

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 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: 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

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

ELW#383



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de-mon-ic chor-us: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na, ev-'ry-one!

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Music: TURNBULL, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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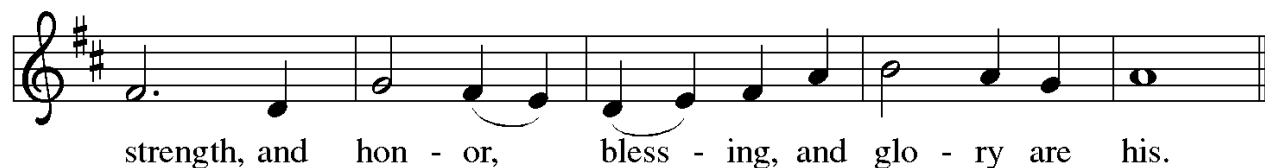
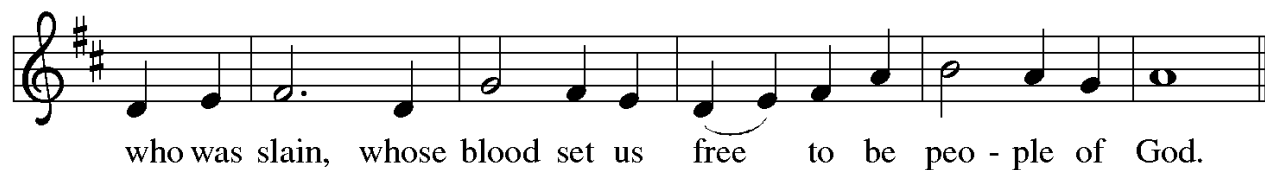
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*GREETING

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.

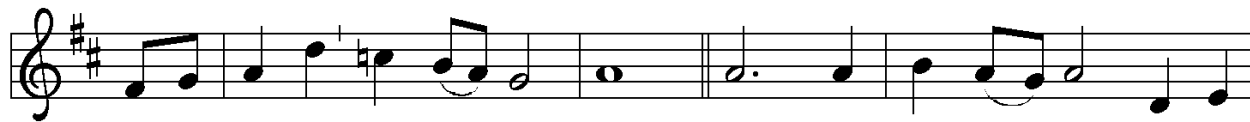
*HYMN OF PRAISE



Refrain



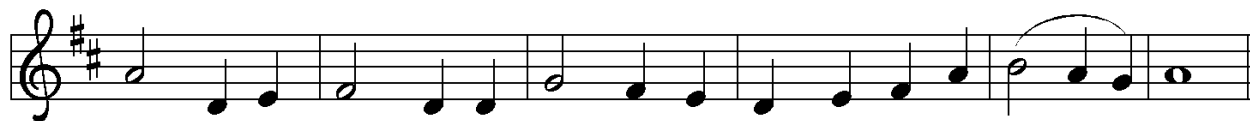
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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,

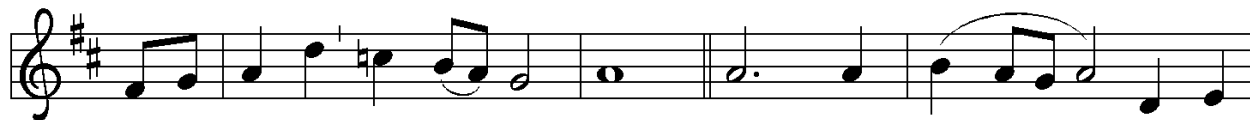


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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 God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Proverbs 4:10-18

Hear, my child, and accept my words,
that the years of your life may be many.

I have taught you the way of wisdom;

I have led you in the paths of uprightness.

When you walk, your step will not be
hampered,

and if you run, you will not stumble.

Keep hold of instruction; do not let go;
guard her, for she is your life.

Do not enter the path of the wicked,

and do not walk in the way of evildoers.

