



Sunday of the Passion

March 24, 2024

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 worship space 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. Gifts placed in the offering plate by the worship doors contribute to this mission.

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 +

All gather in the narthex or await the procession in the nave.

*ACCLAMATION

All wave their palm branches.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

*PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL

Mark 11:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this: 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the

bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said, and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple, and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*BLESSING OF THE PALMS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*PROCESSION

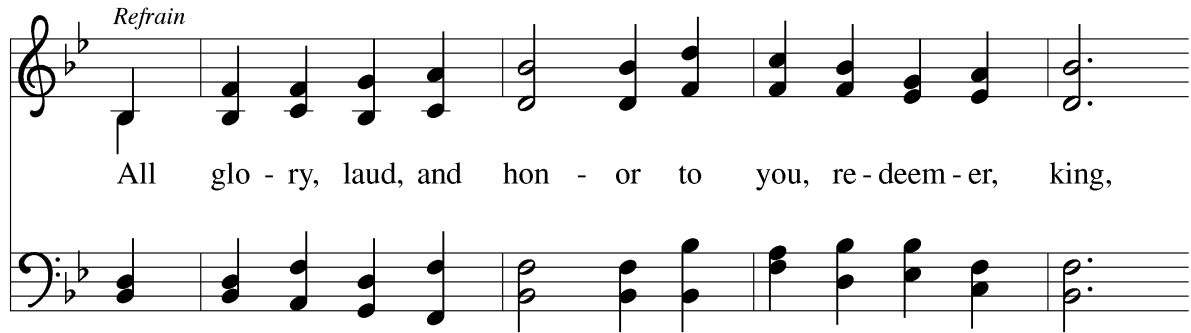
P: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of Christ. Amen.

All follow the cross into the nave (worship space), waving palm branches, and singing the processional hymn, "All Glory, Laud, and Honor." The procession will follow the cross into the sanctuary. Please take your seat when you come to it.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

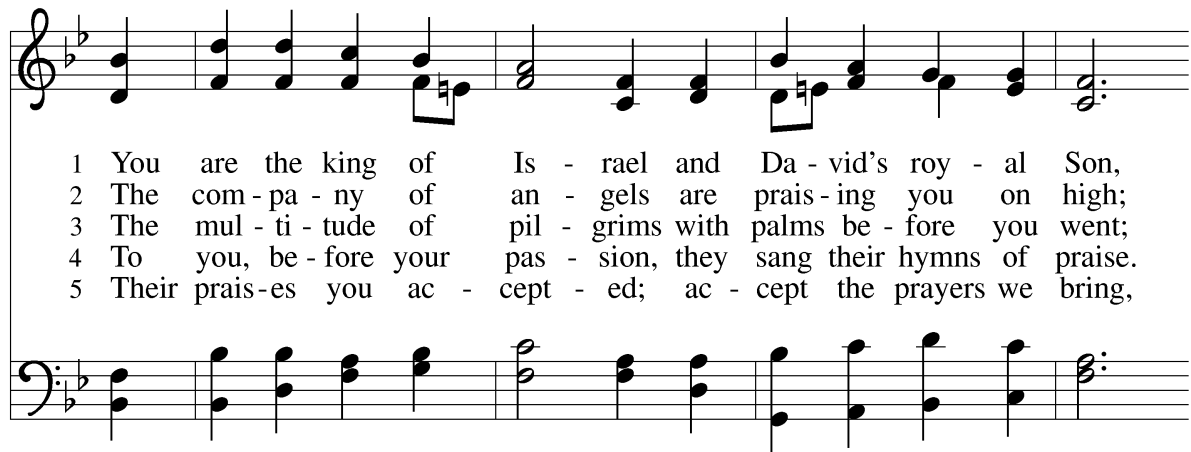
Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,

