

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

We hope you feel welcome here.

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

As disciples of Christ who value the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people, and who seek justice, racial equity, and reconciliation, we welcome all God's children to an inclusive community. This welcome is extended without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

We hope you can participate fully in worship.

Everything needed to participate in today's worship is found in this bulletin. The hymns are found in the back third of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) or purple *All Creation Sings* (ACS) located under the seat in front of you. Worshipers are invited to stand as you are able at the places marked * and to respond when indicated with bold type. We gently remind you to silence all electronic devices.

Our youngest worshipers and their parents may appreciate the Prayer Pond in the sanctuary or listening to the service from our unstaffed nursery. Activity bags are available in the narthex and children's bulletins are available from an usher.

Assisted hearing devices and complete-service, large-print bulletins are available from an usher. The blue chairs with arms are reserved for people with mobility limitations. Ushers can remove chairs to place a wheelchair.

We hope you know Holy Communion is for you. At communion, everyone is welcome. This includes doubters, young children, and folks who have yearned for this feast. Come forward at the direction of an usher and receive hand-torn bread or gluten-free wafers and pink wine or red grape juice. If you have mobility limitations, please take the closest available place at the altar, or ask an usher for Communion to be brought to you at your seat.

We hope you know our welcome extends beyond our building.

Today's 8:30 a.m. service is livestreamed. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce.

We hope you know we pray for you.

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

+ GATHERING +

We gather in silence to pray and remember. Pictures and mementos of our beloved who have died may be placed on the table in the baptistry.

*REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

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

P: We are gathered in the name in which we are baptized: the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Everlasting God, in joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially these members of St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church who are dear to us and who have died since last All Saints Day: John Steele, Lois Hamilton, Ceci Schumann, Tom Strentz, Evelyn Niemeyer, and Beverly Berg.

P: O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for those who have loved and served you on earth, and who now rest from their labors, including those we name now, aloud or in our hearts.

As we remember all these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

For All the Saints

verse 5, choir only

During hymn, the assembly is invited to light candles in memory of loved ones who, too, rest from their labors and who have died at any time in the past. If more time is needed, we will sing Deep Peace ACS#1018 and Christ Our Peace ACS#1037.

For All the Saints



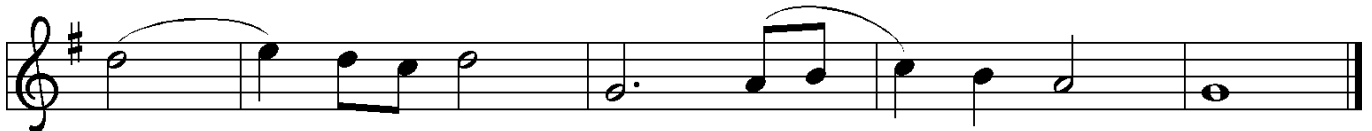
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled, and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness made known through the life and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1, 4a, 6-10a

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from
the heat.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for
all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged
wines strained clear.

And God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;
The Lord will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from
all faces,
and the disgrace of the people God will take
away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; for whom we have waited,
so that God might save us.

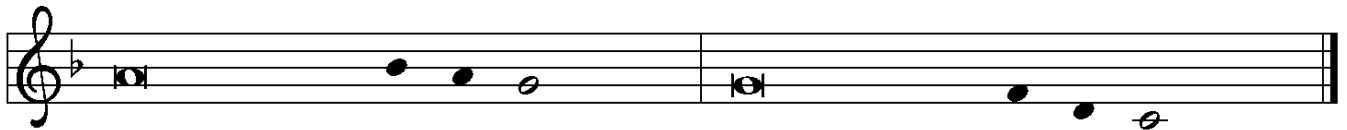
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God’s salvation.”

For the hand of the LORD will rest on this
mountain.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67



¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- | tions on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING

Romans 15:7-13

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors and that the gentiles might glorify God for God's mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles
and sing praises to your name”;

and again he says,

“Rejoice, O gentiles, with God's people”;

and again,

“Praise the Lord, all you gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise God”;

and again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the gentiles;
in this one the gentiles shall hope.”

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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!"

Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

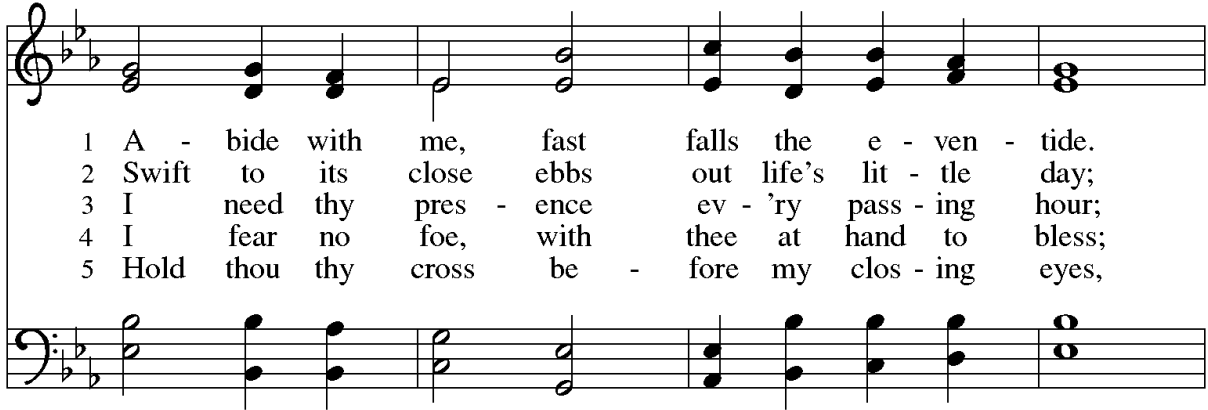
SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

