



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 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 God, the one who forms us; † Jesus who bears the cross; the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Steadfast and faithful God,

C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

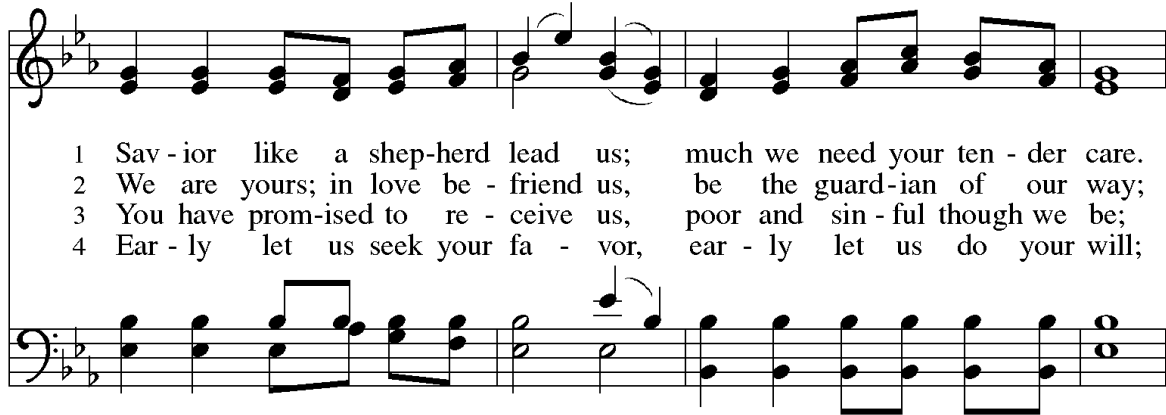
P: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

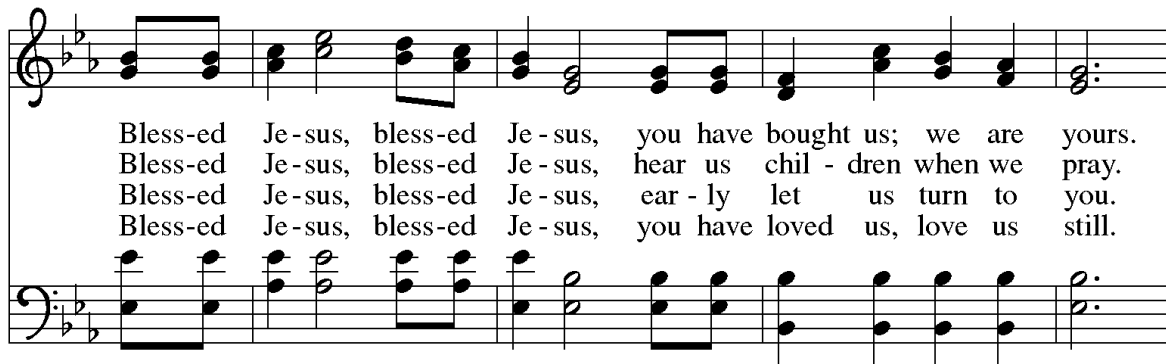
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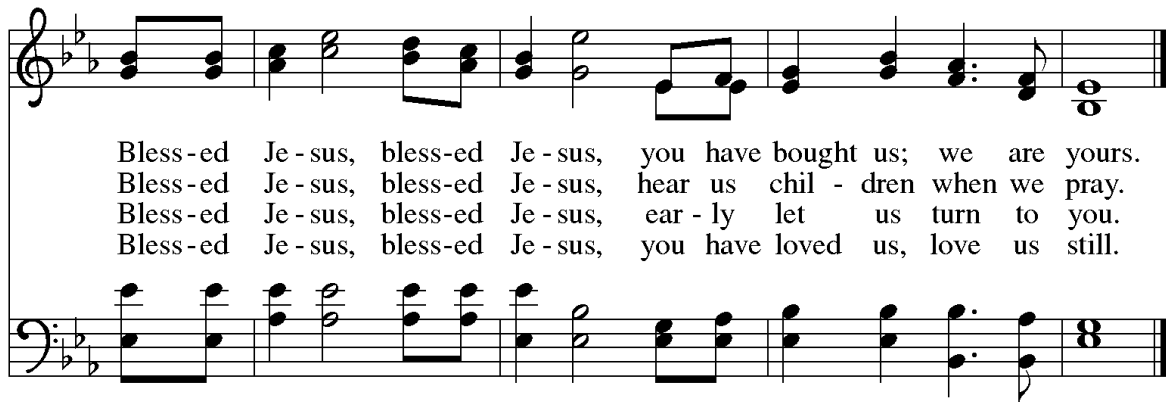
1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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***GREETING**