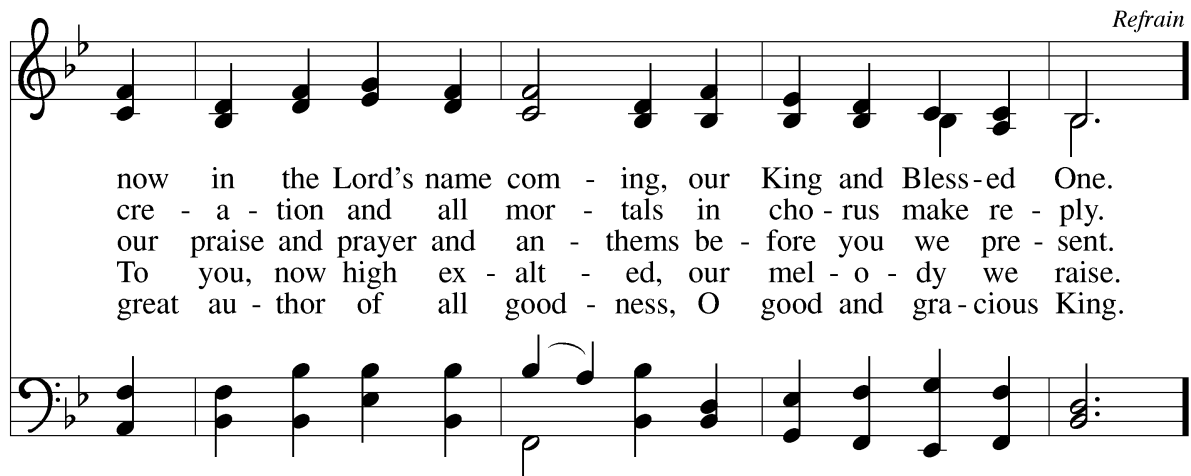


to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

All wave their palm branches and say several times:

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

11 a.m. only

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Helen Kamp

All wave their palm branches and say several times:

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: As we now enter into the contemplation of the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and meditate on the salvation of the world through his sufferings, death, burial, and resurrection, let us pray.

Silence is kept.

P: Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

READING

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,

let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.
nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.

Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,

of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.
that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.
Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

*HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 14:1–15:47

P: The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The congregation is seated as the Passion Gospel is read.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

No Tramp of Soldier's Marching Feet

1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet With
 2 And yet He comes. The chil - dren cheer; With
 3 What fad - ing flow'rs His road a - dorn; The
 4 Now He who bore for mor - tals' sake The

ban - ners and with drums, No sound of mu - sic's
 palms His path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
 palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
 cross and all its pains And chose a ser - vant's

mar - tial beat— "The King of glo - ry comes!" To
 cross draws near— The King of glo - ry's throne. A -
 on - ly thorn The King of glo - ry's crown. The
 form to take, The King of glo - ry reigns. Ho -

greet what pomp of king - ly pride No
 stride a colt He pass - es by As
 sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries, The
 san - na to the Sav - ior's name Till

bells in tri - umph ring, No cit - y gates swing
 loud ho - san - nas ring, Or else the ver - y
 streets with tu - mult ring, As Pi - late to the
 heav - en's raft - ers ring, And all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
 host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: English folk tune; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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KINGSFOLD
 C M D

Luke 19:37–38; Matt. 21:5–9; John 19:14–18

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**C: 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 God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

A: Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Help us to know the depth of your mercy and forgiveness. Help us to see ourselves in one another within our community and around the world, including our Sister Parish in Chichipate, Guatemala and our sister synods in Indonesia. Help us to appreciate how the gift of fellowship is made possible through Christ's suffering. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. Encourage the public servants at Indiana Ecological Services, the Hoosier National Forest, the park districts, the Sycamore Land Trust, and

