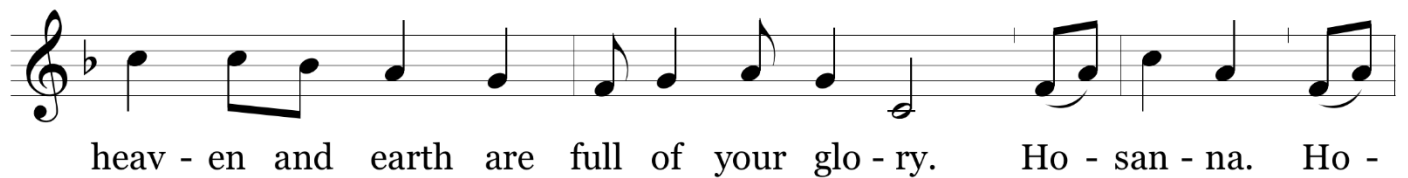
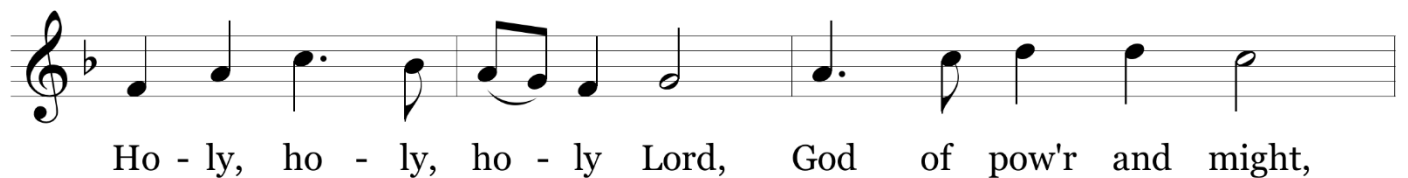
**C: Amen.**

## + 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

**C: We praise you, O God.**

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

**C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

**C: We thank you, O God.**

P: 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.

P: 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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

**C: Amen.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

Göklerdeki Babamız,  
Adın kutsal kılınsın.  
Egemenliğin gelsin.  
Gökte olduğu gibi, yeryüzünde de senin istediğin  
olsun.  
Bugün bize gündelik ekmeğimizi ver.  
Bize karşı suç işleyenleri bağışladığımız gibi,  
Sen de bizim suçlarımızı bağışla.  
Ayartılmamıza izin verme.  
Bizi kötü olandan kurtar.  
Çünkü egemenlik, güç ve yücelik sonsuzlara dek  
senindir!  
amin

#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*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 an usher and receive bread or gluten-free wafer and wine in a common chalice or pink wine and red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

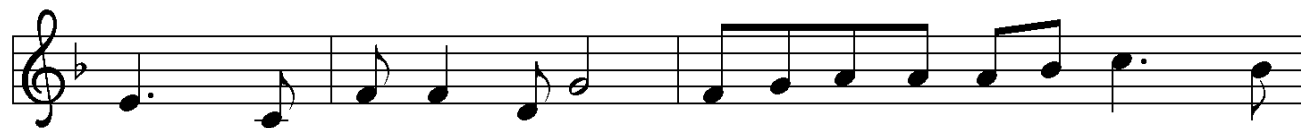
# LAMB OF GOD



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.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW#886

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

ELW#803



# Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.




5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

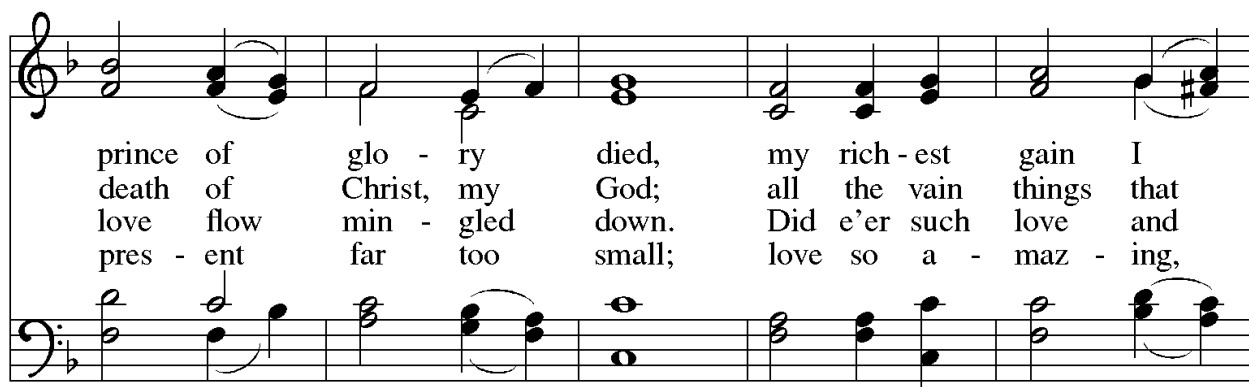
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

