



**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 12, 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

\*OPENING DIALOG (written by former pastor Walt Johnson)

P: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We gather to be fed by the Word and nourished in the Holy Meal—as has been our privilege for sixty-six years.

**C: We meet in gratitude to God for the gift of Christ Jesus and for the renewing power of the resurrection.**

P: We thank the Spirit of God for leading and walking with us through all the past years; through times of joy, growth and vitality in mission, and through difficult seasons of stress and discouragement.

**C: We are grateful to the Lord of the Church for calling and equipping faithful pastors, lay-leaders and tireless volunteers to support our ministries over the years.**

P: We especially honor God for the work of Rose House LuMin, which had its beginning in our midst.

**C: We are thankful that this congregation has also been led to reach out to all sorts of God's children—seekers and faithful disciples from every walk of life.**

P: Let us ask God to lead us into the days and years ahead with Resurrection Hope—building on what has been, with a vision of what can be, and confident that God's every promise will be fulfilled.

**C: Send us, loving God, into your future—empowered by forgiving grace, encouraged by your promise that all things will work together for good for those who love the Lord.**

\*ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ's Risen, Christ's Risen

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# Christ's Risen, Christ's Risen

Christ's ris - en, Christ's ris - en, Praise Je - sus, the Lord! Christ  
The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry; The  
But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose, And  
O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more; Christ  
Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice; Pro -

o - pened death's pris - on, the in car - nate, true Word. Break  
Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree. In  
death, hell, and Sa - tan Christ van - quished, our foes. The  
rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door. For  
claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice. Laud,

forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song And  
Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer, For  
con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high; Christ  
all our trans - gres - sions Christ's blood does a - tone; Re -  
hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain; With

earth, sea, and moun - tain, their praise - es pro - long.  
Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
lives, yes, Christ lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
deemed and for - giv - en, we now are God's own.  
Fa - ther and Spir - it Christ ev - er shall reign.

## \*GREETING

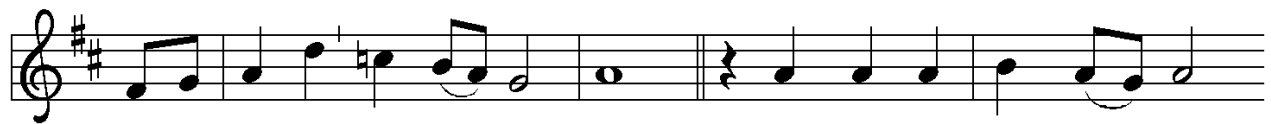
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

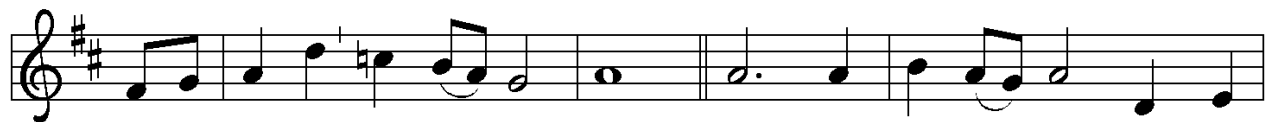
## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



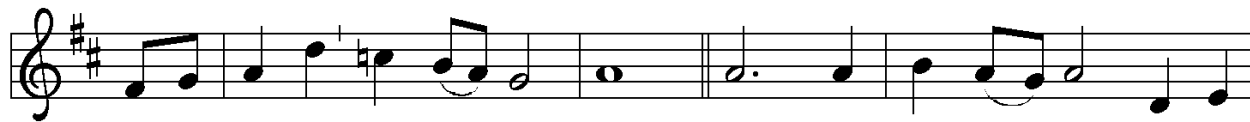
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*Refrain*