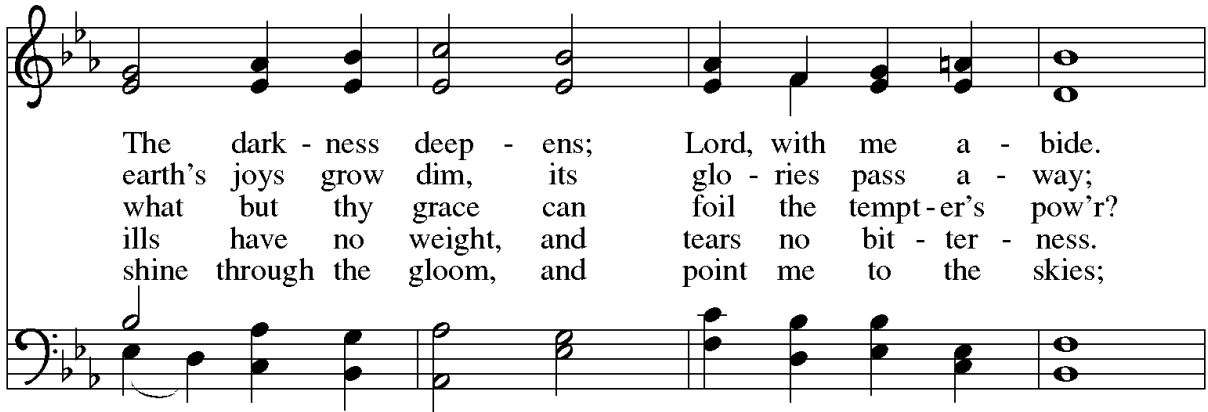
*HYMN OF THE DAY

Abide with Me

Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

***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: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Everlasting God, today we rejoice with the church triumphant, the saints who rest in you, and the saints among us now. Pour out your Spirit upon local communities of faith, especially the ELCA churches of the Indiana-Kentucky Synod, LuMin campus ministry, and Congregation Beth Shalom, that together we may foster hope and peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Creator God, we marvel at the ways you bring forth new life from buried seeds, decaying leaves, and the stillness of night. Bless animals storing food for winter, finding dens for warmth, and bracing for cold weather. For communities damaged by Hurricane Otis, bring relief and resources. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Source of all liberty, align our hearts with your justice. Guide us to elect leaders who will reflect the values Christ taught us. Open paths of reconciliation among nations to bring an end to strife in the Middle East. Keep safe those who serve in the military and encourage their spouses and children. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Encourage our elders, especially those who worship with us at Bell Trace and Redbud, that they may know you as their closest companion. Sustain and protect refugees and migrants who long for home. Bring hope and healing to Elif, Roger, Paula, Deborah, Mike, Bob, Andrew, Doug, Yvonne, Jacky, Keri, Annelize, Barbara, Kathy, Benjamin, Steve, Brenda, and Jim. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for this congregation, that the promise of new life in Christ may be boldly shared. Sustain the work of Bloomington Multi-Faith Alliance as they champion healthy community, promote principles of compassion, and work together for peace in civic life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love: John Steele, Lois Hamilton, Ceci Schumann, Tom Strentz, Evelyn Niemeyer, and Beverly Berg. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and 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.*

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

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

11 a.m. only

CHORAL ANTHEM

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Mark Sheppard

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Nearer, My God, To Thee

1. Nea - rer, my God, to thee, nea - rer to thee!
2. Though like the wan - de - rer, the sun gone down,
3. There let the way ap - pear, steps un - to heaven;
4. Then, with my wa - king thoughts bright with thy praise,
5. Or if, on joy - ful wing cleav - ing the sky,

E'en though it be a cross that rais - eth me,
dark - ness be o - ver me, my rest a stone;
all that thou send - est me, in mer - cy given;
out of my sto - ny griefs Be - thel I'll raise;
sun, moon, and stars for - got, up - ward I fly,

still all my song shall be, nea - rer, my God, to thee;
yet in my dreams I'd be nea - rer, my God, to thee;
an - gels to beck - on me nea - rer, my God, to thee;
so by my woes to be nea - rer, my God, to thee;
still all my song shall be, nea - rer, my God, to thee;

nea - rer, my God, to thee, nea - rer to thee!

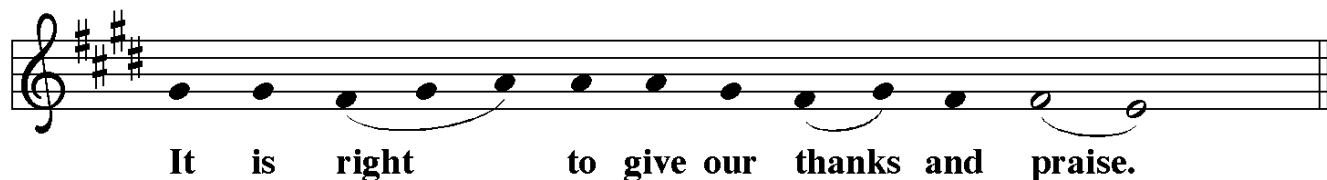
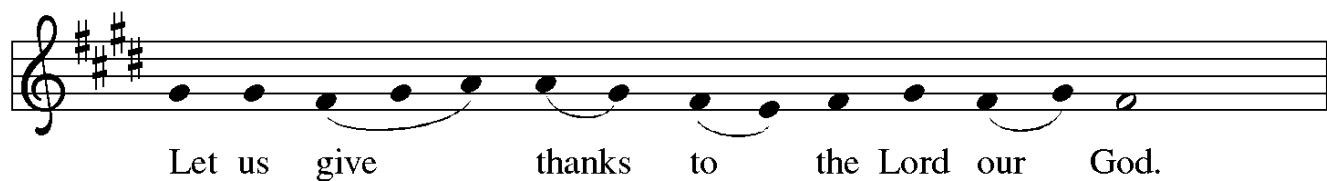
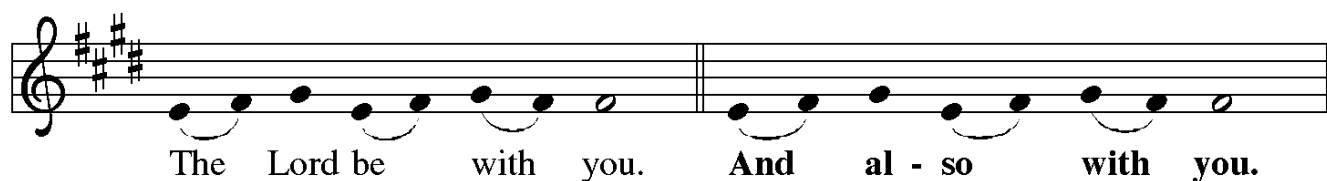
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds. With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God, for you provide us with water and food. With all the faithful in cities and on farms, in mansions and huts, past and present, we worship you, O God, for you shelter the generations. With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor, and all who walked the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth. With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed . . .
. . . Do this for the remembrance of me. With Peter and all the martyrs, we honor Christ's death, saying Amen.

