

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 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 +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

P: We praise you for your salvation through water,

C: for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere.

P: Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

C: Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! 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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



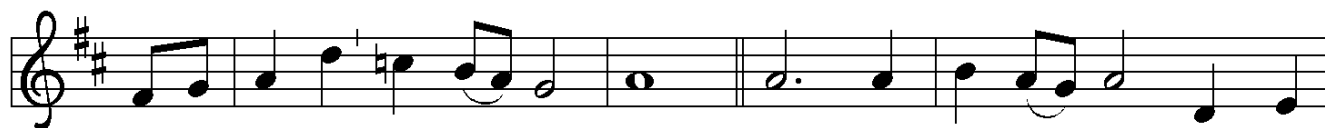
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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



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



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

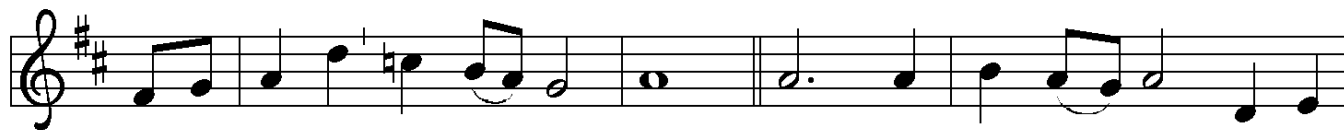


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



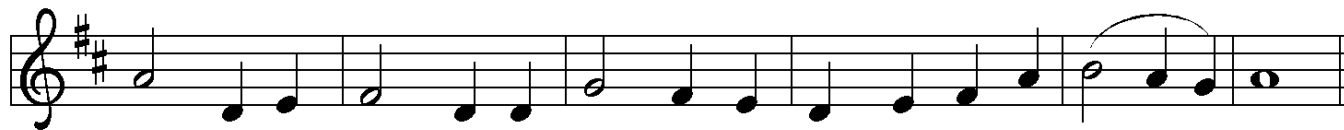
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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



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

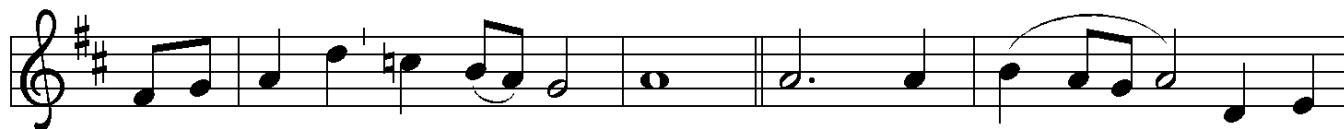


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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



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



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

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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

Acts 3:12-19

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified God servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in Jesus' name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, brothers and sisters, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4



Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my
cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or
my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek |
after lies?"**

Know that the LORD does wonders for the
faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on
your bed.**

Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

**Many are saying, "Who will show us | any
good?"**

**Let the light of your face shine upon | us,
O LORD.**

You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest
secure.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as Christ is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that Christ was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in the Son sins; no one who sins has either seen or known the Son. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as Christ is righteous.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see, for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to

them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Touch That Soothes and Heals

Touch That Soothes and Heals

See My Hands and Feet



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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8:30 a.m. only

*NICENE CREED

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

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

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

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the
giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the
Son.**

**who with the Father and the Son is
worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

11 a.m. only

*HOLY BAPTISM

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During the baptism, the congregation joins the baptismal party in a profession of faith:

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

The presider leads the congregation in thanksgiving at the font:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The congregation shares a welcome:

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

As the newly baptized is introduced to the congregation, all sing:

*HYMN

Baptized in Water

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Baptized in Water

1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Seward, b. 1932

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us so we might never grow weary of experiencing God's love and mercy for the world in the gift of Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Our spring flowers are blooming; thank you for this reminder of renewal. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. May our thanks and praise continue to rise at the wonders of creation, especially after the solar eclipse this past week. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. Help voters in this primary election season to make wise, informed decisions as they cast their ballots. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Accompany high school and college seniors as they discern where God will lead them after graduation. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty especially Elif, Paula, Doug, Yvonne, Barbara, Steve, Brenda, Jim, Ted, Bob, Kent, Mark, Bill, Don and Marilyn, and Harry. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry with New Hope for Families and with all of those experiencing housing insecurity. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living 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.*

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.



