

**Reformation Sunday**

**October 29, 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!

St. Thomas is located on the ancestral homelands for the myaamiaki, Lënape, Bodwéwadmik, and saawanwa people. We acknowledge and give thanks that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate the continuing contributions to the life of this region by the Indigenous People who call this land their home.

**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

A Mighty Fortress

George Telemann  
arr. Donald Rotermund

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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      A Mighty Fortress is Our God  
*During the processional, the congregation turns to face the cross as it passes.*

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



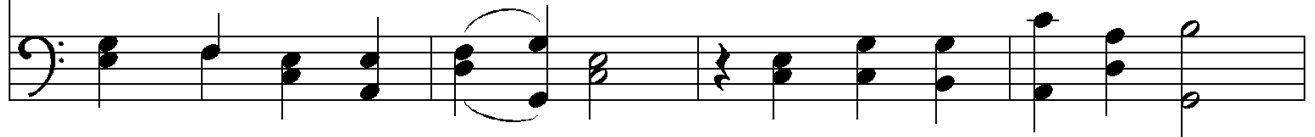
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -  
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!      With craft and dread - ful might  
The Lord of hosts is he!      Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!      His might is doomed to fail;  
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,      though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight.      On earth he has no e - qual.  
God's on - ly Son, a - dored.      He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
God's judg - ment must pre - vail!      One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
they can - not win the day.      The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*  
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

**\*GREETING**

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

**C:** And also with you.



# \*KYRIE



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



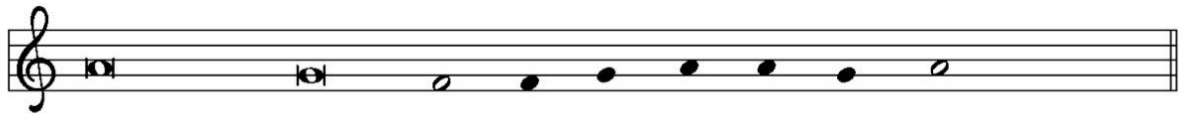
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



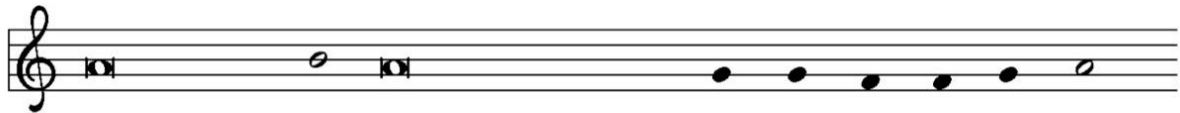
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, 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

Jeremiah 31:31-34

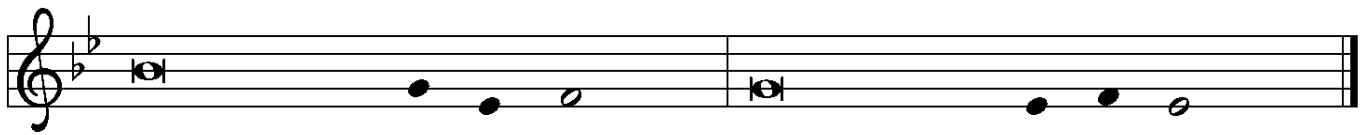
The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law

within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 46



<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
a very present | help in trouble.

**<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be  
moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths |  
of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its  
tumult.

**<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the  
cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken;

God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought up- | on the  
earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all  
the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the | shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be  
exalted | in the earth."**

<sup>11</sup>The LORD of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.


But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by God’s grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. This was to demonstrate God’s righteousness, because in divine forbearance God had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time God’s own righteousness, so that God is righteous and that God justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

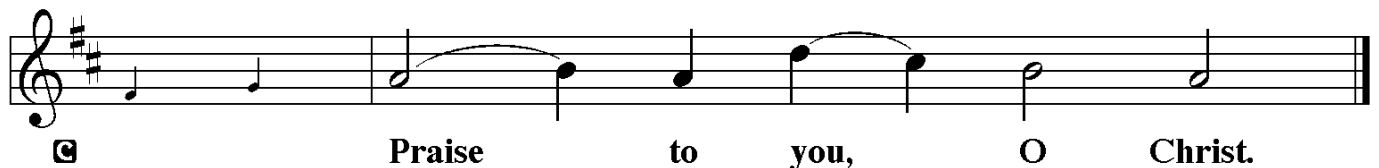


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Judeans who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!