Center for Rural Engagement. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Establish peace and justice among the nations. This week we especially pray for the peacekeepers in Gaza and Ukraine, including those who are risking their lives to provide humanitarian aid to those who are suffering. We also pray for discernment and Godly wisdom for those who are doing their best to survive in war-torn regions. Grant that elected officials, including courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Bring hope to those who live on the margins of our communities and our world. Help those of us who live in relative luxury to see the image of God in those whose dignity has been compromised by political and economic turmoil. We especially pray for peace and justice for the many asylum seekers who are crossing borders, as well as those who are unhoused and without

jobs in our own communities. Put wisdom in the hearts of lawmakers and judges making decisions about family separation. We especially pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: In this season of overworked clergy, provide supernatural energy and joy to our pastors, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. We especially pray for those who have been recently baptized, that they and their sponsors may come to know the blessings of fellowship. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Heal and comfort those who are sick or grieving, especially Elif, Paula, Doug, Yvonne, Barbara, Steve, Brenda, Jim, Meridith, Ted, Bob, Kent, Mark and Bill. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life. We give thanks for

the courage of Oscar Arnulfo Romero, bishop and martyr, whom we commemorate today. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.

OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the **Together In Community** pads. Make note of the names of your neighbors so you can introduce yourself after the service.*

***Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by the baptismal font**, 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.*



CHOIR ANTHEM

Kyrie

Gabriel Fauré

*OFFERTORY HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

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On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,

that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.

Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,

is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

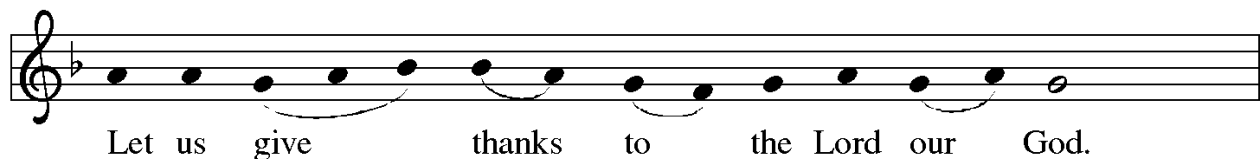
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

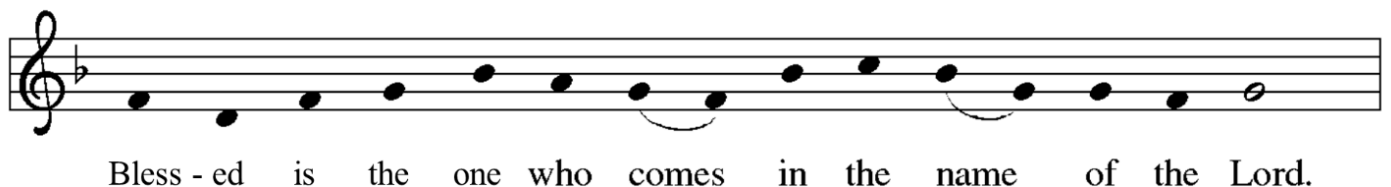
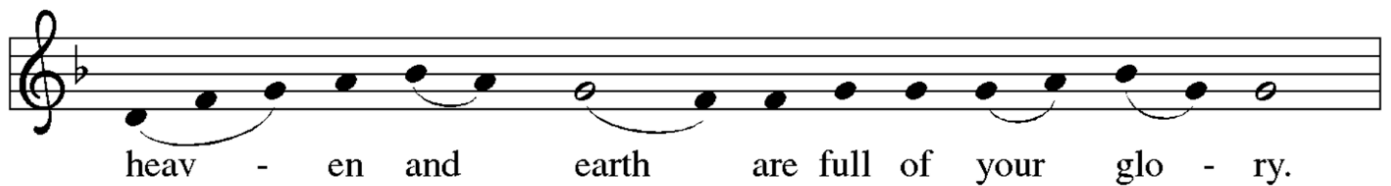
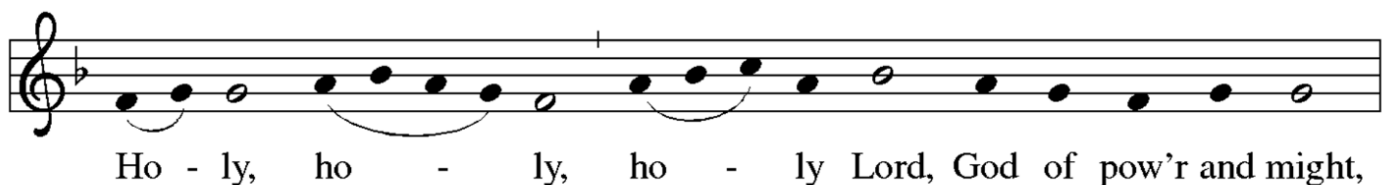
C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into 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:



*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for

all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

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

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

C: Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete. 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: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

We believe that God is our host and that all people are welcome to this feast of grace, community, and forgiveness. Come forward at the direction of an usher, and receive bread or gluten-free wafer and wine in a common chalice or pink wine and red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

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. A - men.

