



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026

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 on the Worship Aids column in the narthex.

Our youngest worshipers may appreciate the Prayer Pond in the worship space or listening to the service from our unstaffed nursery. Activity bags and children's bulletins are available on the Worship Aids column in the narthex.

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 9:30 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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Beacon-All Faiths Chapel

***CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, [†] one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters.

C: Amen.

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty God, lover of justice,
C: you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

P: The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in \pm Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS#977

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to

that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,

some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and

vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con- verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es

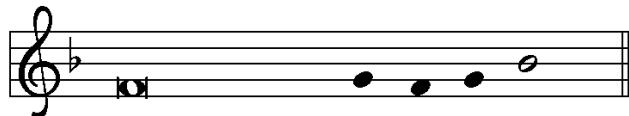
all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - forts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

***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.

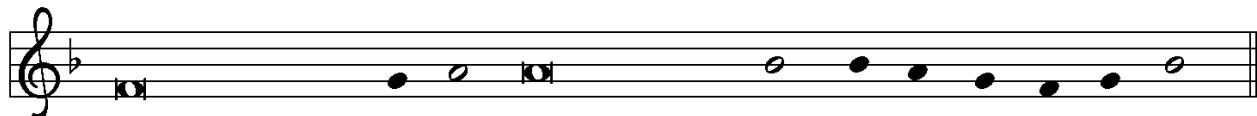
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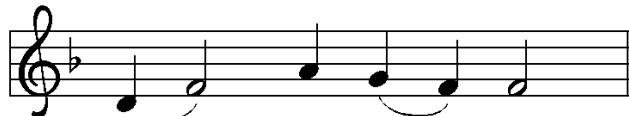
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



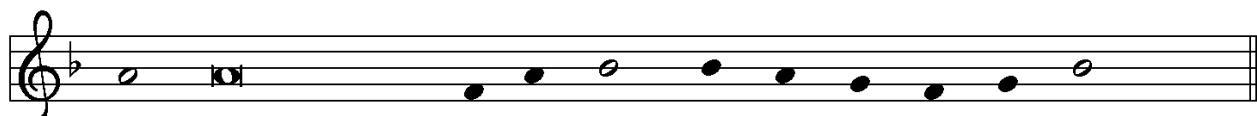
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and

praise, let us pray to the Lord.

A musical staff in common time with a key signature of one flat. It features a treble clef and five notes: a quarter note on the fourth line, an eighth note on the third line, a quarter note on the second line, an eighth note on the first line, and a quarter note on the second line. All notes are connected by a single horizontal brace.

Lord, have mercy.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 120. The staff contains four notes: a dotted half note, a quarter note, a dotted half note, and a quarter note.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.

A musical staff in treble clef with a key signature of one flat. The first measure begins with a dotted half note, followed by a series of eighth notes: a quarter note, a eighth note, and a eighth note. The measure ends with a vertical bar line and a repeat sign.

A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. The title 'Refrain' is written above the staff. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The melody is primarily in the soprano range, with some notes in the alto range. The lyrics 'This is the feast' are aligned with the first two measures, 'of' with the third measure, 'vic-to-ry' with the fourth measure, 'for our' with the fifth measure, and 'God.' with the sixth measure. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some sustained notes and a fermata over the word 'God.'

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



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



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



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



Refrain

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



2 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



Refrain

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Adriianne Meier

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against the chosen
people,

and the Lord will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of
slavery,

and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak
of Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of
the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?