8:30 a.m. only  
SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

11 a.m. only  
TESTIMONY BY CONFIRMANDS



# \*HYMN OF THE DAY

# Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
May the light which thou dost send  
fill our songs with alleluias,  
alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
to thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the holy Trinity!

8:30 a.m. 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.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: God our parent, you call us your children and have made us siblings through your son Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our creator, your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness especially the places in Mexico affected by Hurricane Otis. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our ruler, the nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict especially in Israel and Palestine. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our champion, you are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer especially Elif, Roger, Paula, Deborah, Mike, Bob, Andrew, Doug, Yvonne, Jacky, Keri, Annelize, Barbara, Kathy, Benjamin, Steve, Brenda, Jim, and Meridith. Be their rest and comfort. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our reformer, you make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for young people affirming their baptism, Tobias, Melody, Arno, Lydia, and Eve. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**C: Amen.**

11 a.m. only

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

ELW, page 234

Eve Marie Arnold, Lydia Mae Arnold, Arno Moehlmann Risner, Melody Anne Thomason Smith, and Tobias Christian Westphal are presented to affirm their baptisms.

*Near the end of the rite:*

P: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.**

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## \*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.*

*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.*



# CHORAL ANTHEM

# A Mighty Fortress is Our God arr. Noah Francis Ryder

## \*OFFERTORY HYMN

## Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a basso continuo. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a basso continuo line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

## \*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.



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, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: We praise you, all-holy God, our maker, our lover, our keeper, our Covenant Lord, our Redeemer, the Strength of Truth, for the universe beyond our knowing, for seas and forests and fields, for the waters of Wittenberg and for flowers in this place, for creatures seen and unseen, for animals both wild and tame, for our ancestors and godparents from around the globe, and for the places we humans call home, for cities and churches and schools, for seminaries and missions and fellowship halls.

P: We praise you for your covenant people, for Moses and Miriam and Aaron, for Jeremiah and the psalmists, and for centuries of faithful Christians, for Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, for Luther, Melanchthon, Muhlenberg, and Fedde, for Katie Luther and Cranach, Bach and Nicolai, Nommensen and Kierkegaard, Bonhoeffer and Hammar skjöld, for all servants of the Reformation.

P: We praise you, O God, for Jesus Christ, who saves us from sin and from evil, embodying forgiveness, granting us grace, setting us free, who on the night before he died, 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. And so we remember your Word, his life, his death, and his glorious resurrection, his presence in this meal around the world, and we proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray, O God, for your Spirit, your breath, your fire, your wisdom, your law, your grace, your freedom. Bless this meal and all those who share it; inspire your people for service; continue the reformation of your churches; and renew the world with your mercy, with your healing, your justice, and your peace, with the joy of life in your household. We praise you, all-holy God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, mighty Fortress, victorious Champion, powerful Shield, today, tomorrow, and forever.

**C: Amen!**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

Papa nou ki nan syèl la,  
Nou mande pou yo toujou respekte  
non ou.

Vin tabli gouvènman ou,  
pou yo fè volonte ou sou latè, tankou  
yo fè li nan syèl la.

Pen nou bezwen an, ban nou li jòdi a.

Padonnen tou sa nou fè ki mal,

menm jan nou padonnen moun ki fè nou mal.

Pa kite nou nan pozisyon pou nou  
tonbe nan tantasyon,

men, delivre nou anba Satan.

Paske, se pou ou tout otorite, tout

pouvwa ak tout louwanj, depi  
tout tan ak pou tout tan. Amèn.

