



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 8, 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 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

***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 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies ELW#553

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true and on - ly light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa - nied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

Sun of righ - teous - ness, a - rise, tri - umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine, scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day - spring from on high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

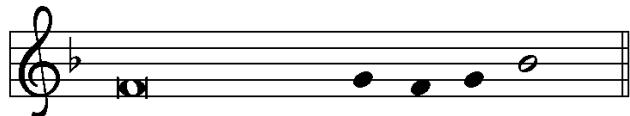
Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Music: RATISBON, J. G. Werner, *Choralbuch*, 1815

*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.

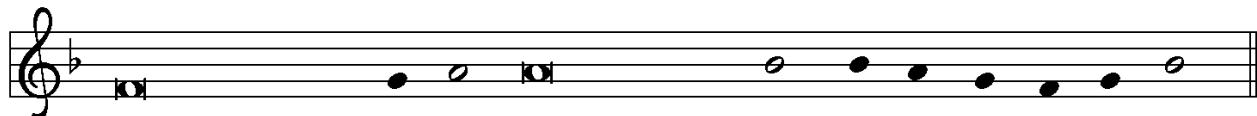
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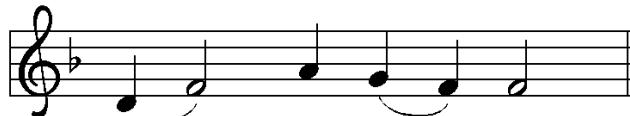
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



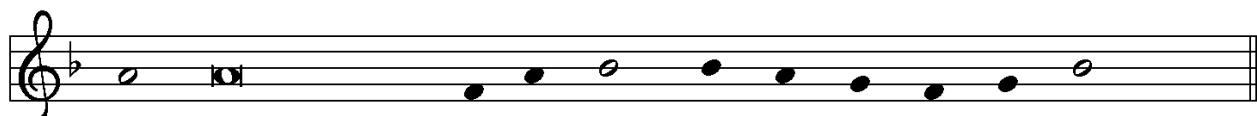
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Lord, have mercy.

A musical staff in G minor (one flat) with a treble clef. It contains four notes: a half note on the second line, a quarter note on the third line, a half note on the fourth line, and a whole note on the fifth line.

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

A musical staff in treble clef and one flat key signature. The measure begins with a dotted half note followed by an eighth note. The eighth note is sustained with a fermata. The measure ends with a repeat sign and a double bar line.

A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.

The musical notation consists of a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. The melody is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "This is the feast of victory for our God." The melody starts on a low note, moves to a higher note, then to a lower note, followed by a dotted half note. The second half of the line begins with a dotted half note, followed by a eighth note, a sixteenth note, a quarter note, a eighth note, a sixteenth note, a eighth note, and a eighth note.

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

A musical score for 'Alleluia' in G clef, 2/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,' are written below the notes, with a hyphen between 'le' and 'lu' and a dash between 'lu' and '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.



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. Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-9a

Shout out; do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced
righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their
God;
they ask of me righteous judgments;
they want God on their side.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?

Why humble ourselves, but you do not
notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast
day
and oppress all your workers.

You fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

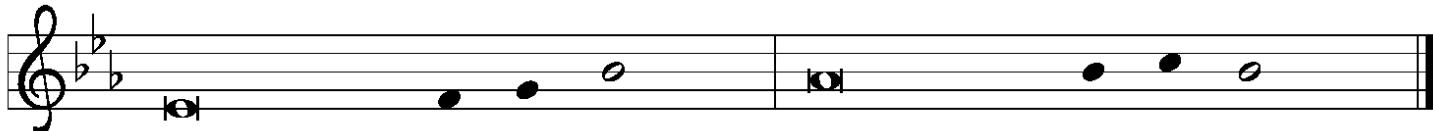
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your
house;
when you see the naked, to cover them
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you;
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear
guard.
Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and the Lord will say,
"Here I am."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112:1-10



Hallelujah! Happy are they who I fear the Lord
and have great delight in I God's
commandments!