Avoid it; do not go on it;
turn away from it and pass on.
For they cannot sleep unless they have done
wrong;
they are robbed of sleep unless they have
made someone stumble.
For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
But the path of the righteous is like the light of
dawn,
which shines brighter and brighter until full
day.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:25-32



My soul cleaves ^l to the dust;
give me life according ^l to your word.

**I have recounted my ways, and
you ^l answered me;
instruct me ^l in your statutes.**

Make me understand the way of | your
commandments,
that I may meditate on your | marvelous
works.

**My soul melts a- | way from sorrow;
sustain me according | to your word.**

Take from me the | way of lying;
let me find grace | through your teaching.

**I have chosen the | way of faithfulness;
I have set your judg- | ments before
me.**

I hold fast to | your decrees;
O Lord, do not put | me to shame.

**I will run the way of | your
commandments,
for you increase my | heart's capacity.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure,
spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into
salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the
Lord is good. Come to the Lord, a living stone,
though rejected by mortals yet chosen and
precious in God's sight, and like living stones
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to
be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus

Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put
to shame.”

This honor, then, is for you who believe, but
for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”
and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word,
as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen people, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in
order that you may proclaim the excellence of
the one who called you out of darkness into
the marvelous light of God.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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 14:1-14

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to

the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know and have seen my Father.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does these works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

ELW#816



1 Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a
2 Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a
3 Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593–1632

Music: THE CALL, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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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: God of glory, you have built your church on Christ the cornerstone. Inspire lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops to proclaim forgiveness and your steadfast love to all whom they encounter. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of majesty, you bring forth plants and animals, skies and seas, mountains and valleys. Protect all you have made from the ravages of pollution and climate disaster.

Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of mercy, you intend governments and social service agencies to be instruments of peace and justice. Guide political leaders and organizations to be agents of compassion and raise up advocates for those who seek refuge and assistance. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of well-being, you soothe those in distress, console all who grieve, provide for any in need, and comfort those who are sick especially Sarah, Scott, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Instill caregivers with a sense of purpose to be your healing hands in this world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of community, you call us together as your people for mutual support and to witness to your love in the world. Make your presence known among those unable to attend worship today. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of eternal life, you have prepared dwelling places for your people, so that we are never separated from you. We give you thanks for the faithful departed who witnessed to your mighty acts in word and deed. Merciful God, **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 above on the left to add your volunteer hours to our 5000-hour challenge.

8:30 a.m. only

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

11 a.m. only

CHORAL ANTHEM

God's Son Has Made Me Free

Edvard Grieg, arr. Oscar R. Overby

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

verse 1 only

Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re -
Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the
Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets,

3
veal an emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our
Lamb of God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly
sound through-out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to

6
sor - rows, Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
treat - ed, Lives a - gain; our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
sing - ing: Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -

9
clisped by doubt and dread: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
gin the ju - bi - lee: Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

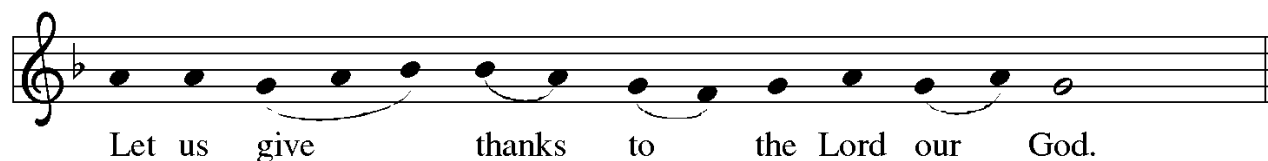
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. German 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.**


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 unsern 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