C: Amen!

P: With Mary Magdalene and all the apostles, we proclaim his resurrection, shouting Amen.

C: Amen!

P: With John and all the theologians and mystics, we look for his returning, pleading Amen. **Amen!**

P: With the Virgin Mary and all who sang of your greatness, we pray for the power of the Spirit. Visit this gathering, this bread and this cup, with the presence of the body and blood of Christ. Form us into a communion of service, and infuse your earth with the wholeness we seek. With grandparents and godparents, with the church universal, and especially with our beloved saints lead us to a future we cannot yet see, and at the end draw all humanity to yourself. Now with all of the family you saved by your love, we shout blessing **blessing**, glory **glory**, wisdom **wisdom**, thanksgiving **thanksgiving**, honor **honor**, power **power**, might **might**, be to our God forever and ever. Amen. **Amen!**

*LORD'S PRAYER

Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete. Mvskoke, the language of the Muscogee Creek Nation, 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.**

Pu' rke hvlwe liketskat,
ce hocefkv t vcakekvs.
Cem ohmekketvt vlvkekvs.
Mimv hvlwe nake kometske
momat etvpomet yvmv
ekvnnv oh momekvs.
Nettv vrahkv tvkliken
mucv-nettvn pu' mvs.
Momet pum ahuervn es pum
wikvs, vhuericayat es em
wikakeyat, etvpomen.
Nake pu naorkepuece taye
eskerretv 'sep oh ahyetskvs;
momis holwakat a sepu' ssicvs.
Ohmekketvt, yekcetvt, momen
racketvt cenake emunkvt omekv.
Emen.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

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.

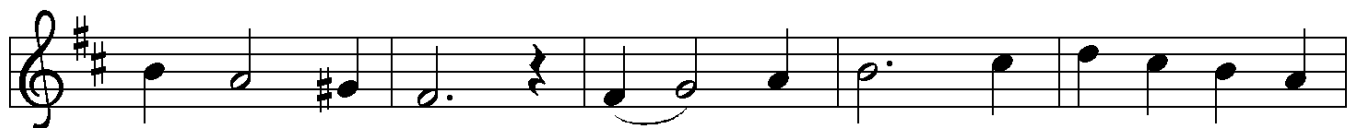
AGNUS DEI



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

Shall We Gather at the River
For All Your Saints, O Lord

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

For All Your Saints, O Lord

1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,

who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

*EUCHARISTIC BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Helen Kane, Thriving Connections

*BENEDICTION

P: In the letter to the Hebrews it reads:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

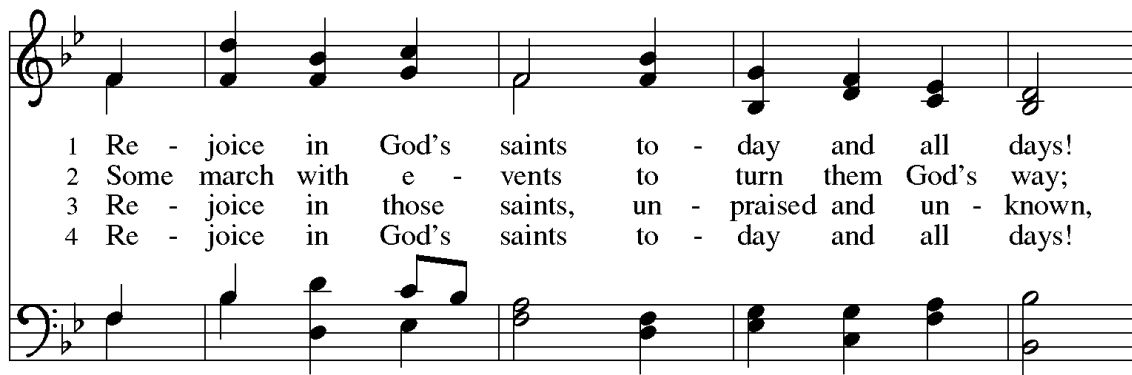
P: Looking to Jesus and surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, may we live forgiven, running the race God has set before us both now and to eternity, in the name of the Father, and of † the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