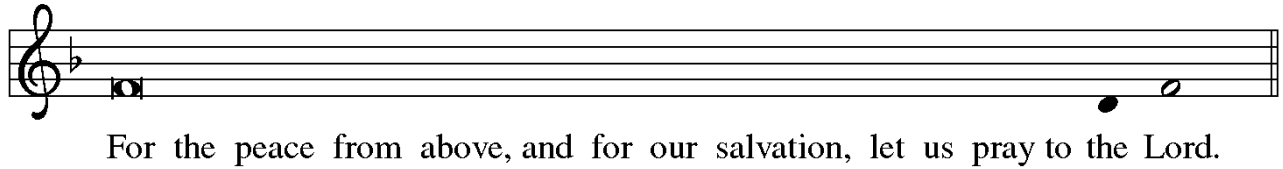
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

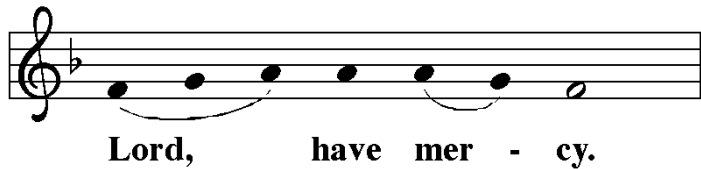
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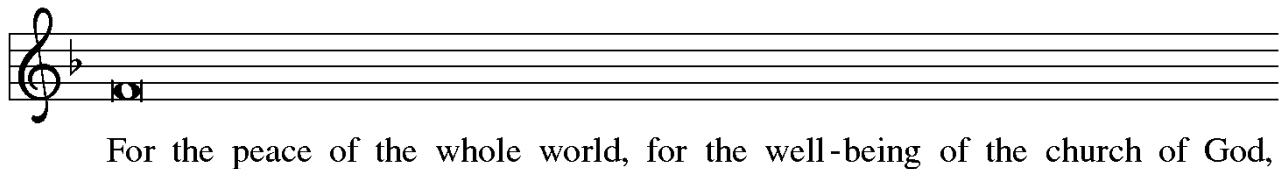
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



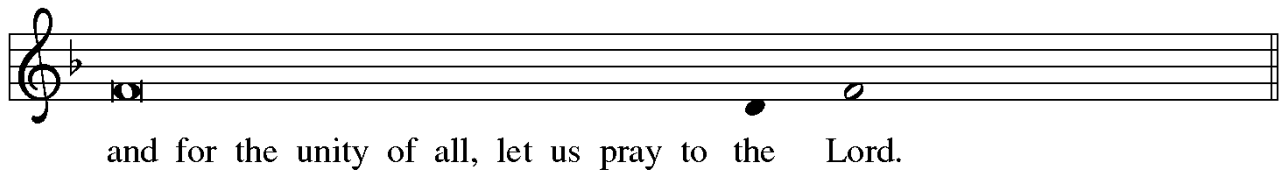
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



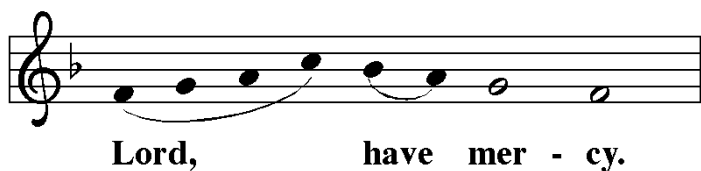
Lord, have mer - cy.



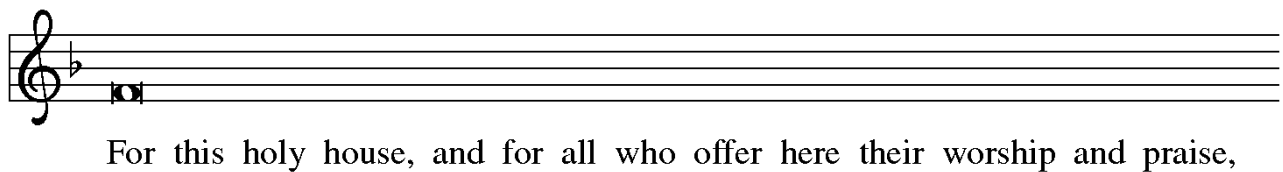
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



