

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 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!

St. Thomas is located on the ancestral homelands for the myaamiaki, Lënape, Bodwéwadmik, and saawanwa people. We acknowledge and give thanks that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate the continuing contributions to the life of this region by the Indigenous People who call this land their home.

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Vicki Polansky, ECHO Plant Sale

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us including the White River and Monroe Lake. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing ELW#362



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

*GREETING

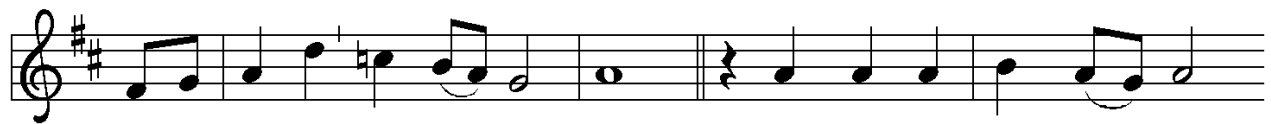
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



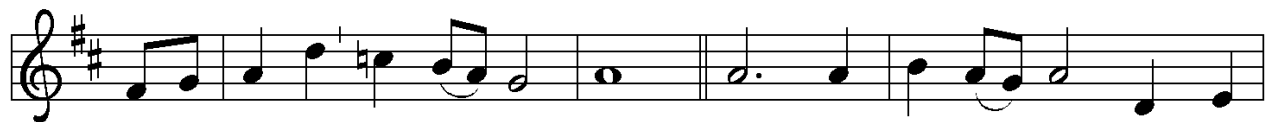
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

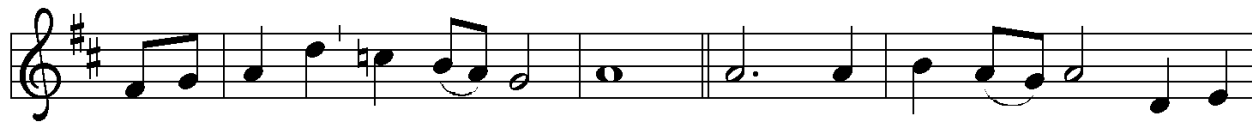


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



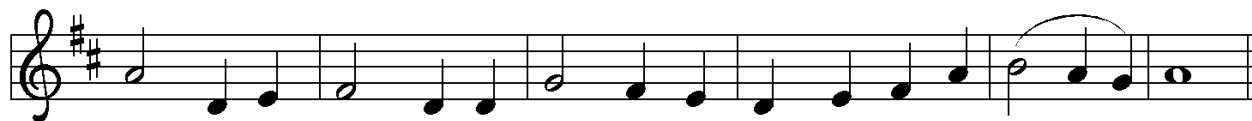
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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,

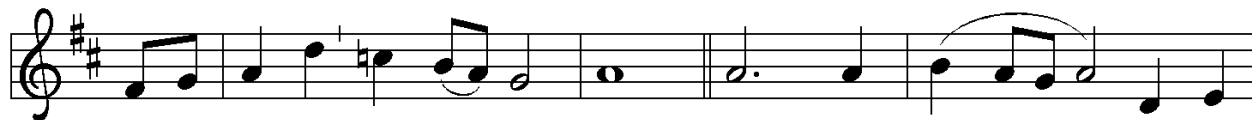


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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. O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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

Ezekiel 34:7-15

Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: As I live, says the Lord God, because my sheep have become a prey and my sheep have become food for all the wild animals, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves and have not fed my sheep, therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God: I am against the shepherds, and I will hold them accountable for my sheep and put a stop to their feeding

the sheep; no longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, so that they may not be food for them.

For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



The Lord ¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not ¹ be in want.

**The Lord makes me lie down ¹ in green
pastures**

and leads me be- ¹ side still waters.

You restore my ¹ soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways ¹ for
your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I shall ¹ fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your
staff, they ¹ comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the
presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup
is ¹ running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of
the ¹ Lord forever.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

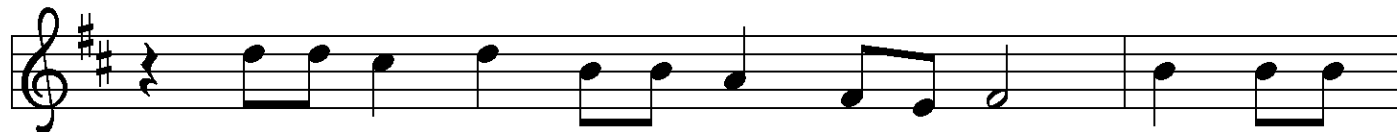
“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, Christ did not return abuse; when he suffered, Christ did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian 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 10:1-10