**Their descendants will be mighty¹ in the land;
the generation of the upright¹ will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.

Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full¹ of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending

and to manage their af- l fairs with justice.

**For they will nev- l er be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in
everlast- l ing remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in
the Lord.

**Their heart is established and I will not shrink,
until they see their desire up- I on their
enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, and their
righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

**The wicked will see it and be angry; they
will gnash their teeth and I pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, my dear family, I did not come proclaiming the testimony of God to you with superior speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were made not with persuasive words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are being destroyed. But we speak God's wisdom, a hidden mystery, which God decreed before the ages for our glory and which none of the rulers of this age understood, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

"What no eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the human heart conceived,
what God has prepared for those who love
God"—

God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

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 5:13-20

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

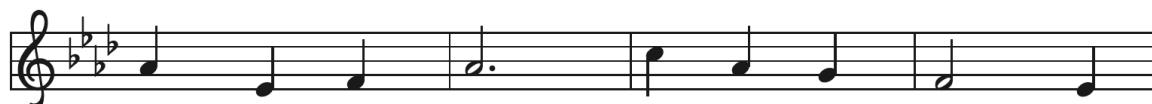
SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

God's Work, Our Hands

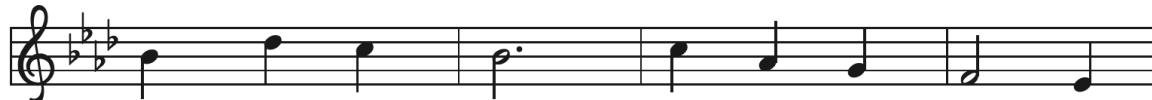
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1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - answer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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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: As your church, we are called to minister in a multitude of ways to our neighbors, those here in our community, and those in our nation and the world. Keep us true to the mind of Christ, that our works and witness bring hope to a troubled world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your marvelous creation cries out to you. Be with all those who strive to restore polluted air, soil, and water to wholeness. Guard all of your marvelous creatures—from the smallest honeybee to the great whales in our oceans-- and renew the face of the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your people in this nation and across the world suffer injustice, poverty, and violence. Be with those who care for their neighbors--all of them your beloved children—in every place. We give thanks today for the volunteers at the Bloomington Severe Winter Emergency Shelter, who care for some of the most vulnerable in our community.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your blessings are poured out for all in need. Help and heal any who experience trauma, discrimination, disease, hunger, abuse, or persecution. Comfort those who are sick or grieving especially Bob, Ethelyene, David, Gloria, John, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your wisdom guides this congregation and its ministries. Sustain our ordained leaders, staff, lay leaders, and volunteers. Form us to be salt and light for the neighbors we serve, following the example of Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Your saints rejoice at your heavenly banquet. We give thanks for their lives of faith, trusting that we also will be embraced by your eternal love. 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 on the left to add your volunteer hours to our 5000-hour challenge.

8:30 a.m. only
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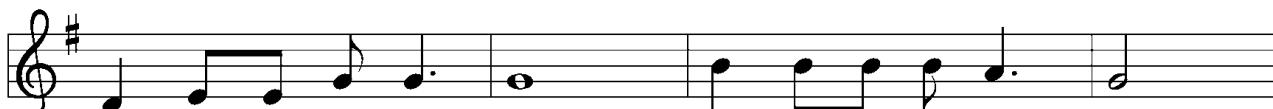
*OFFERTORY HYMN
This Little Light of Mine
ELW#677



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*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. Spanish is provided on the right.*

**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.**

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre.
Venga tu reino.
Hágase tu voluntad
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas
como también nosotros
perdonamos a los
que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es
el poder y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y siempre. Amén.

*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

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G clef, 3/4 time, and B-flat key signature. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with three distinct endings. The first ending starts with a dotted half note followed by a quarter note. The second ending starts with a half note. The third ending starts with a quarter note. 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COMMUNION HYMNS

Soon and Very Soon

ELW#439



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King.