COMMUNION HYMNS

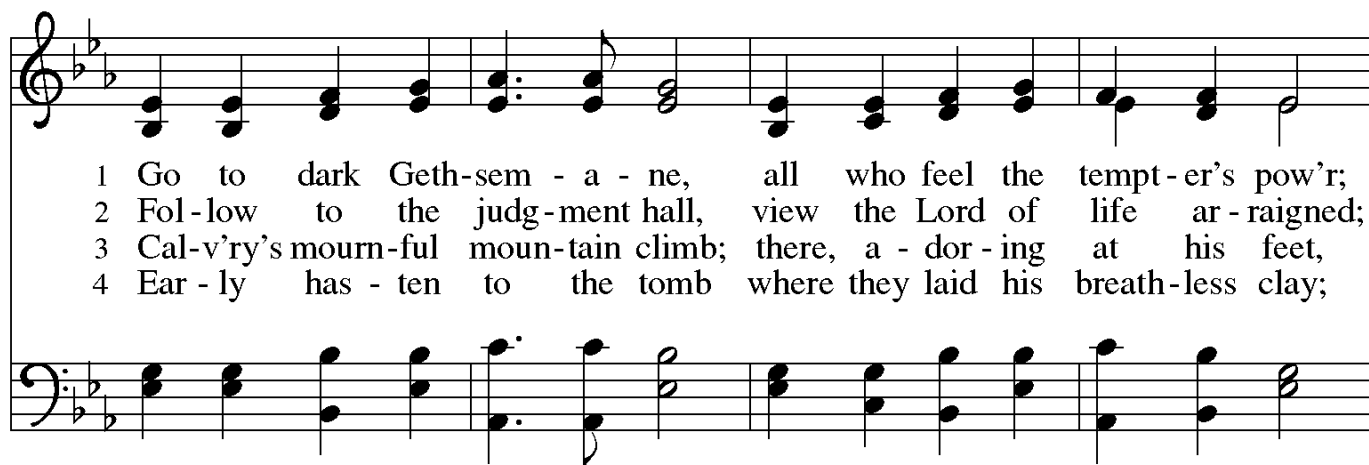
Go to Dark Gethsemane

verses 1-3 only

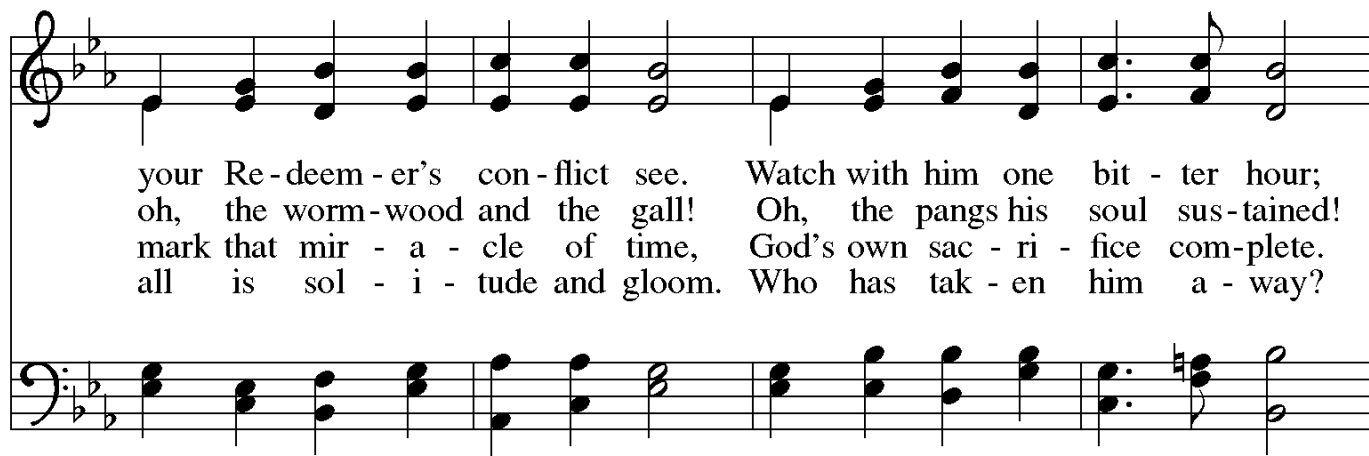
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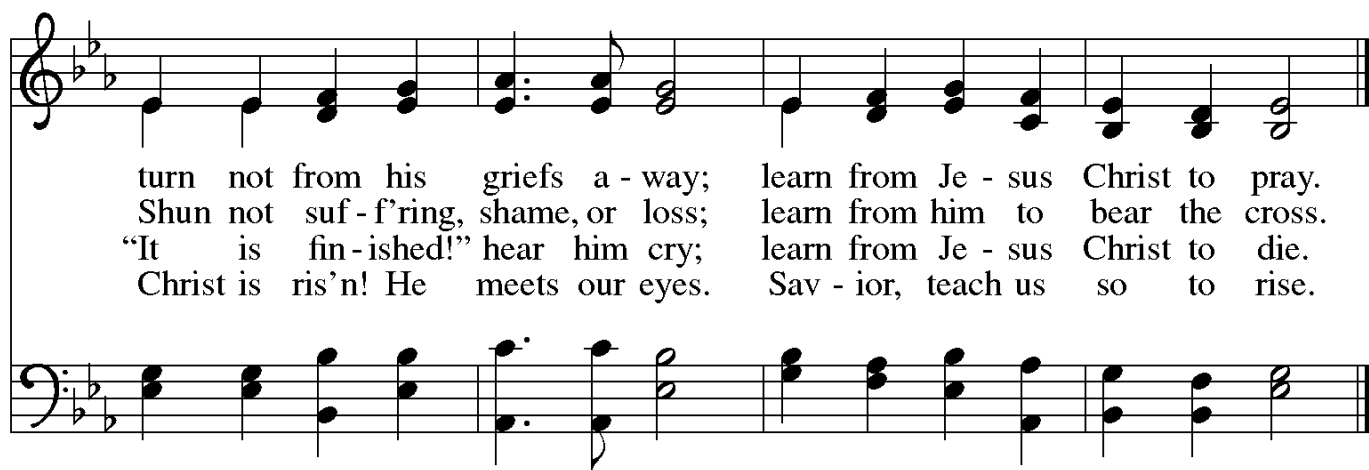
