



**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**February 15, 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**

#### **\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: God promises us new life through Jesus. In the waters of baptism, we journey with Christ into this new life and all of it is a free gift from God. Let's give thanks to God for this gift.

P: Like Nicodemus, we may not fully understand, but your love for us—for the world—is endless. Thank you for loving us to life. We thank you for your love. Like the Ethiopian eunuch, we ask for guidance, and you remind us that your grace is abundant. Thank you for washing us with your grace.

**C: We thank you for your grace.**

P: Like the woman whose tears wash Jesus' feet, we seek forgiveness, and you forgive us and see us for who we are. Thank you for your boundless mercy.

**C: We thank you for your mercy.**

P: Friends, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus and for that we give our thanks!

**C: God, we thank you.**

P: God's gift to us is forever. May we remember these gifts of love, grace, and mercy in times when we do not feel our best. And may we see one another as beloved children of our loving God—made in the Imago Dei.

**C: Amen**

# \*ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing      next page  
*During the processional, the congregation  
 turns to face the cross as it passes.*

Christian H. Bateman, 1843

Traditional Spanish melody  
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927

1. Come, Christians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore Christ's throne re - joice;  
 Christ is our Guide and Friend; to us will con - de - scand;  
 on hea - ven's bliss - ful shore, Christ's good - ness we'll a - dore,

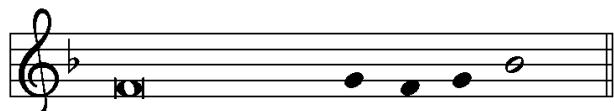
praise is Christ's gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 Christ's love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## \*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.**

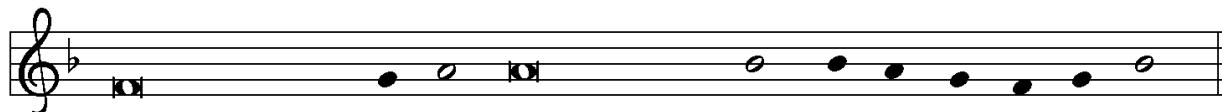
## \*KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



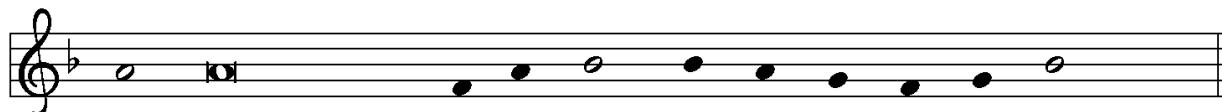
For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



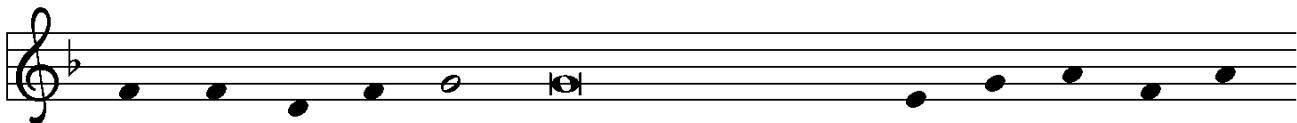
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



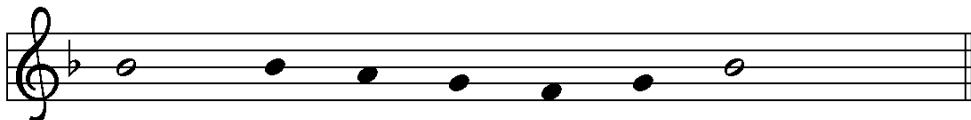
God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



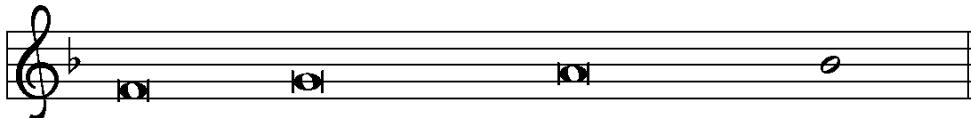
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A

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men.

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you  
for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God  
in the high - est, and peace to God's  
peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the  
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - -  
-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on  
us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
-ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God

in the high - est, and peace to God's people on earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est. A - men, a - - - men.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God of the covenant, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights. Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may lead others into your presence, for you live and reign, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **+WORD+**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

### FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

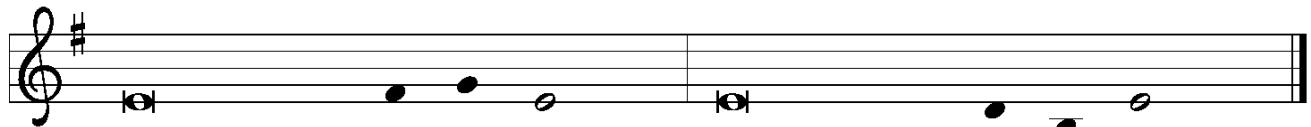
Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day the Lord called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites.

Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 2



Why are the nations <sup>1</sup> in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter <sup>1</sup> empty threats?

**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes <sup>1</sup> plot together, against the Lord and against the <sup>1</sup> Lord's anointed?**

"Let us break their <sup>1</sup> yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their <sup>1</sup> bonds from us."

**God whose throne is in heav- <sup>1</sup> en is laughing;**

**the Lord holds them <sup>1</sup> in derision.**

Then in wrath God <sup>1</sup> speaks to them,

and in rage fills <sup>1</sup> them with terror.

**"As for me, I have anoint- <sup>1</sup> ed my king upon Zion, my <sup>1</sup> holy mountain."**

Let me announce the decree <sup>1</sup> of the Lord,  
    who said to me, "You are my son; this day  
    have I be- <sup>1</sup> gotten you.

**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations  
    for <sup>1</sup> your inheritance  
    and the ends of the earth for <sup>1</sup> your  
    possession.**

You shall crush them with an <sup>1</sup> iron rod  
    and shatter them like a <sup>1</sup> piece of pottery."

**And now, you <sup>1</sup> kings, be wise;  
    be warned, you rulers <sup>1</sup> of the earth.**

Submit to the <sup>1</sup> Lord with fear,  
    and with trembling <sup>1</sup> bow in worship;  
**lest the Lord be angry, and you perish in  
    a sudden <sup>1</sup> blaze of wrath.**

**Happy are all who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in  
    God!**

## SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths  
when we made known to you the power and  
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had  
been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For Jesus  
received honor and glory from God, the Father,  
when that voice was conveyed to him by the  
Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my  
Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We

ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with Jesus on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from 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 17:1-9

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain,  
Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the  
vision until after the Son of Man has been  
raised from the dead."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

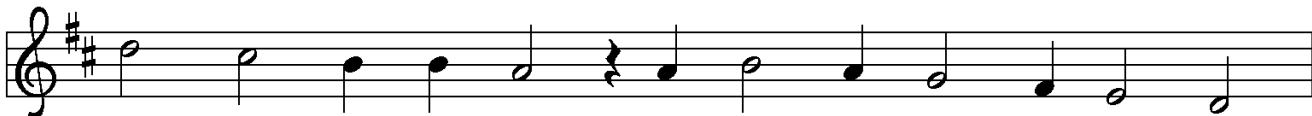
Pr. Adriianne Meier

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Morningstar, How Fair and Bright! ELW#308



1 O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with  
2 Come, pre - cious dia - mond, light di - vine, and deep with -  
3 Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there  
4 Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,



God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!  
in our hearts now shine; there light a flame un - dy - ing!  
falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.  
when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and Sav - ior,  
 In your one bod - y let us be as liv - ing branch - es  
 Your word and Spir - it, flesh and blood re - fresh our souls with  
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in him here



you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly! Low - ly,  
 of a tree, your life our lives sup - ply - ing. Now, though  
 heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure! Let your  
 and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion. Al - le -



ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious, rich  
 dai - ly earth's deep sad - ness may per - plex us and  
 mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us! For  
 lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing life



in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!  
 dis - tress us, yet with heav'n - ly joy you bless us.  
 you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.  
 for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!

5 Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!  
 Our joy be all with music crowned,  
 our voices gaily blending!  
 For Christ goes with us all the way—  
 today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
 His love is never ending!  
 Sing out! Ring out!  
 Jubilation!  
 Exultation!  
 Tell the story!  
 Praise to Christ, who reigns in glory!

6 What joy to know, when life is past,  
 the Lord we love is first and last,  
 the end and the beginning!  
 He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
 transport us to that happy place  
 beyond all tears and sinning!  
 Amen! Amen!  
 Come, Lord Jesus!  
 Crown of gladness!  
 We are yearning  
 for the day of your returning.

**\*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: Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may courageously follow him in your vision for justice and love. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us attentive to the needs of the earth. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Peacemaking God, as representatives from many nations gather in Milan for the Olympics, we remember that peace and cooperation does not yet reign in the world. Give wisdom to negotiators, sanctuary to refugees, and safety to aid organizations and workers who are your hands and feet. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Make us instruments of your care for those who are experiencing chronic pain or mental distress. Comfort the dying and those who grieve especially Bob, Ethelyene, David, Gloria, John, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. 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](http://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

CHOIR ANTHEM

Immortal, Invisible

Eric H. Thiman



Honoring the Composers of  
African American Spirituals  
royalties paid to Sphinx Organization

11 a.m. only

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM

Down by the Riverside      arr. Randa Kirshbaum



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## \*OFFERTORY HYMN My Lord, What a Morning ELW#438

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BURLEIGH, 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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: Almighty Lord, we praise your shining light, your glowing grace. From before the earth's foundation, you loved us and promised us life forever. Within the earth's deep sadness, we laud your great and glorious might. Despite our tears and sinning, we sing of the gladness of your mercy.

P: We praise your Son, our Morning Star. Christ is our diamond bright, our treasure dear. He is our living Savior who has ransomed us in love. He keeps us yours and fails us never—today, tomorrow, and every day.