#### \*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, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

The Church's One Foundation

Built on the Rock

# The Church's One Foundation

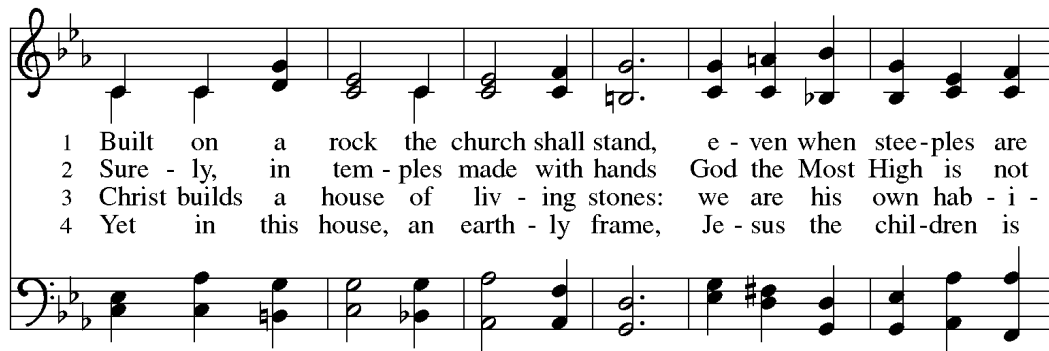
1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

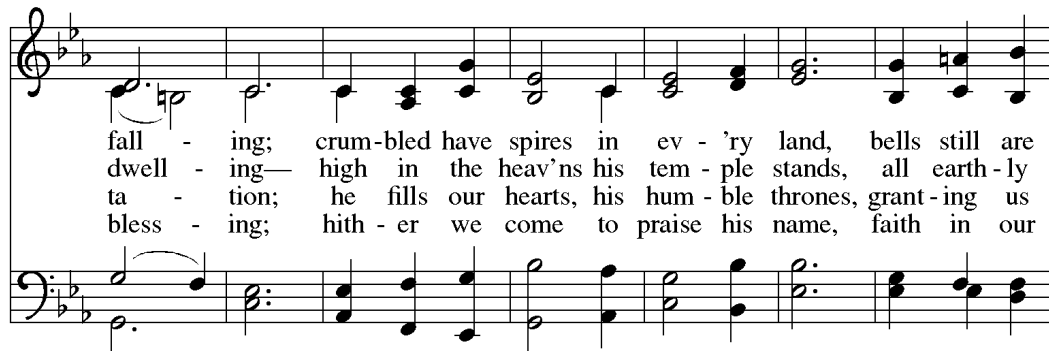
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