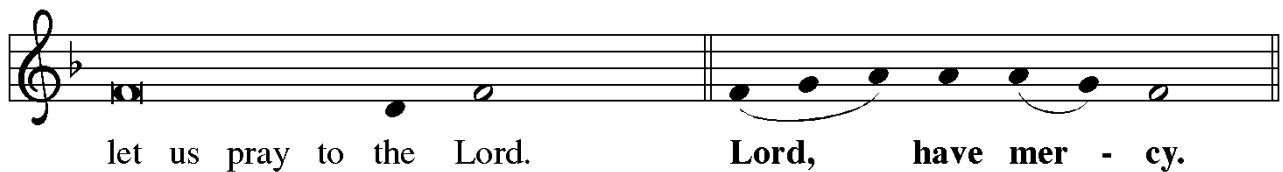
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Persistently forgiving God, we are a stiff-necked and stubborn people who try your patience; yet, instead of giving us up for lost, you seek us out until we return to you. Break our willfulness and bring us back from our wanderings; bend our pride and create in us pure and faithful hearts, which rejoice in your forgiveness made known through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 30:1-8, 17-19

Now when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, the Amalekites had made a raid on the Negeb and on Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag, burned it down, and taken captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great; they killed none of them but carried them off and went their way. When David and his men came to the city, they found it burned down and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. Then David and the people who were with him

raised their voices and wept until they had no more strength to weep. David's two wives also had been taken captive, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel. David was in great danger, for the people spoke of stoning him because all the people were bitter in spirit for their sons and daughters. But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God.

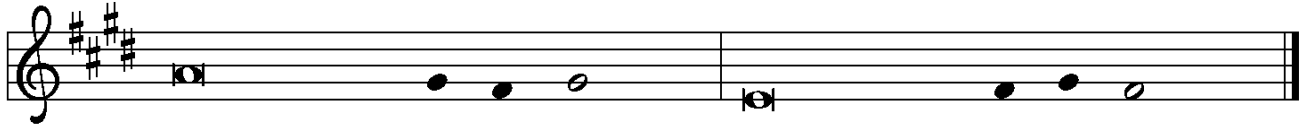
David said to the priest Abiathar son of Ahimelech, "Bring me the ephod." So Abiathar brought the ephod to David. David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue this band? Shall I overtake them?" The Lord answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue."

David attacked them from twilight until the evening of the next day. Not one of them escaped, except four hundred young men, who mounted camels and fled. David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken, and David rescued his two wives. Nothing was missing, whether small or great, sons or daughters, spoil or anything that had been taken; David brought back everything.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 13



¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget | me forever?
How long will you hide your | face from me?

²**How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day | after day?**

How long shall my enemy triumph | over me?

³Look upon me and answer me, O | LORD my
God;

give light to my eyes, lest I | sleep in death;

⁴**lest my enemy say, "I | have defeated you,"
and my foes rejoice that | I have fallen.**

⁵But I trust in your un- | failing love;

my heart is joyful because of your | saving help.

⁶**I will sing | to the LORD,**

who has dealt | with me richly.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:10-13

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

And again,

“I will put my trust in him.”

And again,

“Here am I and the children whom God has given me.”

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 18:10-14

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

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

[Jesus said:] "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of

your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

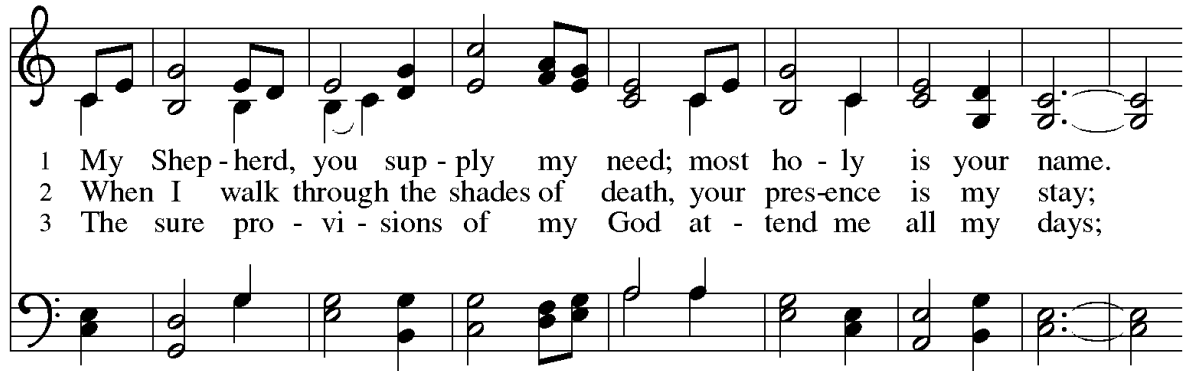
SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