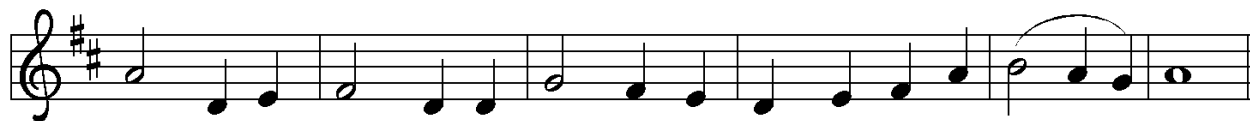
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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



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

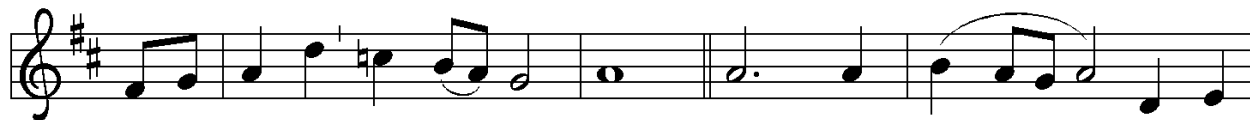


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



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



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



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

*Final refrain*



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



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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## +WORD+

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Adrienne Meier

### FIRST READING

Exodus 15:1-11, 19-21

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord:

"I will sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;

horse and rider the Lord has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my might,  
and has become my salvation;

this is my God, whom I will praise;

my parents God, whom I will exalt.

The Lord is a warrior;

whose name is the Lord.

Pharaoh's chariots and his army the Lord cast into the sea;

his elite officers were sunk in the Red Sea.  
The floods covered them;  
they went down into the depths like a  
stone.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power—  
your right hand, O Lord, shattered the  
enemy.

In the greatness of your majesty you  
overthrew your adversaries;  
you sent out your fury; it consumed them  
like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled  
up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.  
The enemy said, 'I will pursue; I will overtake;  
I will divide the spoil; my desire shall have  
its fill of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall  
destroy them.'

You blew with your wind; the sea covered  
them;

they sank like lead in the mighty waters.  
Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?

When the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

“Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously;  
horse and rider has been thrown into the sea.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 111



Hallelujah! I will give thanks to  
the Lord with <sup>l</sup> my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in  
the <sup>l</sup> congregation.

**Great are your <sup>l</sup> works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who de- <sup>l</sup> light in them.**

Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

**You cause your wonders to | be  
remembered;  
you are gracious and full | of  
compassion.**

You give food to | those who fear you,  
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

**You have shown your people the  
power | of your works  
in giving them the lands | of the  
nations.**

The works of your hands are faithful- | ness  
and justice;  
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,  
because they are done in | truth and  
equity.**

You sent redemption to your people and  
commanded your cove- | nant forever;  
holy and awesome | is your name.

**The fear of the Lord is the begin- | ning of  
wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good  
understanding. God's praise en- | dures  
forever.**

## SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ by whose great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen Christ, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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

## \*HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the

Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

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

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

By All Your Saints

ELW#421



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
2 All praise to you for Thom - as, whose short-lived doubt-ings prove  
3 Give praise to God Al - might - y, and wor - ship God the Son,



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed!  
your per - fect two - fold na - ture, and all your depth of love.  
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



For you a - rose vic - to - rious that they might wear the crown  
May all who live with ques - tions have faith in you re - stored;  
till all the ran-somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



and share the light of glo - ry re - flect - ed from your throne.  
grant us the grace to know you, to say, "My God and Lord."  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - crite to God a - lone.

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823–1913, alt.  
Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

**\*NICENE CREED**

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

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

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

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

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

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son.**

**who with the Father and the Son is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.**

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

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

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Maker of earth and the heavens, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of our world, to the sights, sounds, and smells of spring all around us every day. As we witness human beings journey beyond our planet and look back to see it as one beautiful, fragile home to every one of your creatures, inspire us to care for the earth and all its inhabitants. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection and hope, you call all your people to love, not hatred; to the pursuit of justice, not the heedless quest for power; to peace, and not the glorification of violence and war. Comfort your people; be with those who work for the well-being of all and not the profit of a few; rebuke those who cry for destruction in your name. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way especially Scott, Helen, Bob, David, Gloria, John, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.*