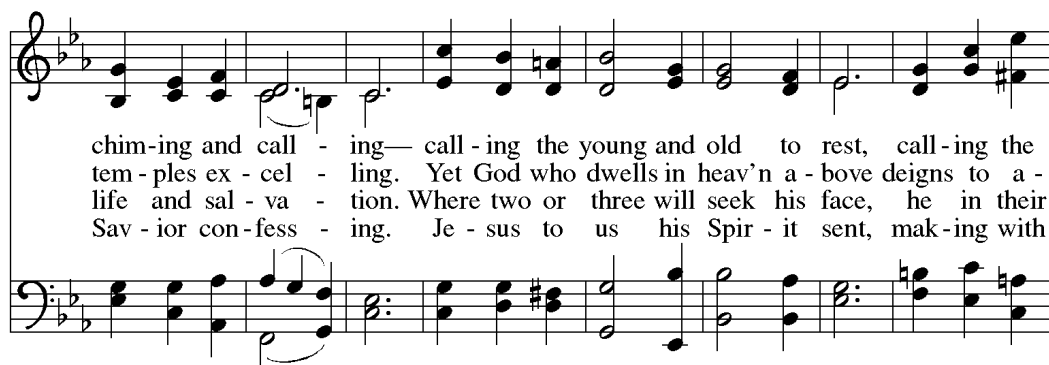
# Built on a Rock



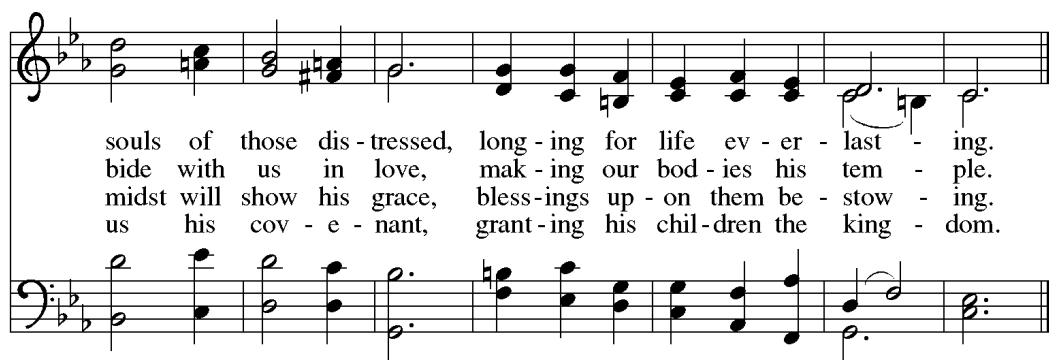
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 many may come to hear your Word,  
 who here this promise is bringing:  
 "I know my own, my own know me;  
 you, not the world, my face shall see;  
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."



**\*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 +**

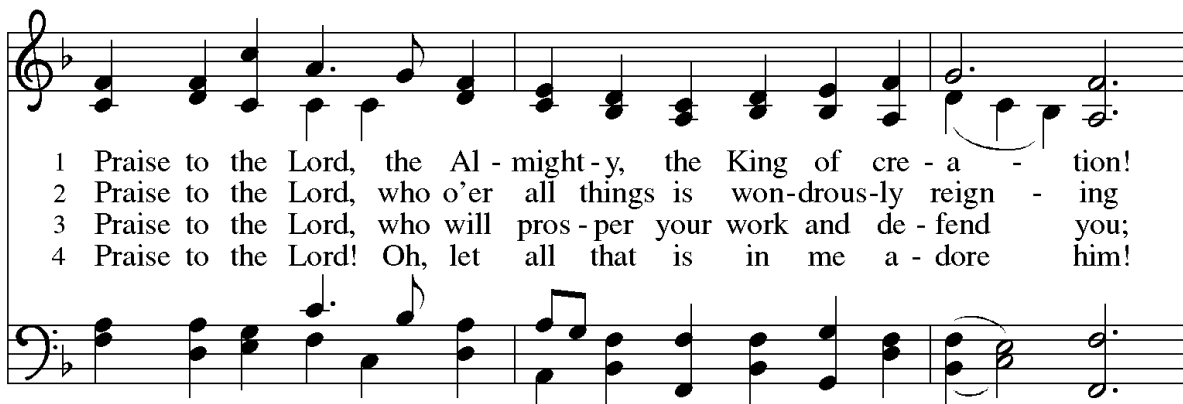
**\*BENEDICTION**

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

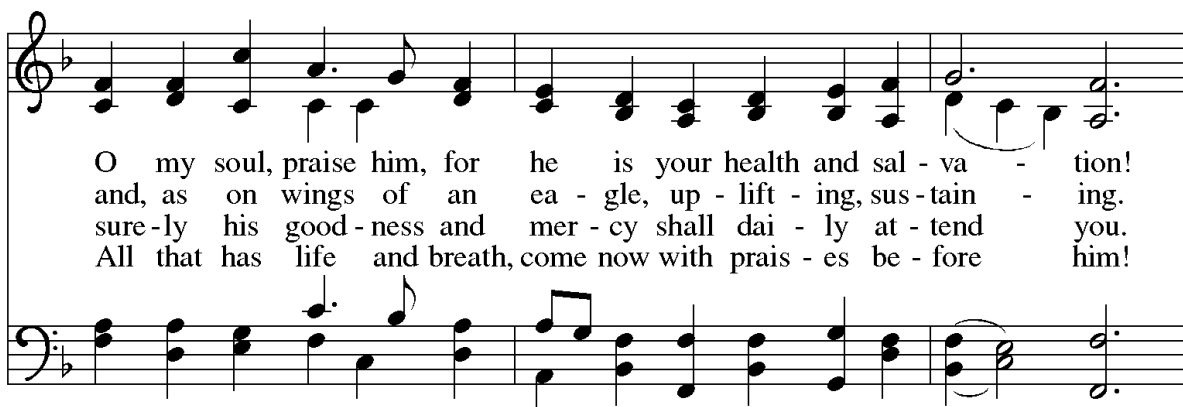
**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** Praise, to the Lord, the Almighty  
*During the recessional, the congregation turns to face the cross as it passes.*