8:30 a.m. only
PIANO OFFERTORY

Debbie Witt

11 a.m. only
CHORAL ANTHEM
Fairest Lord Jesus

Martin How

*OFFERTORY HYMN
Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re -
Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the
Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets,

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veal an emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our
Lamb of God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly
sound through-out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to

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sor - rows, Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
treat - ed, Lives a - gain; our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
sing - ing: Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -

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clisped by doubt and dread: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
gin the ju - bi - lee: Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

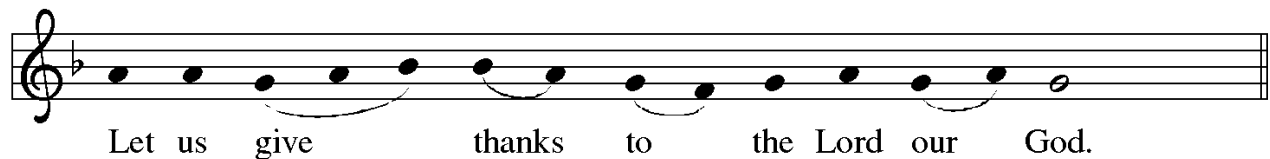
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



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



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

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. You prepare before us a table of goodness and mercy.

P: You are the Author of life and calls us to witness to your Good News. You are the Great Physician and all healing comes from you. You are the stone, rejected by the builders, which has become the cornerstone. You are the name by which we are saved. Your welcome extends beyond any borders we might establish.

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

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Joined into one body, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P: With the crowds and believers, pour out your Spirit on us. With the early church, let your great grace rest upon us. With Justus and Matthias, call us to be your witnesses. With Philip, catch us up in your Spirit. With the Ethiopian eunuch, send us on our way rejoicing.

P: With holy ones of all times and places,
With the dew upon the mountains, In the
pastures of plenty and the valleys of despair,
Alongside the still waters and the roaring sea,
With the floods that clap their hands And the
hills that sing together for you, As trees
planted by the watercourses, we praise you
blessed and holy Trinity, one God, 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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Thine is the Glory

This Joyful Eastertide

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

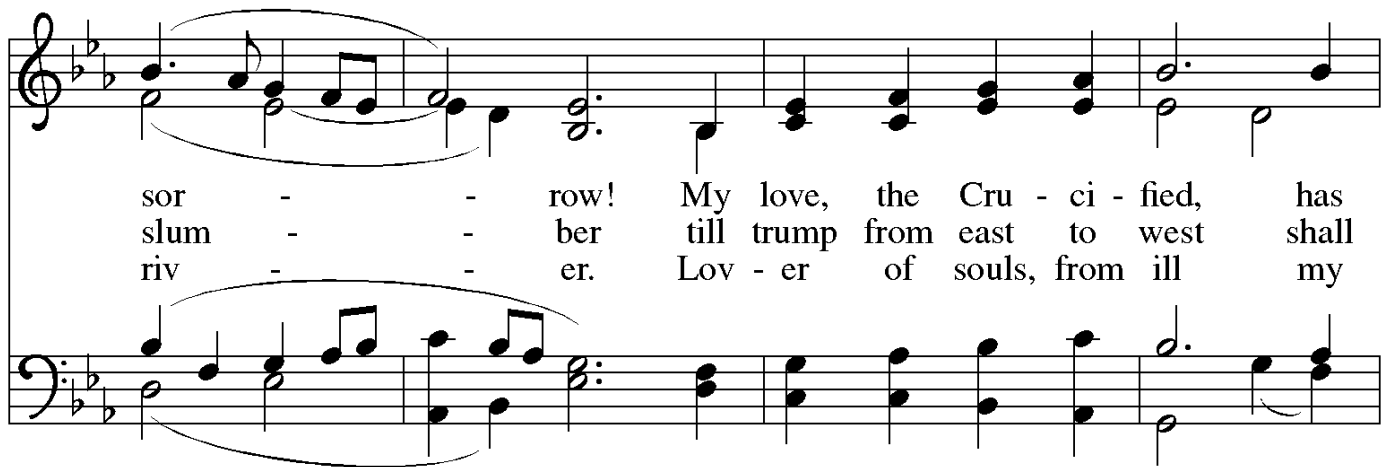
where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