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

# \*OFFERTORY HYMN

## This Joyful Eastertide

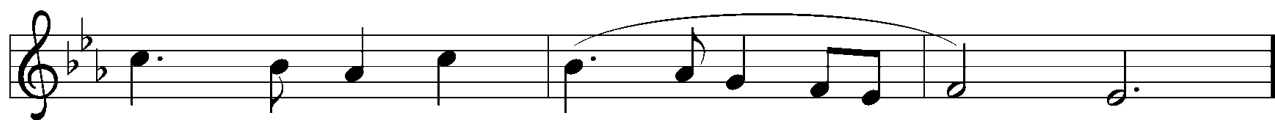
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*verse 1 only*



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



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



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

### *Refrain*



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



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



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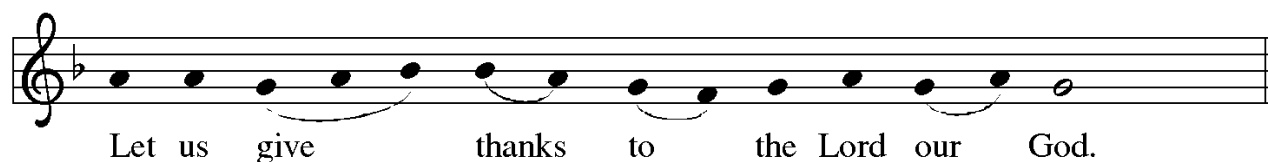
## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

**C: Amen.**

## + MEAL +

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



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



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



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



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

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

P: We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world. Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

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. Bengali 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.**

হে আমাদের স্বর্গস্থ পিতা,  
তোমার নাম পূজিত হউক,  
তোমার রাজ্য আসুক,  
তোমার ইচ্ছা যেমন স্বর্গে,  
তেমনি পৃথিবীতেও পূর্ণ হউক,  
আমাদের দৈনিক অন্ন আজ আমাদের দাও,  
আর আমরা যেমন অপরাধীকে ক্ষমা করি তেমনি তুমিও  
আমাদের অপরাধ ক্ষমা কর,  
আর আমাদের প্রলোভনে পড়তে দিও না,  
কিন্তু মন্দের হাত থেকে উদ্ধার করো।  
[রাজ্য, পরাক্রম ও মহিমা যুগে যুগে তোমার। আমেন।]

#### \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*We believe that God is our host and that all people are welcome to this feast of grace, community, and forgiveness. Come forward at the direction of an usher, and receive bread or gluten-free wafer and wine in a common chalice or pink wine and red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

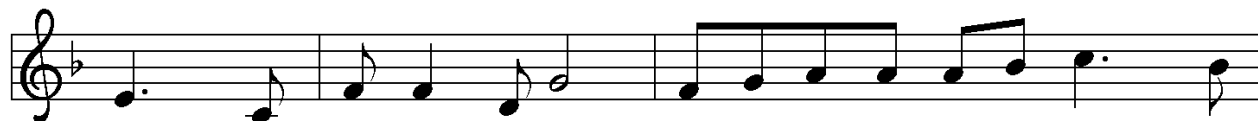
# AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

## That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright ELW#384

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

# Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW #379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958  
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
Text from *Oxford Book of Carols*, © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved.