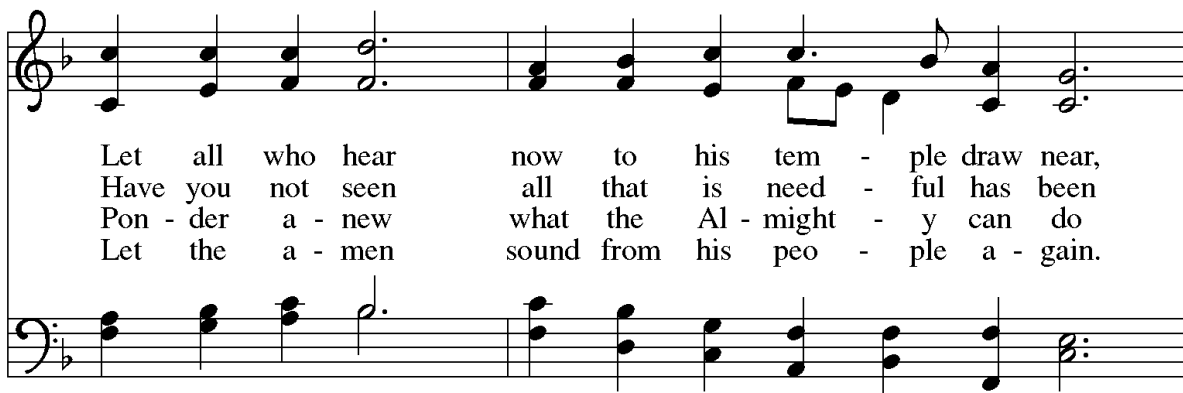
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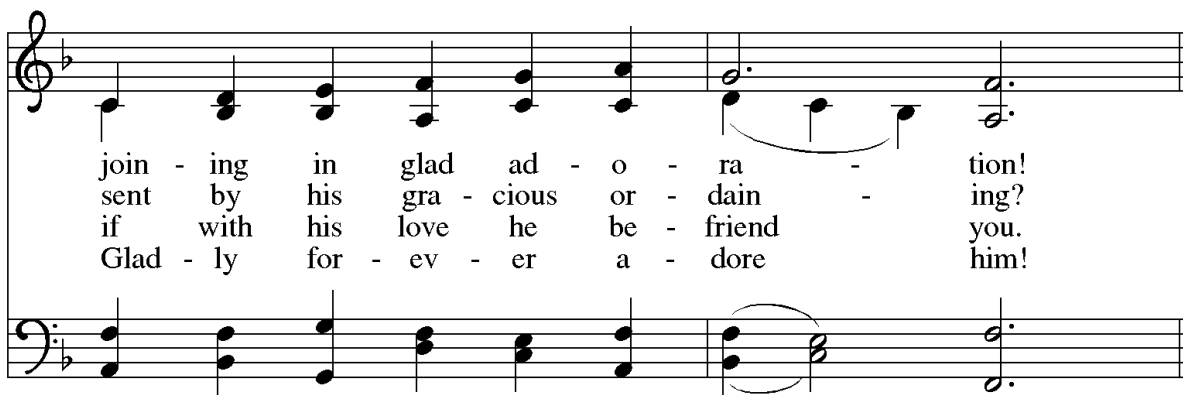
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
if with his love he be - friend you.  
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

**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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**Those making Affirmation of their Baptism:**

