

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

8:30 a.m.

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.

Today's worship service is printed in this bulletin; the hymns are found in the back third of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) or purple *All Creation Sings* (ACS) found under the seat in front of you. Places to stand are marked with * and to respond are indicated with bold type. Please sit, stand, and move as you need to be comfortable. Use a blue chair with arms or move orange chairs to accommodate mobility needs. Assisted hearing devices and large-print worship aids are available from an usher.

Our youngest worshipers 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.

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.

Gifts placed in the offering plate during the worship service contribute to this mission. 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.

+ GATHERING +

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of our God, + Holy One and Holy Three.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy, O God.

C: We confess our action and inaction which has muted the singing of the cosmos. We have polluted the air, the water, and the earth. We have failed to treat each of these, and all of creation, as neighbor. You called us as stewards of your good creation, and too often we have neglected the earth's needs. We have withheld forgiveness from one another. We have avoided sorrow. We have kept silent in the face of pain. We confess our fear of death, our doubt in your resurrection. In your mercy, rekindle the song of the universe, and raise us up to newness of life to join in the chorus of creation that blesses your holy name.

Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, forgives your sin, loves you in your weakness, bears your burdens and your fears, and rejoices in your worship. Blessed be God who created the world in splendor and called it good.

C: Blessed be God forever.

*ENTRANCE HYMN
How Firm a Foundation

ELW#796

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cent, shall be your sup - ply.
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

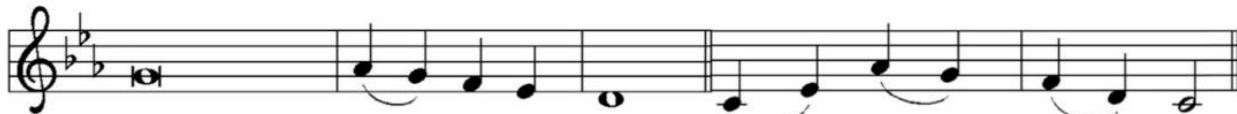
who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

***GREETING**

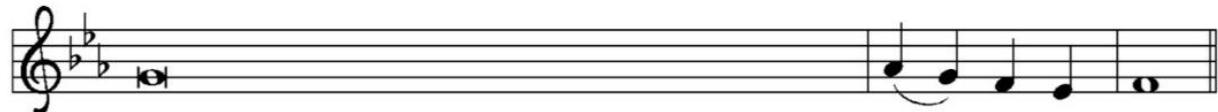
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE



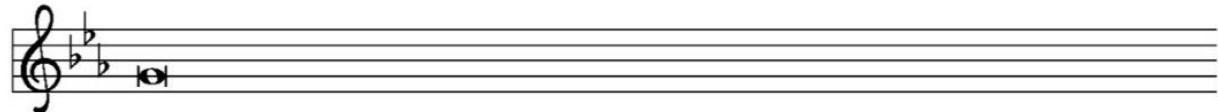
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



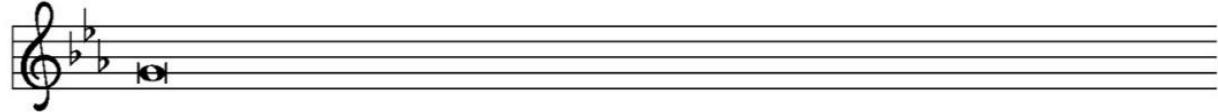
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



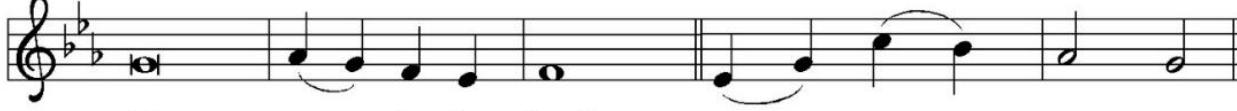
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



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



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



A - men, a - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

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

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

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;
I will keep watch to see what he will say to
me
and what he will answer concerning my
complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed
time;

it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

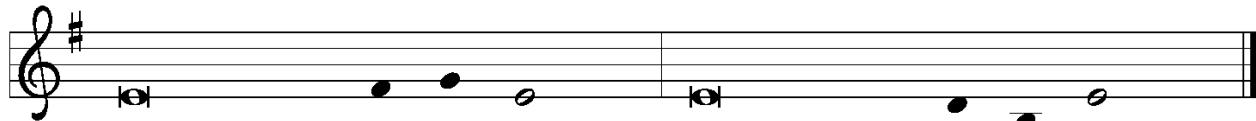
Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 37:1-9



Do not be provoked by ¹ evildoers;
do not be jealous of those ¹ who do
wrong.