## \*EUCHARISTIC 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. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

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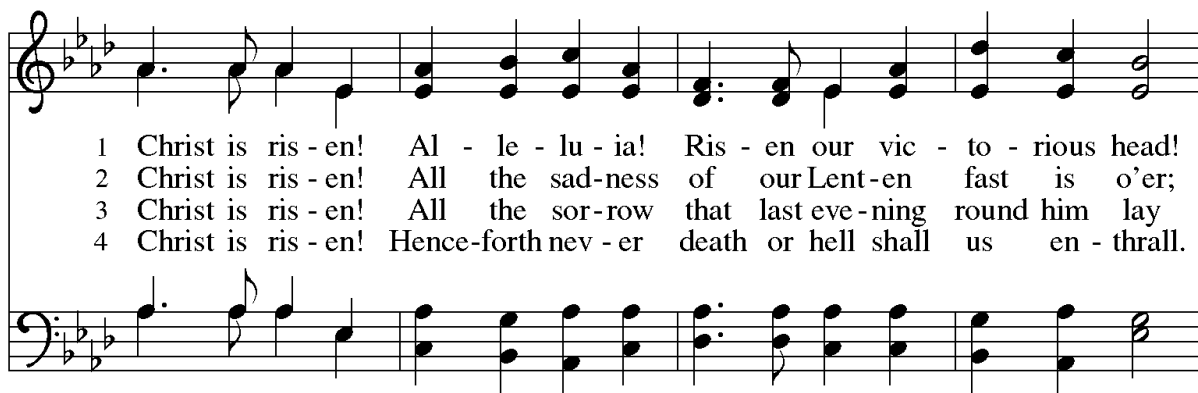
P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

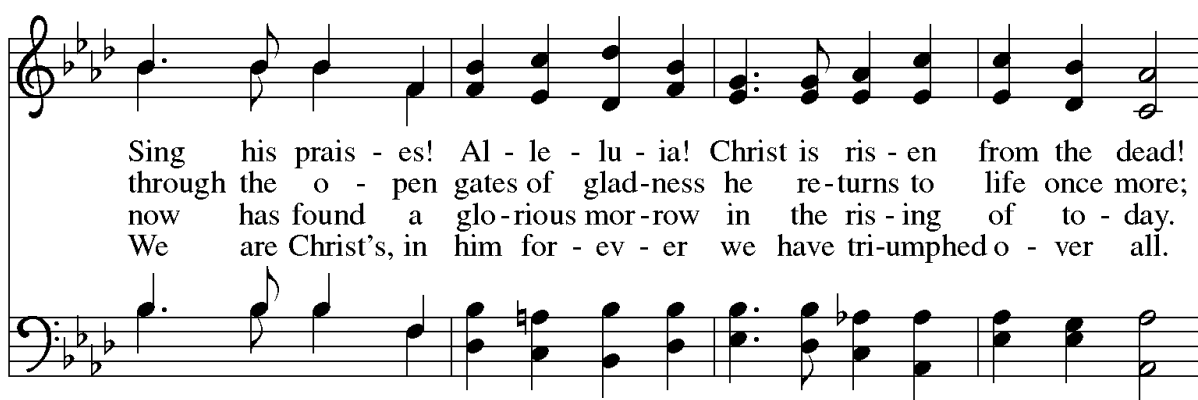
# \*SENDING HYMN

## Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

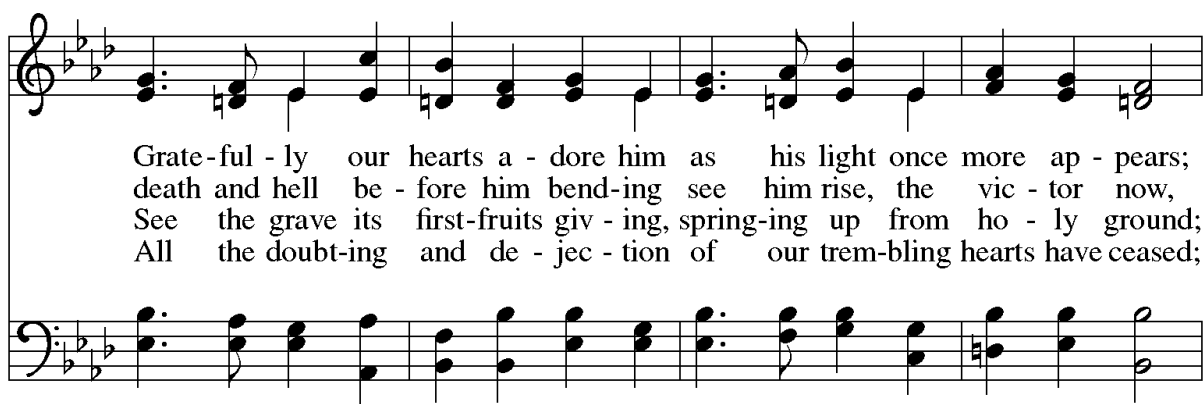
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1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.  
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## \*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*We depart in peace to continue our worship  
 in lives of witness to Christ's love  
 in work, play, service, and care for creation.*