My Shepherd, You Supply My Need


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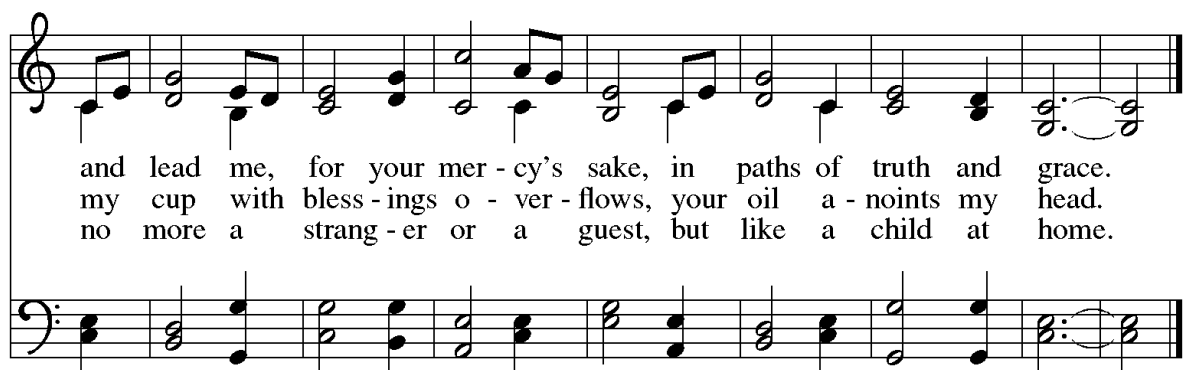
1 My Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly is your name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death, your pres - ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;



In pas - tures fresh you make me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
oh, may your house be my a - bode and all my work be praise.



You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it back when I for - sake your ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
Here would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;



and lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er or a guest, but like a child at home.

8:30 a.m. service only

***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.

11 a.m. service only

CONFIRMATION STUDENT BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for the church. Send your sustaining and empowering spirit to ministries near and far that offer safe spaces of comfort and renewal. This week we pray especially for our Jewish siblings at Beth Shalom around the world that celebrate Rosh Hashanah today. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for creation. The gradual turn of seasons reminds us that you are always doing new things. Inspiring God, lead us to sustaining and creative commitments to care for creation. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for those who are without a home. Jesus whose first bed was a temporary shelter, care for those who are displaced in Bloomington and Indiana, those fleeing war in Sudan, and Moroccans recovering from earthquake. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. Protect those who face the loneliness of mental and physical pain. Comfort those dear to this community in need of care especially, Elif, Roger, Paula, Deborah, Mike, Bob, Andrew, Doug, Yvonne, Evelyn, Jacky, Keri, Annelize, Barbara, Holly, Michelle, Shawna, Debra, Tom, Kathy, Benjamin, and Steve. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for this congregation. Open us to the moving of your spirit among us. Be with us in our comings and our goings as we settle into the joyful busy-ness of the program year. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world like Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, whom we commemorate today. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.
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. 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

CHORAL ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Ryan Murphy

11 a.m. only

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise and Thanks and Adoration



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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:



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. Ho -



san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

P: You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

P: That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

P: Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

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

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world

made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

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

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on Earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

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

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat, and live.

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.

AGNUS DEI

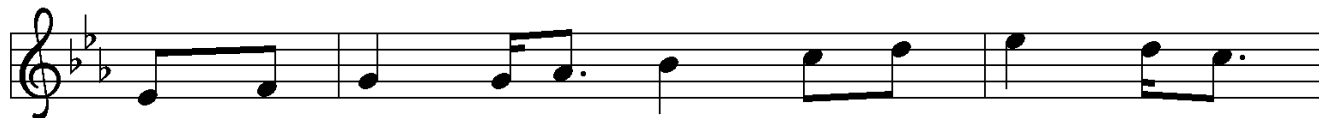
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en and night has come,

di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me from day to day.
for you, the Rock of A - ges, are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en my steps toward home,

With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!

so take my hand, O Sav - ior, and lead the way.
for when your hand is guid - ing, in peace I go.
So, take my hand and lead me un - to the end.