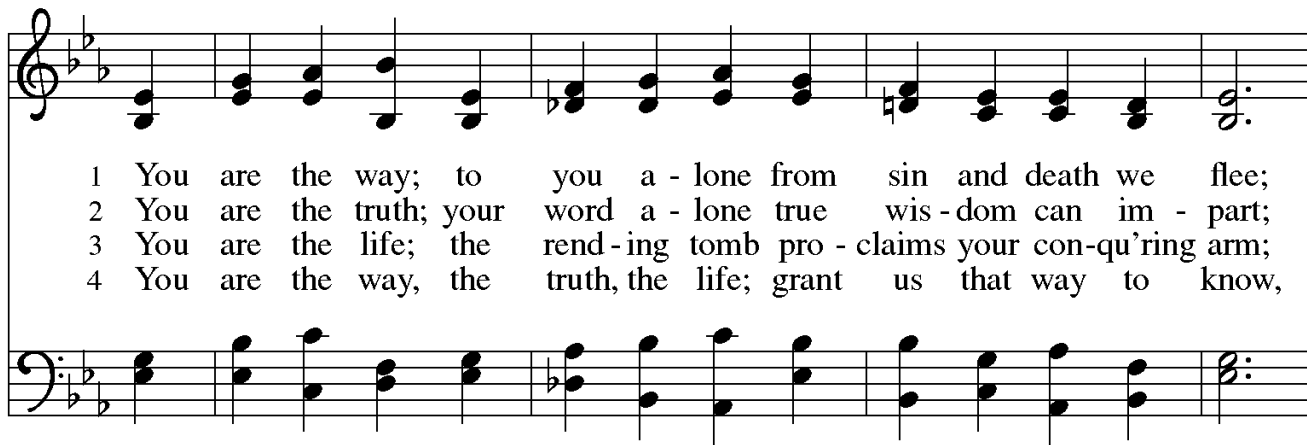


sin of the world; grant us peace.