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for the shepherd, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know

the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Lecia Beck

*HYMN OF THE DAY

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

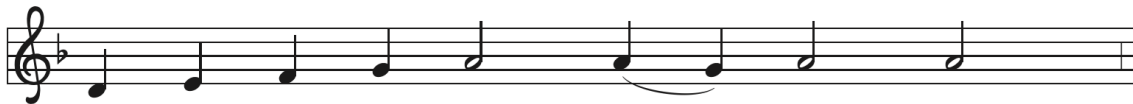
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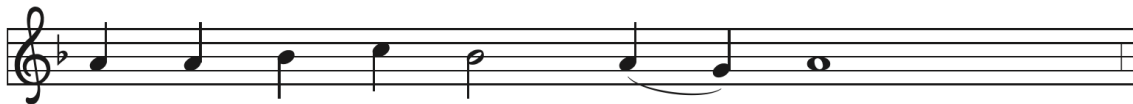
1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
stripped of might up - on the cross,
sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



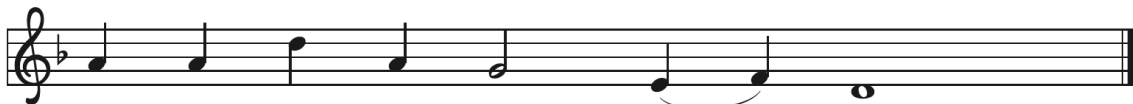
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
have a love that reach - es wide.
wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
you, who are both gift and cost.
you, who are our pil - grim guide.
you, who are our death and life.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

Music: PICARDY, French folk tune, 17th cent.

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***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: Shepherding God, draw all people to yourself and lead them in paths of righteousness. We pray for those whose lives are affected by military conflict. Inspire us to work for your vision of peace. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Creator God, by the resurrection of your Son, show us your steadfast love and instruct our hearts in your ways. Help us to revere and protect the wonders of your creation. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Righteous Judge, strengthen and uphold those who work for justice and advocate for human rights. Bring an end to oppression and save us from the temptation of violence or vengeance. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Great Physician, walk with those who are grieving, and anoint those who are ill or injured especially Sarah, Scott, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Restore them to health of body, mind, and spirit. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Good Shepherd, continually seek us out as lambs of your flock. Help us to see each other as your beloved. Spread a feast before us and fill our cups to overflowing. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Living God, we praise you for the saints who have died in faith and now dwell in your love. At our end, bring us, with them, to our heavenly home. 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 (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

CHORAL ANTHEM

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

arr. Mack Wilberg

11 a.m. only

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

*OFFERTORY HYMN

This Joyful Eastertide

ELW#391

verse 3 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.

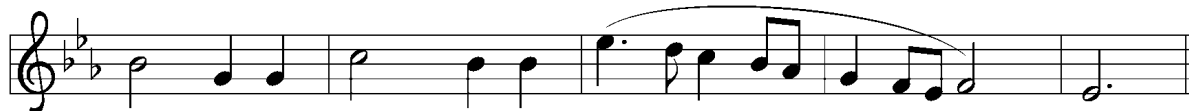
Refrain



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 -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

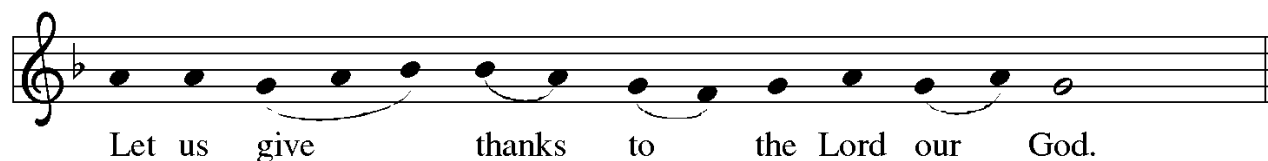
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. Spanish 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.**

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: 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.

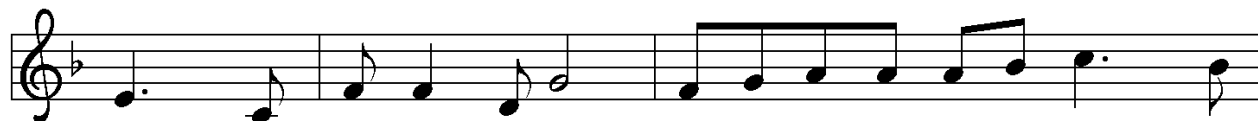
AGNUS DEI



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

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW #764



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jillson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4
Music: LITTLE FLOCK, Heinz Werner Zimmermann, b. 1930
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The Lord's My Shepherd

ELW #778

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re-store a-gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta-ble thou hast rich-ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life shall sure-ly fol-low me,

in pas-tures green; he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing-place shall be;

He lead-eth me, he lead-eth me the qui-et wa-ters by.
with-in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com-fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a-noint, and my cup o-ver-flows.
and in God's house for-ev-er-more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