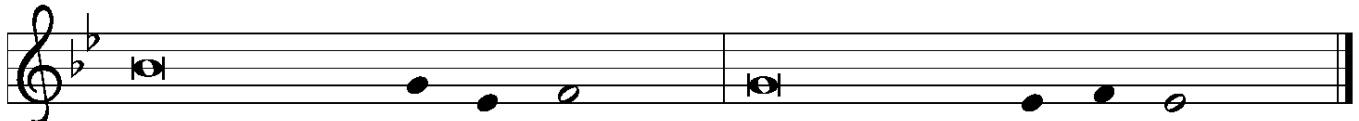
Shall I come before God with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
The Lord has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 15



Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and

do what is right,

who speak the truth from their heart;

they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;

they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For

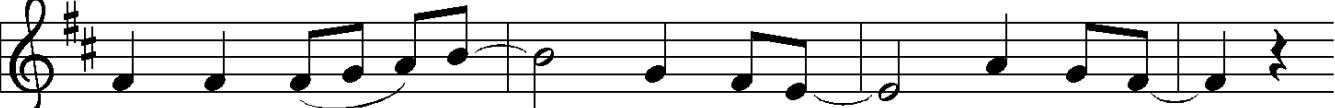
Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, my dear family: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table

ACS#1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - ige, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel-come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David BJORLIN, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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***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: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, we pray for this congregation and all faith communities to be renewed by your power and love. Show us the works of justice and mercy you are building and help us to build with you. In this bitter cold we pray especially for Bloomington Severe Winter Emergency Shelter, Shalom Day Center, and Welcome Table Breakfast Ministry. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, show us how to receive the blessing and gift of this beautiful, generous, well-watered planet. We pray for IU's Conservation Law Center, seeking justice for Indiana's lands and waterways, and for Earth Care's work with local faith communities to promote sustainable living. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, as we begin Black History Month, give us humble hearts to know our failures to live in your justice. Raise up leaders who will serve with integrity and respect human rights. Protect educators, journalists, artists, religious activists, and community leaders who speak the truth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for refugees, the homeless, the incarcerated, and people entrapped in famine, poverty, or armed conflict. Be near to those who advocate for others in courts, in the streets, and in the media. Reunite separated families and bring orphaned children to safety. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for all who are ill especially Bob, Ethelyene, David, Gloria, John, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, Mark, and for the isolated, the lonely, the frightened, those enduring chronic pain, and those who stand at the gateway of death. Help us to comfort one another. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, lover of souls, we entrust to you all our beloved dead. We remember and praise you for the life and work of Langston Hughes, whose poetry summons us to compassion and courage, and for the life and work of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, whose music expresses our deepest sorrows and greatest joys. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus 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.*



*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 above on the right will direct you).***



Use the QR code above on the left to add your volunteer hours to our 5000-hour challenge.

8:30 a.m. only
CHOIR ANTHEM
The Stranger's Guise

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*OFFERTORY HYMN
There Is a Balm in Gilead
ELW#614

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

**C: It is right to give our thanks and
praises.**

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,



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



san - na in the high - est. Blest is the one who



comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.

P: By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

P: Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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: Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

P: By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

P: Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

When Peace Like a River

ELW#785

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain
 It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul,

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW#855

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

*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. Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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SENDING

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*BENEDICTION

P: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.

P: The God of all grace \pm bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

ELW#669

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se-quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

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 February 1 Getting Involved Fair

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:30 a.m. MEF meeting
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship

Monday February 2

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

Wednesday February 4

12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

Thursday February 5

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

Saturday February 7

10 a.m. Lunch Packing

Sunday February 8 Souper Bowl of Caring

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
11 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. LuMin Grab & Go Lunch
12:30 p.m. High School Youth Lunch
2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Project

Next Steps

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

Coffee Crew

Kindly host visitors, guests, and members with coffee, monitor the coffee bar between services, and assist with clean up.

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

Pastors Out of Office and Office Closures

Pastor Lecia will be out of the office Sunday, February 1 and Monday, February 2.

Pastor Adrienne will be out of the office starting Tuesday, February 3. She will return to work on Sunday, February 8.

The office will be closed Friday, February 6.

Getting Involved Fair Today!

Looking for ways to engage with our church community and share your gifts? The Getting Involved Fair is a perfect opportunity to explore how you can be a part of St. Thomas's mission to live, share, and celebrate God's grace with all people! Visit the fair before and **after worship today.** At the fair you can learn about the ministries and committees that support our congregation's life together, discover opportunities to serve in ways that match your skills and abilities, and add your name to our involvement lists for specific tasks or projects, even if committee work isn't your preference. Whether you're ready to take an active role or simply explore the possibilities, there's a place for everyone to contribute.