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Today's readings are selected from the Revised Common Lectionary. The texts for the scripture readings are from the *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*, emendations are provided by the pastoral staff of St. Thomas in consultation with emendations provided for Augsburg Fortress by Gordon Lathrop and Gail Ramshaw.

## **At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas**

### **Sunday April 12**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:30 a.m. LuMin Lunch Grab and Go
- 9:45 a.m. GPS Healing after Religious Harm
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 12 p.m. LuMin Lunch Grab and Go
- 3 p.m. Pie with the Pastors

### **Monday April 13**

- 10:15 a.m. Worship at Redbud Hills
- 1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

### **Tuesday April 14**

- 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

### **Thursday April 16**

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

### **Sunday April 19**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. GPS Grief Support Group
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Annual Congregational Meeting



**Tell us about your Holy Week experience with this 5-minute survey (see QR code to the left). Your reflections help us grow and tell the story of the congregation's life together.**

### ***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. **We really need more volunteers for this activity.**

Contact the church office if you are interested in this next step. [parishadmin@stlconline.org](mailto: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. This is our last student lunch for this school year!

## **Pie with the Pastors Today!**

Have you been wondering about the next step at St. Thomas? Join us **today at 3 p.m. in Community Hall for Pie with the Pastors**—a

relaxed gathering with *actual pie* and good conversation. Pastor Adrienne and Pastor Lecia will share about next steps, including membership, and hear your stories, questions, and hopes. Whether you're ready to join or still exploring, all are welcome. The ministries of this church are for everyone—but becoming a member is a way to help shape where we're headed, together.



## **Annual Program Meeting**

The Annual Program Meeting of St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, April 19 following the 11 a.m. worship service. Bring a dish to share at the potluck meal** to celebrate our ministry, which will be followed by a brief business meeting. The agenda will include the election of council members.

## **Fruitful Giving Sunday, April 19**

Jump into Spring by providing Community Kitchen with fruit cups, applesauce pouches, dried fruit snacks, and fruit jam (in small or plastic bottles) for their Backpack Buddies and Summer Children's Food programs. We will be collecting shelf-stable "Fruit" donations on **Sunday, April 19**. You can shop local and bring the items to church, or shop bulk on our Amazon wish list available via the QR code provided on the right. Backpack Buddies provides backpacks of weekend food to 500 low-income children at twenty-one local schools. That food helps bridge the gap between the free breakfasts and lunches they get during the school week and the empty cupboards at home on the weekend. The Summer food service program delivers nutritious sack lunches to 5600 Monroe County school children at select drop off locations county wide. Food donations are down 33% at CK this year and with rising grocery costs the need is higher than ever.



## **CSA Opportunity Supporting Refugee Farming Program**

St. Thomas congregants are invited to participate in a Community Supported Agriculture program through Sobremesa Foundation. In 2022, Sobremesa began working locally with Exodus to give new refugees in Monroe County employment and training in sustainable small-scale farming. More information is available on their

website <https://www.sobremesafoundation.org/>

Interested parishioners can purchase 8 week CSA shares Session 1: May-June, Session 2: July-August, and Session 3: September-October. Shares per session are \$180 for full share, and \$90 for half share. Each weekly share would consist of 4-6 variable fruits and vegetables grown locally on the Hinkle-Garton Farmstead. Pastured eggs are also available at an additional cost. Weekly shares would be delivered to the church for pickup.