P: On the night before his great salvation, he 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: With joy we tell our story: Alleluia!

**C: Alleluia**

P: We call for your Spirit on us and this meal. Refresh our souls with this heavenly food, the body and blood of your Son. Nourish us as branches of your tree, and enlighten us with your undying flame.

P: We sing out to the Father, we ring out to the Son, we exult in the Spirit. Transport us in our yearning, and be for us the end and the beginning, our purest pleasure, our victorious crown, our never-ending love. And so we pray and praise:

**C: Amen.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

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

Vater Unser im Himmel.  
Geheiligt werde dein Name.  
Dein Reich komme,  
Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, so auf  
Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.  
Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,  
wie auch wir vergeben unsren Schuldigern.  
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,  
sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft  
und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.

#### \*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

## Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

ELW#316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
 car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
 deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
 this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
 Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



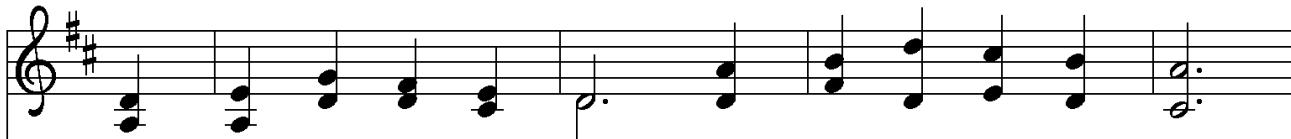
moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
 Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
 by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

# How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW#315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.



Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

## \*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.**

## **+** SENDING **+**

### **\*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 **+** bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# \*SENDING HYMN

## Alleluia, Song of Gladness

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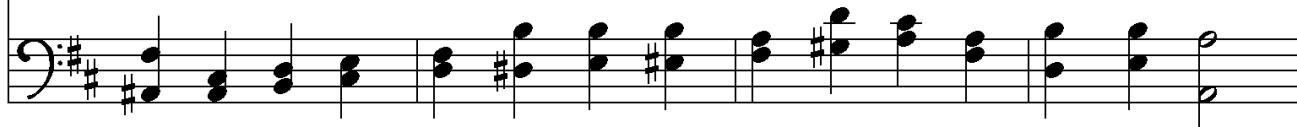
*During the recessional, the congregation turns to face the cross as it passes.*



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;  
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;  
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless-ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth-er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;  
al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres-sions make us for a while for - go;  
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith-ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn-ing ex - iles still are we.  
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.  
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.



## \*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 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

### **Monday February 16**

- 9:45 a.m. Worship at Bell Trace
- 1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

### **Wednesday February 18**

- 12 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

### **Thursday February 5**

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

### **Sunday February 22**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. 60-Plus Group: Organizing Meeting
- 11 a.m. Worship

# **Next Steps**

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

## **Lectors**

Read one of the Scripture lessons for the day. The church office emails the lessons in the week prior. This role is great for adults, teens, tweens, and children who are proficient readers.

Contact the church office if you are interested in this next step. [parishadmin@stlconline.org](mailto:parishadmin@stlconline.org)

## **Lent Mini-Retreat & Breakfast Today**

**On this morning 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.

## **2026 Hymn Madness**

The Worship Committee is please to declare "It Is Well With My Soul" winner of the 2026 Hymn Madness Competition.

## **Grief Support Group meets Today**

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 between services (9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.) today.**

This Grief Support Group is open to the public; attend as many sessions as you need.

## **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.**

## **60-Plus Group: Organizing Meeting, Sunday, February 22, in between services**

We're forming interest/activity groups and finding a monthly date for everyone to come together. Join us in Heritage Hall in between the services and let's get this group going!

## **Save the date: LuMin Chili Cook-Off**

**Sunday, March 1** will be the LuMin's 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction to support Lutheran Campus Ministry. To make chili for the event, sign up on the Welcome Desk at St. Thomas. More details will be released closer to the event.



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:skcolston@aol.com) to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

**The altar flowers are given**  
by Kris Stewart  
in memory of her son James  
on his baptismal birthday.

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar Care: Nancy Nye, Gail Seegert

Bread & Wine: Kathleen Boggess

Coffee Crew: Kathleen Boggess, Vicki Polansky

Flower Guild: Gail Seegert

Prayer Writer: Moriah Reichert

A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

## **8:30 a.m. Service**

Assisting Minister: Robin Hershberger

Lectors: Nancy Mathews, Carolyn Sowinski

Crucifer: Kathleen Boggess

Usher: Carol Seaman

Communion Steward: Ian Bensberg

Greeters: Mary Sasse, David Ellies

Council Coordinator: Johnathan Frank

## **11 a.m. Service**

Assisting Minister: Tim Smith

Lectors: Peter Iversen, Janine Drake

Acolyte: Elaina Iversen

Crucifers: Randy Arnold, Joseph Arnold

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Steward: Leah Iversen

Greeters: Gail Seegert

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

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