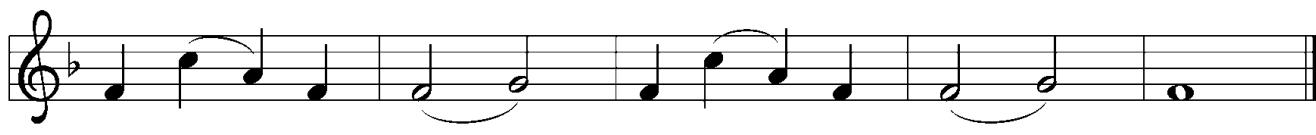
Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

[1, 2, 3]

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - - jah, hal - le - lu - -



jah, hal - le - lu - - jah, hal - le - lu - - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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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,

*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

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW#551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
bur - dened free; where hope is dim,
joy - like seed and, all our days,
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has to em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
share a dream and help the blind to see.
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
pow - ered us; we go in Je sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734–1820

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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 8

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

Monday February 9

10:15 a.m. Worship at Redbud Hills
1 p.m. Pastors Bible Study

Tuesday February 10

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday February 12

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

Saturday February 14

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

Sunday February 15

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:45 a.m. Lent Mini-Retreat
9:45 a.m. GPS Grief Support Group
11 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Council Meeting

Next Steps

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

Communion Steward

Assist with individual cups at communion, saying, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." This role is great for teenagers or adults.

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

LuMin Grab and Go Lunch Today!

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

Today! 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 today**, "Christen, ätzet diesen Tag" BWV 63. Daniel R. Melamed, director.

Grief Support Group meets in February

Everyone needs compassionate support after loss and heartache. In the company of other people who are grieving and lead by trained facilitators, join a judgement-free community of support and care to accompany you in this portion of your grief journey. **Meet at St. Thomas between services (9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.) on February 15.** This Grief Support Group is open to the public; attend as many sessions as you need.

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. St. Thomas members have pledged as individuals over \$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!

Through February 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.



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!



GROUP PEER SUPPORT FOR PARENTS

TUESDAYS

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

8-9 PM

For more information or to receive
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pastorleciabeck@gmail.com.

**MEET
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ZOOM**

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.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday is February 18. The Psalmist sings, “a broken and contrite heart, God, you will not despise,” and, so, we begin the season of Lent with confession. The imposition of ashes reminds us of our brokenness, our sin, our mortality—but in the symbol that points to wholeness, forgiveness, and resurrection: the cross. **Join us for a spoken service at 12 p.m. in Heritage Hall or a traditional service at 7 p.m. in the Worship Space.** Ashes and communion will be shared at both services.

Community Soup Suppers during Lent

On **Wednesdays** during Lent (beginning February 25), share a simple supper of soup and bread at **6 p.m.** These suppers will be free and open to anyone who could use a warm meal and friendly company. After the supper, anyone can choose to attend Holden Evening Prayer at 7 p.m. Sign up on the Welcome Desk to set up, clean up, or to bring soup, bread, or dessert.

Lenten Midweek Services

On Wednesdays in the seasons of Lent, gather in the evenings in prayer and song. Poems and scripture readings on prayer and being instruments of God's peace will anchor Holden Evening Prayer. **Worship begins at 7 p.m. in Heritage Hall.**

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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Barb Unger, Susan Colston

Bread & Wine: Sacha Arterberry

Coffee Crew: Casey Main, Marcus Hershberger,
Matt Meier

Prayer Writer: Dawn Bakken

A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Sowinski

Lectors: April Armstrong, David Ellies

Ushers: Dean Arnold, Ian Bensberg

Communion Steward: Barb Unger

Greeters: Dan & Linda McNabb

Council Coordinator: Carol Seaman

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Debbie Witt

Lectors: Eliot Smith, Pamela Smith

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Brock DeMark

& Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Communion Steward: Susan Colston

Greeters: Randy & Nancy Nye

Council Coordinator: Justin Rust

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