If you are interested in participating in the CSA, email [csa@stlconline.org](mailto:csa@stlconline.org). Please include the following information:

- sessions you are interested in

- . full or half share
- . eggs added

We need a minimum of five interested households to participate in this program. Please let us know if you are interested by Friday, April 24.

### **Celebrate Our Choir: Contributions needed for spring reception**

Let's thank our choir for all the beauty they bring to our worship. The Worship Committee is hosting a reception following the choir's spring concert on **Sunday, May 3 at 4 p.m.** and we'd greatly appreciate your help setting up, cleaning up, and providing food. Please bring food ready to serve and thoughtfully plated on a reception-style platter by the second service on Sunday, May 3 (platters to borrow will be available beginning Sunday, April 19). Sign up at the Welcome Desk. See concert poster on next page.

*Yours is the day, yours also the night;  
you established the moon and the sun. — Psalm 74:16*

# Evening Prayer

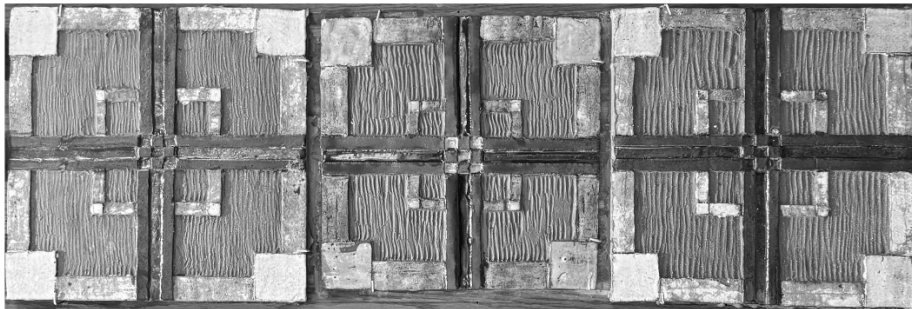
*A worship service with prayers, psalms, hymns, and holy silence.  
The adult choir and musicians from the Jacobs School of Music  
will offer sacred music by Grieg, Brahms, Christiansen, and Kallman.  
The public is warmly invited. A reception will follow the service.*

The Rev. Adrienne Meier and the Rev. Lecia Beck, Presiding Ministers  
Benjamin Wegner, Choir Director  
Matthew Benkert, Organist and Director of Music

Sunday, May 3 at 4:00 p.m.

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*Offered by St. Thomas Worship & the Arts  
We are a handicap-accessible building.*



# “At the Table”

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Vacation Bible School**  
for students entering K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

**Servant Camp**  
for students entering 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade

**St Thomas Lutheran Church**

May 26-28, 2026

9:00am - 3:00pm

\$25/student (\$65/family max)

lunch provided

## **Prayers for those with health and safety concerns**

Scott O'Reilly, Helen Kane, Bob Osborn, 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 April Armstrong  
in memory of Susan Cotè on her birthday,  
and by Robin Gress  
in memory of Bill Gress on his birthday.

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar Care: Mary Sasse, Rebekah Arnold,  
Lydia Arnold

Flower Guild: Mary Thomason-Smith and  
Melody Smith

Coffee Crew: Larry & Mary Moore, Matt Meier

Prayer Writer: Dawn Bakken

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

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

Assisting Minister: Robin Hershberger

Lectors: April Armstrong, Carol Seaman

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Communion Steward: Ian Bensberg

Greeters: Dan & Linda McNabb

Council Coordinator: Johnathan Frank

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

Assisting Minister: Amanda Ghaffarian

Lectors: Janine Drake, Chris Martz

Ushers: Brock DeMark &

Savannah DeMark-Hadley

Communion Steward: Dean Arnold

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

Council Coordinator: Dean Arnold

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**We are a Christ-centered community that lives,  
shares and celebrates God's grace with all people!**