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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



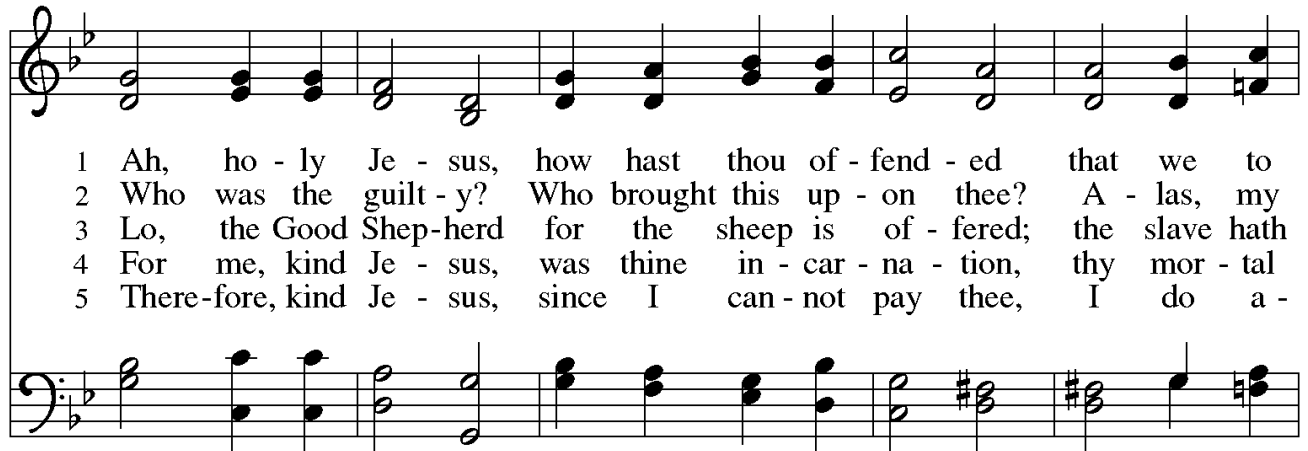
your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