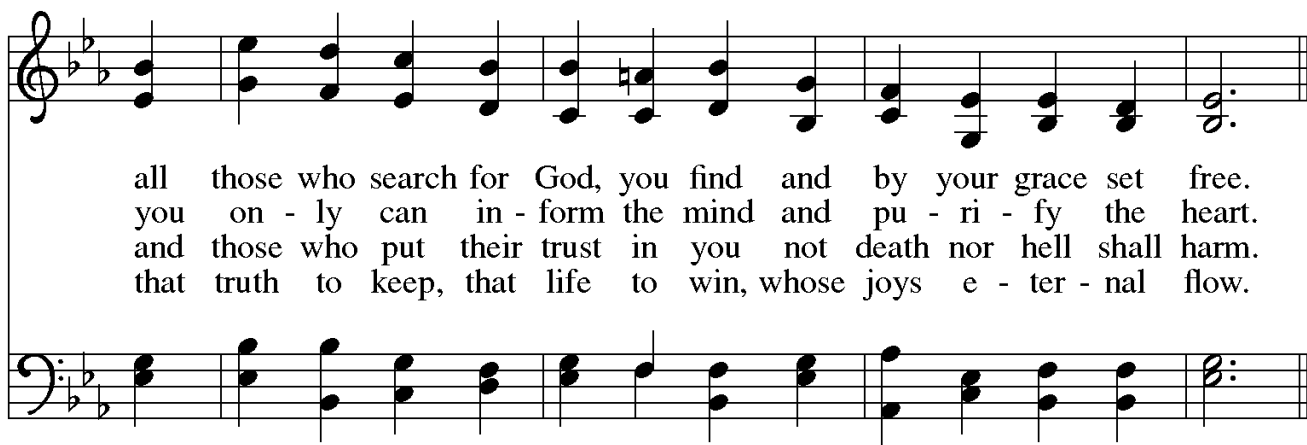
COMMUNION HYMNS

You Are the Way

ELW #758



1 You are the way; to you a - lone from sin and death we flee;
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

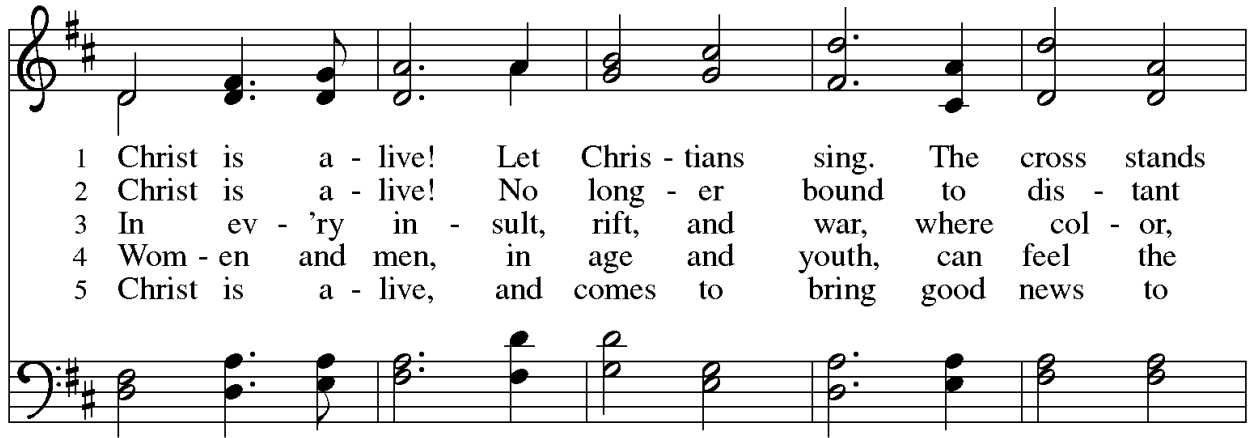


all those who search for God, you find and by your grace set free.
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

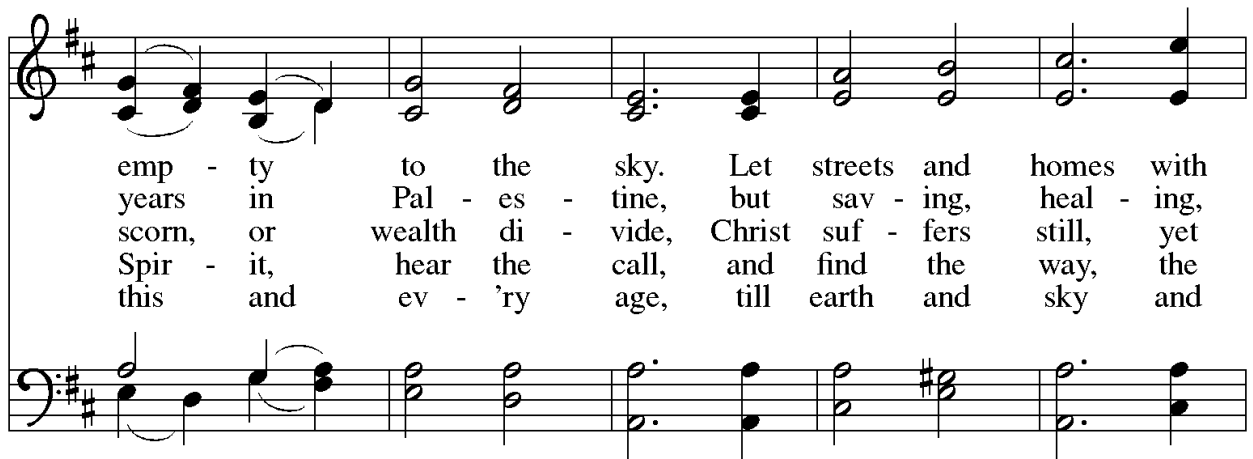
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Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing

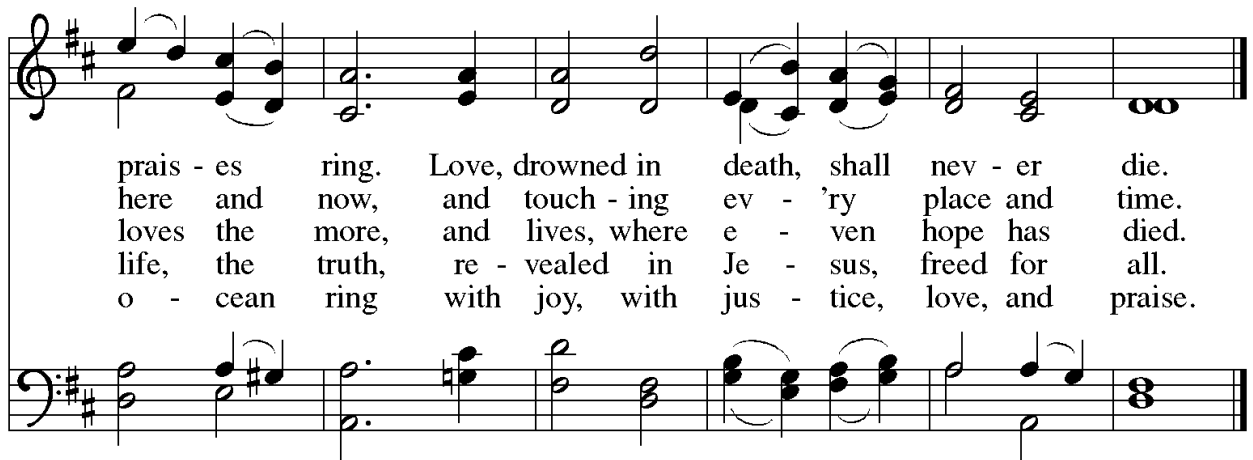
ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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***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 +

***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

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness

ELW#378



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;
2 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all their pow'r are shorn;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!
4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my Sav - ior true;
5 Christ brings me to the por - tal that leads to bliss un - told,



now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.
now I am safe from e - vil, and sin I laugh to scorn.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.
my Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er he pass - es through.
where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal is found in script of gold:



My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,
He rends death's i - ron chain; he breaks through sin and pain;
"Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown pre - pared;



when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.
he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.
he shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low him through all.
who there with me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied."

*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 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

Monday May 4

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday May 5

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 6

12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

3 p.m. Senior Expo

Thursday May 7

5:30 p.m. Brown Bag Dinner

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday May 9

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

10 a.m. St. Thomas Piecemakers

Sunday May 10 ECHO Plant Sale

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

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Next Steps

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

Offering Counter

Count financial gifts to the congregation and prepare a simple weekly report on a weekday morning (usually Mondays).

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

ECHO Plant Sale

Calling all gardeners! Donate starts and extras of perennials, annuals, herbs, vegetables, bulbs, saplings, and houseplants (native plants are especially encouraged—let's make garden choices that help our pollinators). Purchase plants at the **annual plant sale next Sunday, May 10** (Mother's Day). All proceeds go to support ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) and its mission of combating world hunger through agricultural innovation and education. Interested volunteers to help with setting up and running the sale, please email Vicki Polansky.

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.



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.

Prayer at Noon on Zoom

Prayer and self-reflection are part of the disciplines of Lent. On **Wednesday, May 6**, join Pr. Adrienne for Prayer at Noon on Zoom for a quiet twenty minutes of prayer and support.

<https://bit.ly/3jVA3k0>

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 Tim Smith, Mary Thomason-Smith,
and Melody Smith
in loving memory of Anne Smith
on her birthday.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Carol Seaman, Debbie Witt

Bread & Wine: Robin Hershberger

Flower Guild: Mary Thomason-Smith
and Melody Smith

Coffee Crew: Larry & Mary Moore,
Kathleen Boggess

Prayer Writer: Gretchen Moehlmann

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Ashley Ahlbrand

Lectors: Carol Seaman, Ian Bensberg

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Communion Steward: David Ellies

Greeters: Dan & Linda McNabb

Council Coordinator: Lynn Coyne

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kathleen Boggess

Lectors: Susan Colston, Gerhard Glomm

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Communion Steward: Sharon Fawbush

Greeters: Gail Seegert, Moriah Brook

Council Coordinator: Randy Arnold

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