**For they shall soon wither ¹ like the
grass,**

and like the green grass ¹ fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord ¹ and do good;
dwell in the land and ¹ find safe pasture.

**Take delight ¹ in the Lord,
who shall give you your ¹ heart's
desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord; put your
trust ¹ in the Lord,
and see what ¹ God will do.

**The Lord will make your vindication as
clear ¹ as the light**

**and the justice of your case like
the ¹ noonday sun.**

Be still before the Lord and wait ¹ patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who
prospers, the one who succeeds ¹ in ¹ evil
schemes.

**Refrain from anger, leave ¹ rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads on- ¹ ly to
evil.**

For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the Lord shall
possess the land.

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father
and Christ Jesus our Lord.

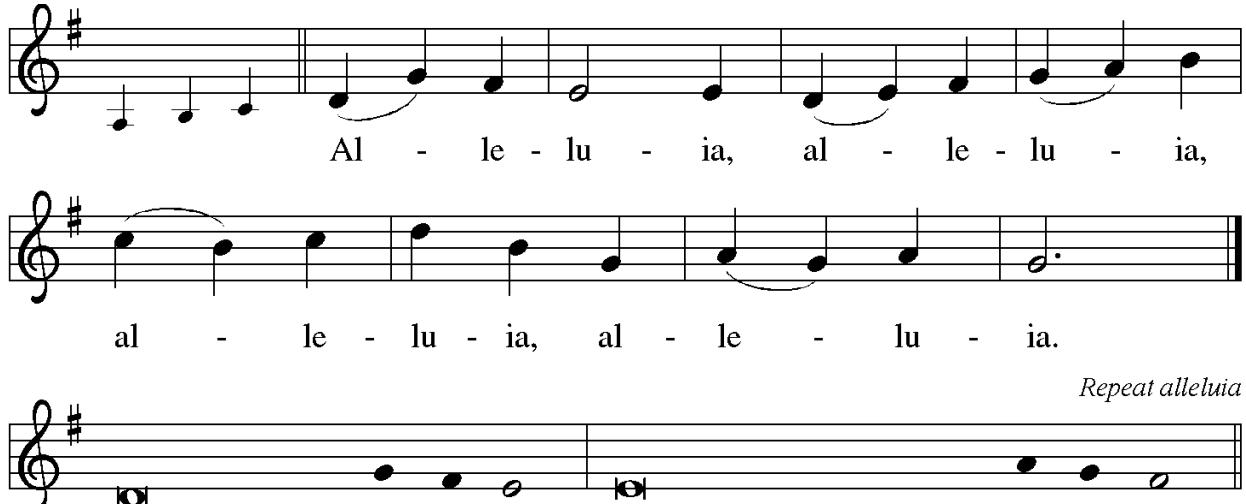
I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me a prisoner of the Lord, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that this one is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to Christ. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

Repeat alleluia

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

*HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke,
the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not

rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adriianne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

God of the Fertile Fields

ACS#1063

1 God of the fertile fields, sha - per of
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
trust from you all that you give; help us in
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
love to share, teach us like you to care
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Text: Georgia Harkness, 1891-1974, alt.

Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

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CHORAL SCHOLARS INSTALLATION

Matt Benkert, Ben Wegner: After prayerful deliberation, we, of St. Thomas Lutheran Church have appointed Nicole Barbeau, Jisoo Choi, Lane Harden, and Tyler Whitney to serve as choral scholars.

P: Our Lord Jesus, who came among us as a servant, calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

P: Nicole, Jisoo, Lane, and Tyler in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?
Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ with a godly life?
Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

C: Amen.