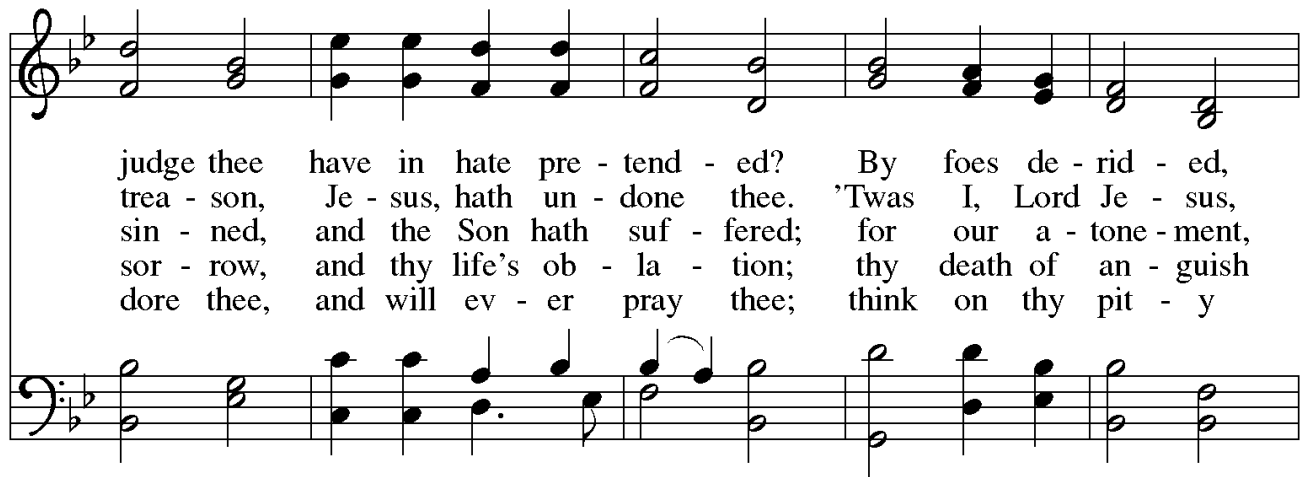
turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901