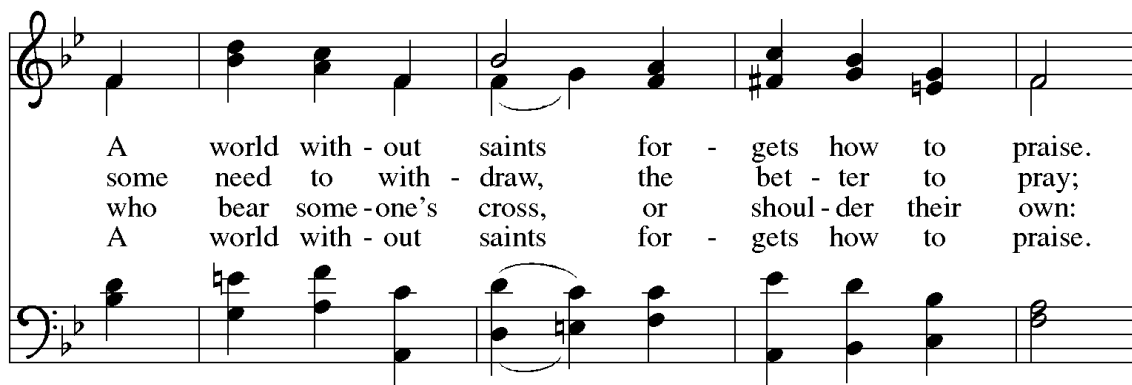
*SENDING HYMN

Rejoice in God's Saints

Rejoice in God's Saints



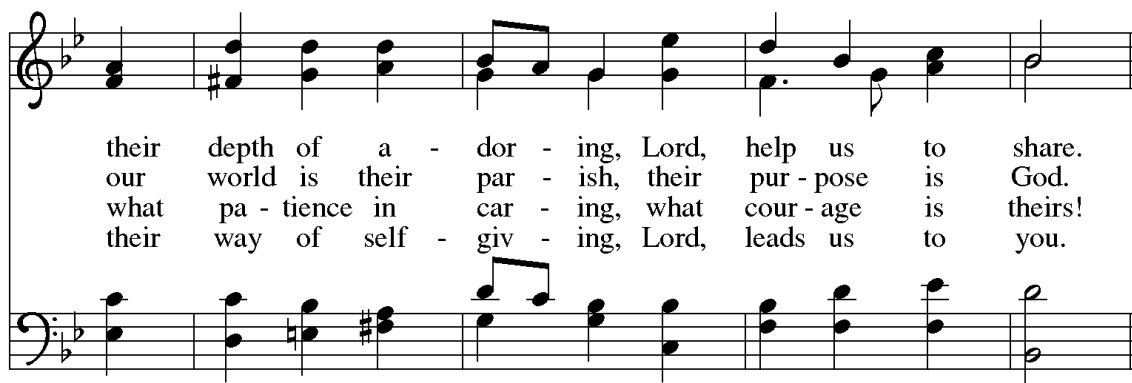
1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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***DISMISSAL**

A: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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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pastoral staff of St. Thomas.

At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday November 5 All Saints Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum

9:45 a.m. MEF meeting

11 a.m. Worship

2 p.m. BMA Racial Justice Event

Monday November 6

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 8

5:15 p.m. Christian Education Committee
Meeting

Thursday November 9

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday November 11

6:30 p.m. Game Night with Pizza

Sunday November 12

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. LuMin Lunch: to-go

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum

9:45 a.m. Gather Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship

12:30 a.m. LuMin Lunch: to-go

Condolences

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to Darrell Boggess on the death of his brother, Norman "Pete" Boggess, which occurred on October 27, 2023. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Announcements

Sundays in the Adult Forum

Today and next Sunday, November 12, Pr.