P: People of God, will you receive Nicole, Jisoo, Lane, and Tyler into this ministry as ones sent to serve in the church of Jesus Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Will you pray for them, help and honor them for their work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

P: Nicole, Jisoo, Lane, and Tyler, I now declare you installed as choral scholars. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray. O God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship: Strengthen and bless your servants, who, through your gift of music, seeks to enliven our praises and proclaim your word with power. Through this ministry give us new awareness of your beauty and grace, and join our voices with all the choirs of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: People of God, I present to you Nicole, Jisoo, Lane, and Tyler, your choral scholars
Let us welcome them in the name of Christ.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

A: O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need especially Ken, Apollos, Iann, Judy, Gloria, Jonathan, Lyman, John, Lauren, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith, especially St. Francis of Assisi. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ.

God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our 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.*

*An offering is collected as a grateful response for all of God's gifts. Gifts support St. Thomas's mission of living, sharing, and celebrating God's grace with all people. A portion of our offerings support Lutheran Campus Ministries at IU/Rose House and many local, national, and international ministry partners. **You may place gifts in the offering plate as it reaches you or give on our website, stlconline.org (the QR code will direct you).***



CHORAL ANTHEM

The Earth Adorned

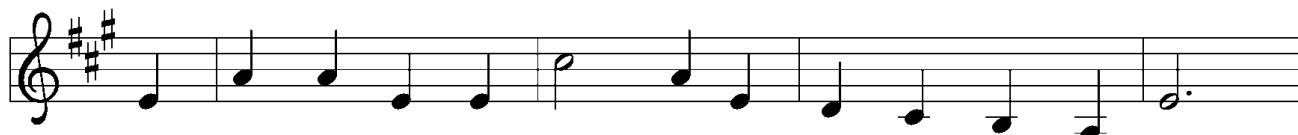
Waldemar Åhlén

*OFFERTORY HYMN

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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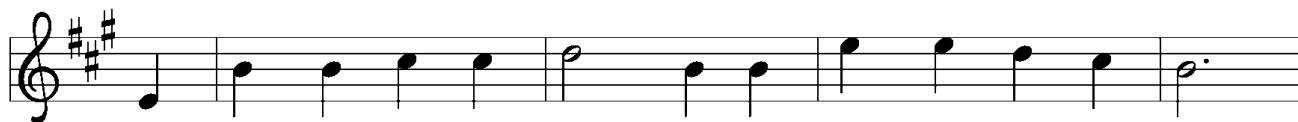
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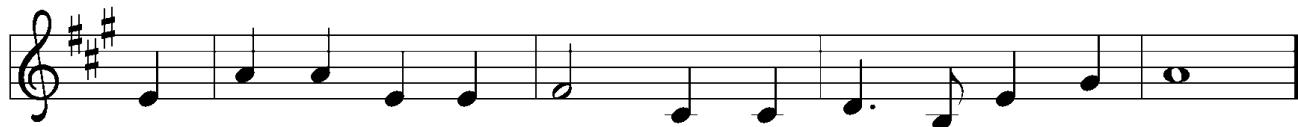
1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way-side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh-ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