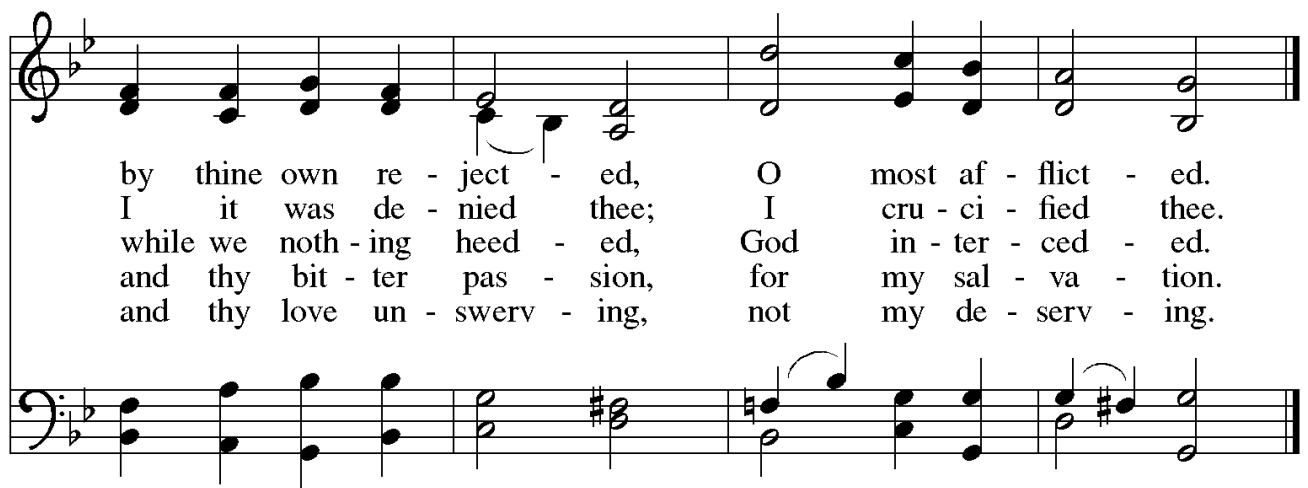
Ah, Holy Jesus



1 Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed that we to
2 Who was the guilt - y? Who brought this up - on thee? A - las, my
3 Lo, the Good Shep-herd for the sheep is of - fered; the slave hath
4 For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion, thy mor - tal
5 There-fore, kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee, I do a -



judge thee have in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de - rid - ed,
trea - son, Je - sus, hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord Je - sus,
sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered; for our a - tone - ment,
sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion; thy death of an - guish
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y



by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
I it was de - nied thee; I cru - ci - fied thee.
while we noth - ing heed - ed, God in - ter - ced - ed.
and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

*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. Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace. As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BENEDICTION

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

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***SENDING HYMN**

Were You There

1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 5 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

Refrain

Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.

Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you there?
 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? Were you there?

***DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prelude in E Minor, BMV 548a

J. S. Bach

*We depart in peace to continue our worship
in lives of witness to Christ's love
in work, play, service, and care for creation.*

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At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday March 24 Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. LuMin Lunch: Grab & Go

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: *Making Sense of the Cross*

11 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. LuMin Lunch: Grab & Go

1 p.m. Easter Basket Mission Project

Monday March 25

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Wednesday March 27

7 p.m. Healing Service

Thursday March 28

7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday March 29

12 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

7 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service

Saturday March 30

7 p.m. Vigil of Easter Service

Sunday March 31

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast

11 a.m. Worship

Monday April 1

Office Closed

LuMin Grab and Go Lunch Today

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

Next Steps

Looking for a way to get involved at STLC? Try this next step:

Property Committee

Help with manual tasks such as declutter, painting, occasional cleaning or tasks that require special expertise such as electrical, plumbing, or drywall work. Join a work day on the first Saturday or third Tuesday every month.

Contact the church office if you are interested in this next step. parishadmin@stlconline.org

Holy Week at St. Thomas

Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are a visual representation of Jesus's passion. Beginning on Monday, March 25, stations based on events during the past year and special connections to St. Thomas will be available to pray in Heritage Hall. Visit before or after any of the week's services or during office hours on **weekdays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

Wednesday in Holy Week Healing Service, March 27

As we continue to ponder our Lord's passion, our own brokenness and need for healing is often exposed. At this gentle service, prayer and the laying on of hands are offered to all who are in pain, bereaved, feeling hopeless, needing forgiveness, or wanting to show mercy. Pr. Adrienne will preach at **7 p.m. in Heritage Hall.**

Maundy Thursday, March 28

As Jesus gathered with his disciples on the evening before his death, we gather to wash feet and hands, share the Holy Meal, strip the altar, and so begin the Great Three Days that lead through the cross to the empty tomb. Pr. Lecia will offer a children's message, Pr. Adrienne will preach, and the choir will sing at **7 p.m. in the Worship Space.**