***EUCCHARISTIC 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 +

FAREWELL & GODSPEED

Karlyn Grise
Brooklyn Kucera

***BENEDICTION**

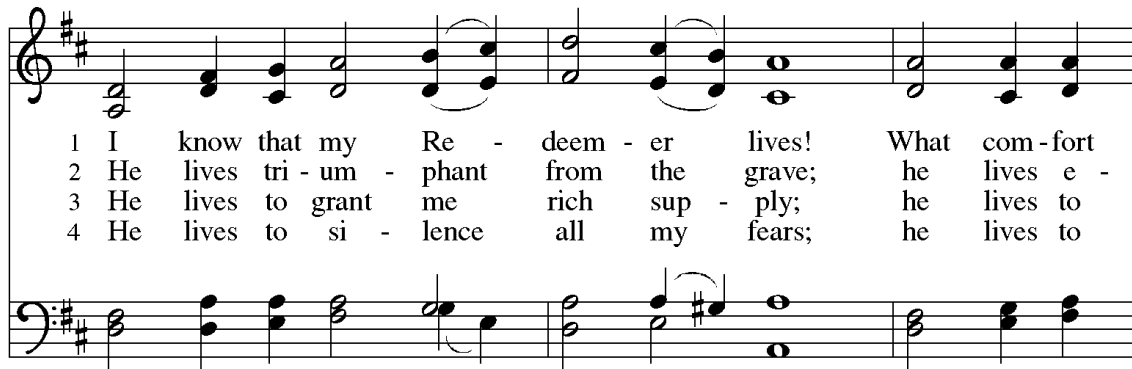
P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

ELW#619



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

*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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At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday April 26

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

Monday April 27

- 1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Thursday April 30

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

Saturday May 2

- 10 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday May 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:30 a.m. MEF meeting
9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11 a.m. Worship
4 p.m. Adult Choir Concert:
 Evening Prayer

Condolences

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to Marilyn Saum on the death of her daughter, Kris Jarman-Rood, which occurred on Monday, April 20. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Next Steps

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

Photographer

Take pictures of church events to share with staff to help tell the stories of our ministries at STLC.

Contact the church office if you are interested in this activity and willing to be asked for specific events. Any photos from events can also be sent to parishadmin@stlconline.org.

60-Plus Group, today, 4 p.m., Community Hall

Let's get started! It's been a busy Lenten and Easter season but before summer arrives, let's gather together in Community Hall and talk about what we can do now and what we want to do in the coming months. This is an organizing meeting—you're welcome to bring your own beverage or plan a dinner afterwards with members of the group.

Staffing the Pantry – A Group Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer with St. Thomas at Pantry 279 and help families in our community facing food insecurity. Volunteers work the check in and check out desks, repack bulk food into family-size portions, and assist clients with shopping. Adults, teens, and tweens can sign up at the Welcome Desk for our next volunteer shift is **Wednesday, April 29, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.** Adults and older children are welcome. All the Volunteer hours count towards our 5,000 hour St. Thomas volunteer goal!

Solar Array Donations



At the Annual Program Meeting, the congregation voted to move forward on the installation of a second solar ground array. Donate online, or via cash or check. This team effort will get us back to net zero electricity usage from the grid. See the upcoming May newsletter for more information.

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 **next 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 are available to borrow. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

St. Thomas at the 50+ Expo, Wednesday, May 6, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

This year, St. Thomas will have a table at the city-sponsored 50+ Expo at Switchyard Park. This is another great opportunity to let the community know about our congregation. Look for a volunteer sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk.

Bowling at Hoosier Alley, Saturday, May 16, 4 p.m.

Join others from the congregation for an hour of bowling at Hoosier Alley, 2424 S. Walnut Street. We'll pay for the lanes; you pay for your shoes. And then stick around, if you want food or more family entertainment: Hoosier Alley offers roller skating, laser tag, bumper cars, a restaurant—and axe throwing. Look for a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk so we know how many people to expect.



“At the Table” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School
for students entering K-5th grade

Servant Camp
for students entering 6th-8th 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

Sarah Gore, Scott O'Reilly, Helen Kane, Bob Osborn, Leslie Main, Lynn Weddle, Dallis Fox-Nagal, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Kent Unger, and Mark Wilkes.

Contact the church office for inclusion in this list of concerns and to be included in the Sunday prayers.

A separate, confidential prayer chain is also available. Contact **Susan Colston** at skcolston@aol.com to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

The altar flowers are given

by Kris Stewart

in memory of her daughter Alicia

on her baptismal birthday

and Brooklyn Kucera

in celebration of her upcoming wedding

and her last weekend St. Thomas.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Charlene Braun, Rebekah Arnold,
Lydia Arnold

Bread & Wine: Charlene Braun

Flower Guild: Gail Seegert

Coffee Crew: Casey Main, Marcus Hershberger,
Matt Meier

Prayer Writer: Moriah Brook

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lectors: Anna Harner, Ashley Ahlbrand

Ushers: Spencer Anspach, Susan Kinzer

Communion Steward: Kathleen Boggess

Greeters: Del & Letty Newkirk

Council Coordinator: Lynn Coyne

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Mary Thomason-Smith

Lectors: Sharon Fawbush, Gerhard Glomm

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Steward: Ken Pedersen

Greeters: Brock DeMark

& Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Council Coordinator: Randy Arnold

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shares and celebrates God's grace with all people!**