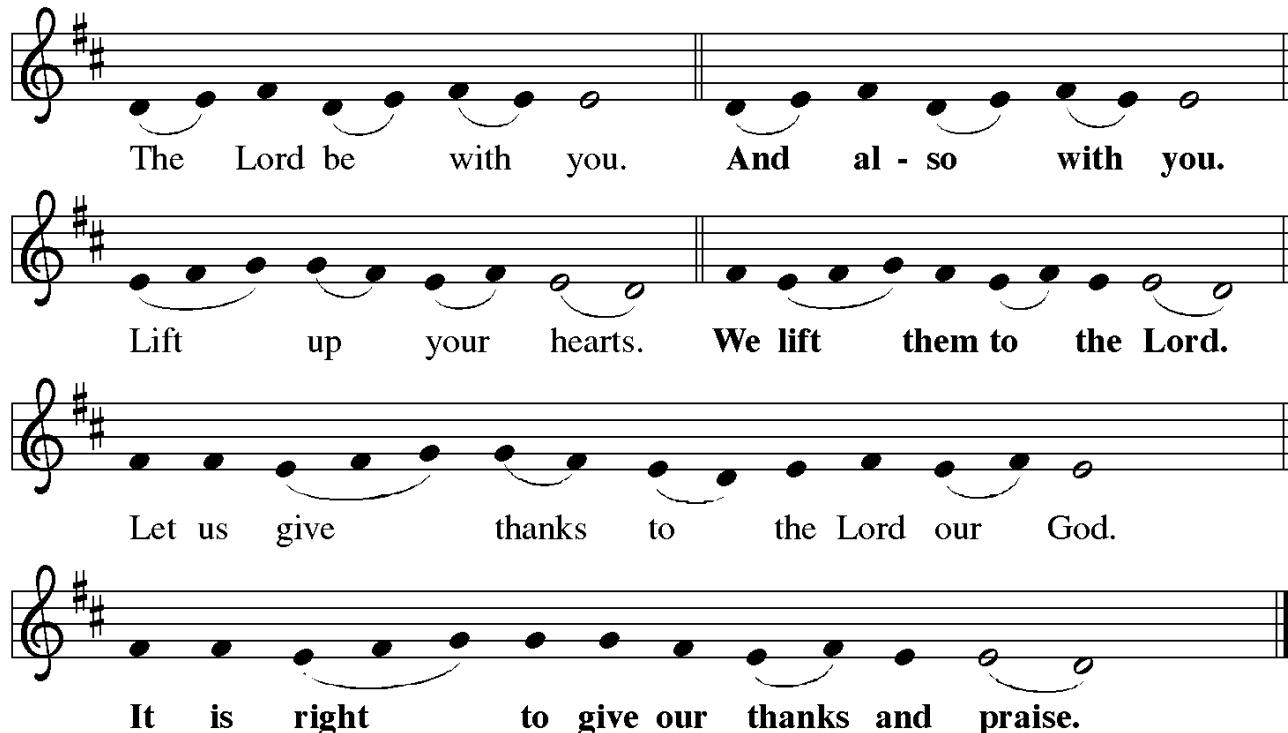
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Lord of the harvest, we return to you what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (two sharps) and common time. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with each staff containing a line of text corresponding to the melody. The lyrics are:

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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.

*EUCARISTIC PRAYER

P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song: The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

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: Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

C: The earth is full of your glory.

P: Amen, and amen.

C: Amen, and amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Otche nash, shcho yesi na nebesakh,
nekhai sviatit'sia Im'ia Tvoie.
Khai priide Tsarstvo Tvoie,
nekhai bude volia Tvoia
Yak na nebi, tak i na zemli.
Khlib nash nasushchnyi dai nam s'ohodni.
I prosty nam provyny nashi,
yak i my proshchaimo vynuvatsiam
nashym.
I ne vvedy nas u spokusu,
ale vyzvoli nas vid lukavoho.
Bo Tvoie ye Tsarstvo, i sila, i slava naviky.
Amin'.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, common time. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the notes. The lyrics are:

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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

ELW#759



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
 shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887

Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art ELW#863



1 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
2 How won - der - ful, how beau - ti - ful the sight of thee must be—
3 No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee; no moth - er, e'er so mild,
4 Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
5 My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thou ev - er - last - ing friend!



How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat in depths of burn-ing light!
thine end - less wis - dom, bound-less pow'r, and awe-some pu - ri - ty!
bears and for - bears as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.
for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
On thee I stay my trust - ing heart till faith in vi - sion end.



Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

*EUCARISTIC 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. O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BENEDICTION

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing ELW#545



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der-ness.
Ev - er faith-ful, ev - er faith-ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end-less day.



Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

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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At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday October 5

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: Climate Ambassador Training

11 a.m. Worship (with Pet Blessing)

12:30 p.m. 5th-8th Grade Youth Lunch

Monday October 6

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday October 7

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 8

6 p.m. Word in the Woods
7 p.m. St. Thomas Book Read

Thursday October 9

5:30 p.m. Brown Bag Choir Dinner
7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday October 11

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day
10 a.m. St. Thomas Piecemakers

Sunday October 12

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:30 a.m. LuMin Grab & Go Lunch
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: St. Vincent de Paul
9:45 a.m. High School Youth Coffee Meet Up
11 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. LuMin Grab & Go Lunch
2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Project

Limited Office Hours

Erica is out of the office. The church office will be open limited hours Monday October 6 through Thursday October 9, and closed Friday October 10. Normal office hours (M-F 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) will resume Monday October 13.