***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. Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

P: The God of glory; † Jesus Christ, name above all names; and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing



1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -



vo - tion voic - ing: glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spir - it, strong and free.



Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this eu - cha -
by your blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your bod - y,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in



rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - 'ry na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - l'wers be.

Text: Howard C. A. Gaunt, 1902–1983, alt.
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.
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*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. God is at work in you.

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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A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church: Year A
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The texts for the scripture readings are from the
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pastoral staff of St. Thomas.

At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday September 17

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

12:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Monday September 18

9:45 a.m. Worship at Bell Trace

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday September 19

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

2 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting

7 p.m. Movie Screening *Reel Injun*

Thursday September 21

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday September 24 Receive New Members

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

Limited Office Hours and Office Closings this week

Erica will be out of the office on Thursday,

September 21.

The office will be closed on Friday, September 22.

Announcements

LuMin Lunch Today

Free grab and go lunches are available for students today in the library. You are invited to fill a bag with snacks and treats of your choice and stick around as long as you like for conversation.

Property Committee Work Days

The Property Committee will have a work day this week on **Tuesday, September 19 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.

Screening of *Reel Injun*

The Mission Committee invites you to a movie night **this Tuesday, September 19 at 7 p.m.** to watch *Reel Injun*, a film by Cree filmmaker Neil Diamond, that traces how movies depict indigenous people from the silent film era to today. It runs about 90 minutes, with clips from hundreds of classic and recent Hollywood movies and candid interviews with celebrated Native and non-Native film celebrities, activists, film critics, and historians. How

has the cinematic image of “the Injun” influenced the world’s understanding – and misunderstanding – of indigenous peoples? We hope you’ll stick around afterwards for a discussion about Hollywood and media representation of indigenous peoples. Questions? Talk with Chris Ogan at ogan@indiana.edu.

Legacy Seminar

On October 1, after the 11 a.m. worship service, the Rev. Karl Biermann from the ELCA Foundation will be at St. Thomas to discuss estate planning. Pr. Karl can answer questions from donor-directed distributions to annuities and trusts and even questions like, how can I get started? St. Thomas's Stewardship Committee will provide lunch. Please sign up on the welcome desk if you plan to attend.

We need your friendly, welcoming face at the Spencer Pride Festival!

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a St. Thomas table at the Spencer Pride Festival in downtown Spencer on **Saturday, October 7**. We need 2-3 volunteers for the last shift: 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (host and tear-down). We welcome larger family and friend groups, but please be aware that

space at the table (and under the tent) is limited to 4 chairs. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Dinners for Six – food, laughs and stories

Dinners for Six is exactly what it sounds like – a chance to gather with five other people to share a meal and conversation. Every three months, participants will be split into groups of six who will plan their own meal together. You could meet for dinner, lunch, or brunch. You could have a potluck, have one person cook a meal, or get takeout. You could meet on a weeknight, after worship, or on Saturday morning. This program is intended to be informal and flexible – you can do what works best for your group of six! Then, in three months, you will be connected with a different group. You can join at any time or take a break when needed. Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Please contact Larry Moore with questions at LKMoore1956@gmail.com or 317-777-1074. Groups will be formed for a first meal together at the beginning of October.

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Elif Ogan, Roger Sasse, Paula Ionescu, Deborah O'Brien, Mike Ost, Bob Osborn, Andrew Halvorson, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Evelyn Niemeyer, Jacky Harner, Keri Smith, Annelize, Barbara Peterson, Holly, Michelle, Shawna, Debra, Tom Strentz, Kathy Luttrell, Benjamin Smith, and Steve Caudill.

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.

The altar flowers this week are given by

Gloria Hitchcock to the Glory of God

and by Yvonne Leber

in memory of her son, Robert Cooper.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Kaye Hill, Pauline Caldwell

Bread & Wine: Gene & Gayl Laughman

A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kathleen Boggess

Lectors: Nancy Mathews, Carol Seaman

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Communion Steward: David Ellies

Greeters: Gene & Gayl Laughman

Council Coordinator: Frank Nierzwicki

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Tim Smith

Lectors: Noah Smith, Melody Smith

Acolyte: Noelle Drake

Lord's Prayer Leader: Nathalie Drake

Ushers: Kim Filiatrault & Dennis Baurle

Communion Steward: Mary Thomason-Smith

Greeters: Drew & Melissa Watters

Council Coordinator: Tim Smith

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