A Love Supreme: the Passion According to John Coltrane,

Midday Good Friday, March 29

When John Coltrane recorded *A Love Supreme* in 1964, it was immediately recognized as a masterpiece. The album—its four movements—is emotional, full of both lament and hope. Weaving through the pieces will be readings from the Passion according to John, poems and passages, and reflections by Pr. Adrienne at **12 p.m. in Heritage Hall.**

Good Friday, as Darkness Falls, March 29

On this day, we look to the cross, where Jesus draws all people to himself. In the evening, readings from the Passion according to John are complimented by songs and growing darkness. The service concludes with prayers of ever-widening circles as we pray for the world for which Christ died and honor the cross as the sign of forgiveness, healing, and salvation. Pr. Lecia will offer a children's message, Pr. Adrienne will preach, and the choir will sing at **7 p.m. in the Worship Space.**

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30

Be immersed in the story of the church and add your voice to our first Easter alleluias! You are invited to join us for an **Easter Vigil at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 30.** At this most fun, unique, and unexpected worship service of the year, we gather around fire, water, bread and wine to tell the story of salvation. We proclaim the stories of God's faithfulness and salvation throughout history as we proclaim Christ, the one who brings life out of death. This service will begin outside as we light the new fire and then move into Heritage Hall for a time of storytelling and Holy Communion, and is followed by s'mores around the fire and an Easter egg hunt.

Resurrection of our Lord, Sunday, March 31

With shouts of joy we proclaim the crucified Christ, risen from the dead, which secures our own victory over death. Together we look for signs of new life which emerges even when things appear uncertain. Pr. Lecia will offer a children's message, Pr. Adrienne will preach, the choir will sing "Christ the Lord is Risen Again" by Philip Stopford, and brass will accompany our worship. Between services, enjoy an Easter breakfast. **Join us at 8:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.**

Easter Breakfast—HELP NEEDED

Every year, St. Thomas provides a delicious breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 31. It is a time of fellowship, to welcome new folks to the community and visitors, and is quite helpful for those of us hosting out of town guests. Sign up on the poster in the Narthex to help with preparing, serving, and cleaning up. The sign up to bring food is full! Thank you! We still need 1-3 people to be in charge at the event.

Easter Lilies

You are invited to purchase a lily for adding beauty to the sanctuary on **Easter Sunday, March 31**. Lilies will be available to take home following the 11 a.m. worship service, or in the days following Easter. Ten lilies are still available for purchase at a cost of **\$16.00 each**.

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Elif Ogan, Paula Ionescu, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Barbara Peterson, Steve Caudill, Brenda Caudill, Jim Wallace, Meridith Galstad, Ted Berlin, Bob Shuck, Kent Unger, Mark Wilkes, and Bill Barr.

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.

Upcoming Events



*The Adult Choir of St. Thomas Lutheran Church
with friends and guest musicians presents*

REQUIEM IN D MINOR, Op. 48
by Gabriel Fauré

with selections from
OTČE NÁŠ (*The Lord's Prayer*)
by Leoš Janáček

Kathryn Davidson, Choir Director
Matthew Benkert, Director of Music

4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2024
A reception will follow the concert.

St. Thomas Lutheran Church - 3800 East Third Street
Bloomington, Indiana 47401 - www.stlconline.org

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is wheelchair accessible.
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Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Ute Coyne, Nancy Nye

Bread & Wine: Kathleen Boggess

Coffee Crew: Drew Balcam, Vicki Polansky

Prayer Writer: Janine Drake

A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Amy Bartleson Balcam

Lector: Ashley Ahlbrand

Gospel Readers: Karlyn Grise, Kris Stewart, Eliot Smith

Crucifer: David Ellies

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Communion Steward: Carol Seaman

Greeters: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Amanda Ghaffarian

Lector: Gretchen Moehlmann

Gospel Readers: Jennifer Garl, Sharon Fawbush,
Susan Hiller

Acolyte: Hope Meier

Lord's Prayer Leader: Lucy Meier

Crucifer: Mary Thomason-Smith

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Communion Steward: Sharon Fawbush

Greeters: Tom & Jan Sinn

Council Coordinator: Sarah Fogleman

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