# When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and  
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and  
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**\*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. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P:** The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

**Awake, My Heart, With Gladness**

**ELW#378**

# Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;  
2 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all their pow'r are shorn;  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!  
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my Sav - ior true;  
5 Christ brings me to the por - tal that leads to bliss un - told,



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
now I am safe from e - vil, and sin I laugh to scorn.  
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.  
my Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er he pass - es through.  
where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal is found in script of gold:



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made  
For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry  
No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,  
He rends death's i - ron chain; he breaks through sin and pain;  
“Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown pre - pared;



when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.  
he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.  
he shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
who there with me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied.”

**\*DISMISSAL**

**A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.**

**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 May 14**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. ECHO Plant Sale
- 9:45 a.m. Mutual Ministry Committee Meeting
- 11 a.m. Worship

### **Monday May 15**

- 9:45 a.m. Worship at Bell Trace

### **Tuesday May 16**

- 10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day
- 2 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting
- 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

### **Thursday May 18**

- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Saturday May 20**

- 1 p.m. Memorial Service for Lois Hamilton

### **Sunday May 21**

#### **Rogation Sunday**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: Community Garden  
Tour And Blessing
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 12:30 p.m. Council Meeting

## **Vicar Amy Approved for Graduation**

Our intern, Vicar Amy Bartleson Balcam, has been approved by the faculty of Luther Seminary and will graduate on Sunday, May 21. Congratulations to Vicar Amy on this achievement. Next, Vicar Amy will interview with the Candidacy Committee of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod for approval for ordination.

## **Announcements**

### **Pastor Lecia and Pastor Adrienne Out of the Office**

Pastor Lecia is out of the office through May 17. Pastor Adrienne will be out of the office May 15 through May 17 for continuing education. (There will be no Pastor's Bible Study this week.)

### **Pentecost Sunday: One Service and Brunch**

Celebrate Pentecost at St. Thomas on **Sunday, May 28 with one service at 9:30 a.m.** and enjoy a potluck brunch after the service in Community Hall. If you are interested in participating in a multi-lingual reading during the Pentecost celebration, please contact the church office. Also let us know which languages you are able to speak.

## **Worship Time Change**

Beginning **Sunday, June 4**, St. Thomas worship will be held at **8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.**, our summer schedule.

## **Pie with the Pastors**

The congregation at St. Thomas exists because of the dedication of its members and associate members, people who shape the congregation and its future, and support the congregation's ministries by volunteering their time, supporting the congregation financially, and directing the congregation's future at official meetings. Are you ready to take a next step and become a member of St. Thomas? Are you interested in learning more about the congregation or its pastors? Join Pastor Adrienne and Pastor Lecia for pie and conversation on **Sunday, June 4 at 4 p.m.** in Community Hall. The pastors will share more about their stories and journeys, and answer any questions you have about the congregation, and there will be homemade pie! Please **RSVP by May 28** by contacting the church office.



## **Make a Joyful Noise!**

Beginning in June, St. Thomas will strive to include special music of all styles into our summer worship services. Whether vocal or instrumental, solo or ensemble, young or experienced, all are welcome to make a joyful noise. Please contact Director of Music, Matthew Benkert to sign up. Thanks for everything you do to support worship at St. Thomas!

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

Elif Ogan, 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, Helen Kane, Jacky Harner, Lois Selk, Keri Smith, Marcia Wade, Robert Cooper, Diane Stewart, Matilde Choc, and Shirley Mingee.

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: Ute Coyne, Susan Colston

Bread & Wine: Gloria Hitchcock

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

Assisting Minister: Karlyn Grise

Lectors: Carol Seaman, David Ellies

Ushers: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Communion Steward: Jaydene Laros

Greeters: Mike & Jaydene Laros

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

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

Assisting Minister: Mike Witt

Lectors: Chris Martz, Debbie Selk

Acolyte: Noelle Drake

Lord's Prayer Leader: Nathalie Drake

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Communion Steward: Sharon Fawbush

Greeters: Susan Colston, Moriah Reichert

Council Coordinator: Sarah Fogleman

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