Eve Marie Arnold

Lydia Mae Arnold

Arno Moehlmann Risner

Melody Anne Thomason Smith

Tobias Christian Westphal



**Following the 11 a.m. service** a reception will be held in the Narthex in honor of the confirmands.

**The altar flowers this week are given** by Debbie Selk to the Glory of God and in honor of the confirmands, and by Betty Smith to the Glory of God and in honor of her husband Jerry's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday and their great-granddaughter Rory's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas**  
**Sunday October 29 Reformation Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Reformation Celebration

11 a.m. Worship

**Monday October 30**

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

**Wednesday November 1**

12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

**Thursday November 2**

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday November 4**

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

2 p.m. Memorial Service for Bev Berg

**Sunday November 5 All Saints Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. MEF meeting

11 a.m. Worship

2 p.m. BMA Racial Justice Event

## **Announcements**

### **Seeking Veterans to Lead Worship**

As a way to honor your service, we would like to invite the veterans of the congregation to lead worship on **Sunday, November 12**. If you (or your spouse) have served, please contact the church office at [parishadmin@stlconline.org](mailto:parishadmin@stlconline.org) or 812-332-5252 to be included among the worship leaders on this day.

### **Help Us Feed Some Hungry Students**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the successful LuMin Lunch-to-Go this month. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk to provide packaged and homemade treats for the November 12 lunch. We also need one or two folks to fill up the cart in the kitchen and then host the table in the library after the second service.

## **Prayer at Noon on Zoom**

It can be hard to find time to pray, especially when there is so much to worry about—so much to pray for. You are invited to a calm, quiet moment in the middle of the week to share requests and pray together—we gather for about 20 minutes. Our next gathering will be **Wednesday, November 1 at 12 p.m.** on zoom here: <https://bit.ly/3jVA3k0>.

## **MEF Accepting Applications**

The Mission Endowment Fund provides funding for special projects at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, local outreach, and missions beyond the local community. If you have a project in need of funding, please submit an application before **Wednesday, November 1**. Application forms can be found on our website here: <https://bit.ly/3yJ8UXO>. If you have questions, please contact **Kristin Marsh**, Chair of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee, or the church office via email at [parishadmin@stlconline.org](mailto:parishadmin@stlconline.org) or 812-332-5252.

## **BMA Racial Justice Event**

In his book *Poverty, by America*, Matthew Desmond writes, "To understand the causes of poverty, we must look beyond the poor." He reveals how "we the secure, the insured, the housed, the college educated, the protected, the lucky" benefit from and contribute to poverty in the U.S. in addition to the upper 1%, corporations, and government policies. And, he suggests that we have the power - through our actions and choices - to bring about change. Join others from the Bloomington community, along with panelists from four local nonprofits who serve those affected by poverty (Beacon, MCUM, Thriving Connections SCCAP, and New Leaf New Life), to discuss these issues **next Sunday, November 5 at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Let's consider together how Desmond's assertions may apply here in our hometown and how we can be inspired to take action to abolish poverty in our community.



## **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, Jacky Harner, Keri Smith, Barbara Peterson, Kathy Luttrell, Benjamin Smith, Steve Caudill, Brenda Caudill, Jim Wallace, and Meridith Galstad.

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: Barb Unger, Gail Seegert

Bread & Wine: Karlyn Grise

Coffee Crew: Kathleen Boggess, Matt Meier

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

## **Brass Players**

Trumpets: Jeff Parker, Janis Stockhouse

Horn: Kari Esarey

Trombone: Eli Brauner

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

Assisting Minister: Allison Ward

Lectors: Eliot & Pamela Smith

Crucifer: Kent Unger

Ushers: Gene & Gayl Laughman

Communion Steward: Kathleen Boggess

Greeters: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

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

Assisting Minister: Ashley Ahlbrand

Lectors: Mike & Debbie Witt

Crucifer: Kaye Hill

Acolyte: Noelle Drake

Lord's Prayer Leader: Nathalie Drake

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Steward: Mary Thomason-Smith

Greeters: Moriah Reichert, Gail Seegert

Council Coordinator: Mike Witt

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