Beacon Chapel—Match Challenge

It is count-down time for the Beacon "Light the Way" capital funds campaign to build a new shelter for those experiencing poverty and or homelessness. They hope to break ground this spring. To date, St. Thomas members have pledged as individuals \$58,910.

St. Thomas has been challenged to help raise funds to cover the cost of an All Faiths Chapel. With your help, we both get to help Beacon reach their goal and we get to be a named contributor on the All Faiths Chapel!

From February 1-15 we will gather funds for the chapel. Here is a QR code to make it easy! Along with our donations, we will be making valentines for the Beacon clients. Let's show our support for this vital community resource.



Welcome Table Lunch Packing!

We will gather on **Saturday, February 7 at 10 a.m.** to pack over 100 lunch bags for the unhoused and hungry who gather at First Christian Church's Welcome Table Breakfast. All ages are welcome! Once again, we'll ask our bakers for homemade cookies or bars to go lovingly into each bag. See the sign up sheets at the Welcome Desk.

Student Grab and Go Brown Bag Lunch, Sunday, February 8

Sign-up on the Welcome Desk to donate to feed hungry students as they continue their semester.

Souper Bowl Sunday

On **Sunday, February 8** will Rose House keep the Golden Charger or will St. Thomas win it back? You decide by your food donations to Pathways Food Pantry. Donate **Ready to Eat Soup** to support Rose House or **Ramen** for St Thomas. Items will be counted at 11 a.m. on Sunday, February 8 and results will be given at the late worship service.

Worship and the Arts Concert Series: 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. Performances take place on **Sundays at 2:30 p.m. The next one is February 8**, "Christen, ätzet diesen Tag" BWV 63. Daniel R. Melamed, director.

St. Thomas Piecemakers

We are looking forward to making several quilts for disaster victims over the next few months now that the Christmas rush is over. We're still looking for flat sheets to use as backing, especially colorful or printed ones to spark our creativity! If you have anything we might use, please drop them in the tote in the coat closet. If you're interested in joining the group to try something new, please join us at our next meeting on **Saturday, February 14 at 10 a.m. in Community Hall**. We'd love to have you join us as we sandwich quilts together, tie them, and cut fabric for new quilts!

Lent Mini-Retreat & Breakfast

On **Sunday, February 15 from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**, the Lent Mini-Retreat will help us prepare for the Lenten season ahead in Community Hall. We will explore the Prayer of St. Francis and our own sense of vocation. There will be activities to try at your own pace

throughout the hour. Connect with others over breakfast and coffee. Be encouraged as we discern what is ours to do in a world in need. This event is for all ages. Children will have the best experience alongside an adult.



GROUP PEER SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

TUESDAYS

February 10 & 24
March 3 & 24
April 7 & 21

8-9 PM

For more information or to receive
Zoom link, email Pastor Lecia
pastorleciabeck@gmail.com.

**MEET
ON
ZOOM**

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Bob Osborn, Ethelyene Thomason, David Ellies, Gloria Hitchcock, John Kinzer, 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 Lynn & Ute Coyne
in honor of Ute's sister's birthday.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Ute Coyne, Nancy Nye

Bread & Wine: Allison Ward

Coffee Crew: Larry & Mary Moore, Vicki Polansky

Prayer Writer: Pamela Smith

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Karlyn Grise

Lectors: Anna Harner, Kris Stewart

Ushers: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Communion Steward: Ian Bensberg

Greeters: Del & Letty Newkirk

Council Coordinator: Carol Seaman

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Amanda Ghaffarian

Lectors: Sharon Fawbush, Gerhard Glomm

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Communion Steward: Ken Pedersen

Greeters: Brock DeMark

& Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Council Coordinator: Randy Arnold

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