Pastor Lecia Out of Office

Pastor Lecia will be out of the office Sunday October 12.

Pastor Adrianne Out of Office

Pastor Adrianne will be out of the office Monday October 13 through Sunday October 19.

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

Word in the Woods

Encounter God in creation and in each other. Join in **Wednesday, October 8** for a worshipful hike at the Griffy Lake Nature Preserve. The hiking trail is approximately 1.7 miles and begins with a steep hill, though we take it at a relaxed pace. Throughout our hike, we will stop periodically to contemplate scripture and share prayer requests. The hike closes with Holy Communion. **We will begin at the east end of the boathouse parking lot at 6 p.m.** Please let Pastor Lecia know if you plan to join us! This is the last gathering of Word in the Woods in fall 2025.

Student Grab and Go Brown Bag Lunch, Sunday, October 12

Our lunch cart (every second Sunday of the month) is back for another school year to show our support for students at IU and Ivy Tech. Look for the sign-up on the Welcome Desk for details on the donations we need. And **please sign up to host the cart one month**—a few minutes of set-up and the chance to chat with students and welcome them to St. Thomas.

High School Youth

Connect with each other and caring adults over coffee. **Next Sunday, October 12**, high school students are invited to get coffee at Verona Coffee House (3105 S Sare Rd.). You can meet the group at STLC at **9:45 a.m.** or join us at Verona.

Train to be a St. Vincent de Paul Phone Volunteer

When people call SVdP for assistance, phone volunteers listen compassionately, assign volunteers for follow up, and make referrals to local organizations and agencies. **Next Sunday, October 12 between services**, representatives from St. Vincent de Paul will train phone volunteers at St. Thomas. Training to be a phone volunteer increases community knowledge and understanding of complex systems that serve people who live in face of great challenges.

Group Peer Support for Pregnancy Loss Awareness Week

Find support and a place to remember babies lost during pregnancy, childbirth, or infancy on **Sunday, October 12 at 4:30 p.m.** This single evening support group provided by trained peer facilitators is free and open to the public. Childcare will be provided.

No Sunday School on October 19

Due to Fall Break there will be no Sunday School classes on October 19.

60-Plus Coffee and Conversation, Sunday, October 19

Are you 60 (or over, or almost)? Join Dawn Bakken, chair of the Outreach and Community Care Committee, for conversation (and some baked goods) in Heritage Hall between the services, from **9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** We'd like your ideas on what a group for 60-plus folks might look like.

Bloomington Bach Cantata Project

Members of the St. Thomas community are warmly invited to the sixteenth season's performances by the Bloomington Bach Cantata Project. They present cantatas by Johann Sebastian Bach in performances modeled on his own; each concert includes a performance, a short talk about the day's cantata, and a second performance in which everyone can hear new and different things. The next performance, "Meine Seel erhebt den Herren" BWV 10, Miranda Zirnbauer, director, takes place on **Sunday, October 12 at 2:30 p.m.**

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Ken Pedersen, Apollos Wade, Iann Russell, Judy Louise, Gloria Hitchcock, Jonathan Miller, Lyman Hitchcock, John Kinzer, Lauren Halvorson, Leslie Main, Lynn Weddle, Dallis Fox-Nagal, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Kent Unger, and Mark Wilkes.

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 are given
by Tish Llewellyn
in memory of Deborah O'Brien on her birthday.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Mary Sasse, Susan Colston

Bread & Wine: Haley Hatton

Coffee Crew: Ian Bensberg, Vicki Polansky

Flower Guild: Mary Thomason-Smith
and Melody Smith

Prayer Writer: Gretchen Moehlmann

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Karlyn Grise

Lectors: Kari Esarey, Kathleen Boggess

Ushers: Susan Kinzer, Spencer Anspach

Communion Steward: Carol Seaman

Greeters: Del & Letty Newkirk

Council Coordinator: Kari Esarey

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Tim Smith

Lectors: Gerhard Glomm, Sharon Fawbush

Acolyte: Julianna Drake

Lord's Prayer Leader: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Steward: Mary Thomason-Smith

Greeters: Brock DeMark

& Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Council Coordinator: Dean Arnold

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