Adrienne will discuss her trip to the U.S./Mexico border. We will discuss what borders even are, what it means to cross and border and how the U.S./Mexico border is being crossed today, reasons for migration in countries of origin and the U.S., and what kind of border we might want. After these sessions, participants may engage in advocacy or charitable efforts aimed at providing relief to migrants, establishing humane borders, and addressing U.S.-based causes of migration.

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 **this afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. here at St. Thomas**. 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.

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 via email at parishadmin@stlconline.org or 812-332-5252 to be included among the worship leaders on this day.

We Need Your Contributions for the LuMin Grab and Go Lunch

Next Sunday, November 12, St. Thomas is hosting our monthly grab and go lunch for IU students. Check the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk for the items (pre-packaged or individually packaged homemade) we still need. And we still need someone to set out the lunch items on the library table and host the lunch making for about 15 minutes after the late service.

Pizza and Game Night, Saturday, November 11

Everyone is warmly invited to Community Hall at **6:30 p.m. on November 11** for a fun evening of games—plus pizza, salad, and breadsticks. We'll have tables set up for children's, family, and adult games. Bring a drink or sweet snack to share. And bring a friend who loves to play games and eat free pizza!

Gather Bible Study

The Gather Bible study will look at Holy Places such as sanctuary. We will study this through the story of transfiguration. God is with us in the world so sanctuary can show up in many places. We will explore what leads people to build sanctuaries where we have encountered the Holy. We will also explore what Jesus teaches us about being a sanctuary. Please join us on **Sunday, November 12 at 9:45 in the small conference room**. For more information contact Kari Esarey

kariesarey@gmail.com

Annual Budget Meeting

The Annual Budget Meeting of St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church will be held **on Sunday, November 19 after the 11 a.m. worship service in person and on Zoom.** The agenda will include the 2024 Budget, amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws, and replacing the HVAC systems that service the worship space. A copy of the updated Constitution and Bylaws have been sent via email to members and paper copies will be available in the church office. An agenda, the proposed 2024 Budget, and HVAC bids will be sent directly to members via email and paper copies will be available in the church office two weeks before the meeting. The Zoom information for this meeting is as follows: <https://bit.ly/3JIP7D2>

BMA Thanksgiving Celebration

The Bloomington Multi-Faith Alliance invites our community to an international, vegetarian pitch-in dinner with mid-meal blessings (short offerings about faith and gratitude) from the various religious communities that make their home in Bloomington. Join us on **Monday, November 13, 7 p.m. at St. Thomas Lutheran Church**. Bring a dish to share.

God's Work. Our Hands.

The Mission Committee is looking for hands to help make dinner for the Thriving Connections community on **Thursday, November 16!** If you're willing to cook something in advance at home, please sign up on the blue sheet. If you're willing to help with on-site cooking or serving/cleanup at St. Mark's Methodist Church, please sign up on the pink signup sheet. Sign ups are found at the Welcome Desk. Learn more about Thriving Connections' life-changing work here:

<https://www.insccap.org/pages/thrivingconnections>

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, and Jim Wallace.

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 David Ellies

in loving memory of his parents,

Edith & Edward Ellies.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Mary Sasse, Gail Seegert

Bread & Wine: Sacha Arterberry

Coffee Crew: Kathleen Boggess, Vicki Polansky

A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

Prayer Writer: Mary Thomason-Smith

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Karlyn Grise

Lectors: Sacha Arterberry, Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Crucifer: David Ellies

Ushers: Gene & Gayl Laughman

Communion Steward: Carol Seaman

Greeters: Mary Sasse

Council Coordinator: Frank Nierzwicki

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Amanda Ghaffarian

Lectors: Chris Martz, Marilyn Saum

Crucifer: Dean Arnold

Acolyte: Lia Marsh

Lord's Prayer Leader: Julianna Drake

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Communion Steward: Sharon Fawbush

Greeters: Tom & Jan Sinn

Council Coordinator: Sam Eichmiller

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