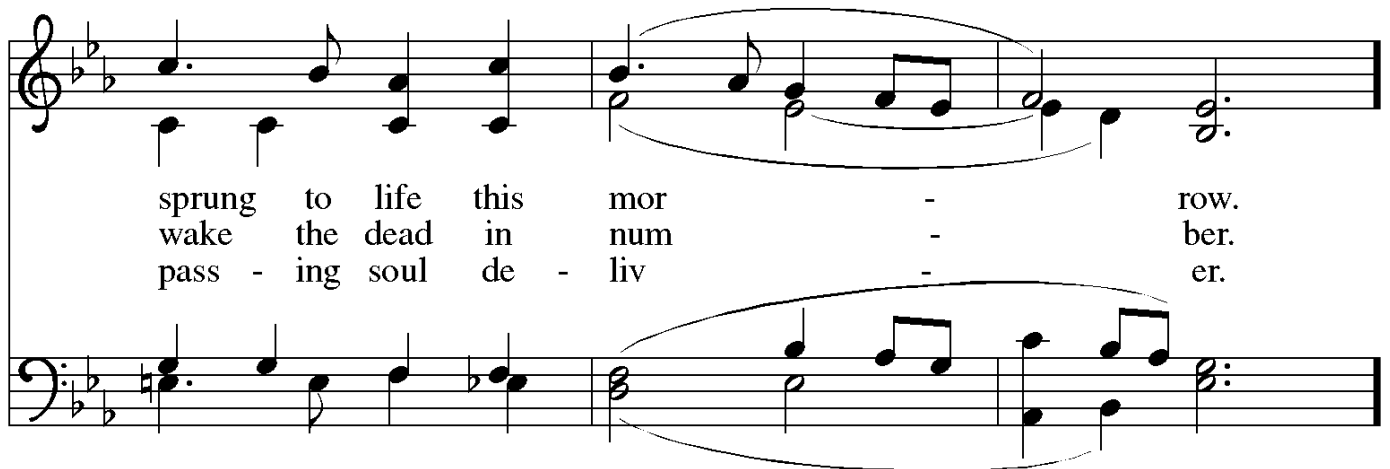
This Joyful Eastertide



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - row.
wake the dead in num - - ber.
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version
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***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: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your bold love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

*DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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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Today's readings are selected from the Revised Common Lectionary. The texts for the scripture readings are from the *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*, emendations are provided by the pastoral staff of St. Thomas.

At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas Sunday April 14

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Gather Bible Study
11 a.m. Worship
2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Project
4 p.m. Pie with the Pastors

Monday April 15

- 9:45 a.m. Worship at Bell Trace
1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
8 p.m. Matthew Benkert's
 Organ Recital at Alumni Hall

Tuesday April 16

- 10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day
6 p.m. Word in the Woods
7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday April 18

- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday April 20

- 7 p.m. Trivia Night

Sunday April 21

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Annual Program Meeting
(immediately followed by a Council Meeting)

Next Steps

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

Crucifer

Lead the worship leaders into and out of worship on festival days, carrying the cross or banners. Processions add a celebratory tone of the day and help direct the congregation's focus during worship. This role is best for teenagers and adults who can carry heavy objects.

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



Welcome Child of God!

Today we celebrate the baptism of Charlotte Ruwe, daughter of Matt & Margaret Ruwe.

Gratitude

Thanks to Debbie Witt for serving as our guest musician today.

Announcements

Annual Program Meeting

The Annual Program Meeting of St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, April 21 following the 11 a.m. worship service** (around 12:15 a.m.). The agenda will include ratification of the constitution, the election of council members, and celebrations of the year's ministry. If you are interested in serving on Council or the Nomination Committee, please speak with one of the pastors or a current member of council. Those who wish to join the meeting on Zoom may do so here:

<https://bit.ly/3JIP7D2>

Bloomington Bach Cantata Project

We welcome the BBCP **today at 2:30 p.m.** for their final performance this season, "Gott ist mein König" BWV 71, directed by Daniel R. Melamed.

Word in the Woods

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it! (Psalm 24:1)

Join us for Word in the Woods as we enjoy God's creation, build relationships, and contemplate scripture together. Meet us at Griffy Lake boathouse for a 2.5-mile hike which closes with Holy Communion. We will gather on **Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m.** Please contact the church office if you plan to join us!

Trivia Night Returns!

Trivia master Rance Fawbush has generously agreed to be our guide through another evening of trivia (who knows what topics?) on **Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m.** in Community Hall. Gather your teams, bring a drink or snack to share, and come join the fun.

Spring Choir Concert

It is time to mark your calendars for the annual Spring concert given by the St. Thomas Lutheran Church Adult Choir. The date will be **Sunday, May 5, at 4 p.m.** The theme is *Hope for All People*. The choir will be performing Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem* and Janacek's *The Lord's Prayer*. More details will be coming in the upcoming weekly announcements. A sign-up sheet for contributions to the reception is available at the Welcome Desk.

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

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

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 Karlyn Grise
in memory of her parents
Alice and Karl Knudsen.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Ute Coyne, Jennifer Garl, Haley Hatton

Bread/Wine: Gloria Hitchcock

Coffee Crew: Kathleen Boggess, Matt Meier

Prayer Writer: Gretchen Moehlmann

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

8:30 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Allison Ward

Lectors: Kari Esarey, Amy Bartleson Balcam

Ushers: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Communion Steward: David Ellies

Greeters: Drew & Amy Balcam

Council Coordinator: Kari Esarey

11 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Amanda Ghaffarian

Lector: Eliot Smith, Jennifer Garl

Ushers: Kim Filiatrault & Dennis Baurle

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

Council Coordinator: Sam Eichmiller

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