

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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.

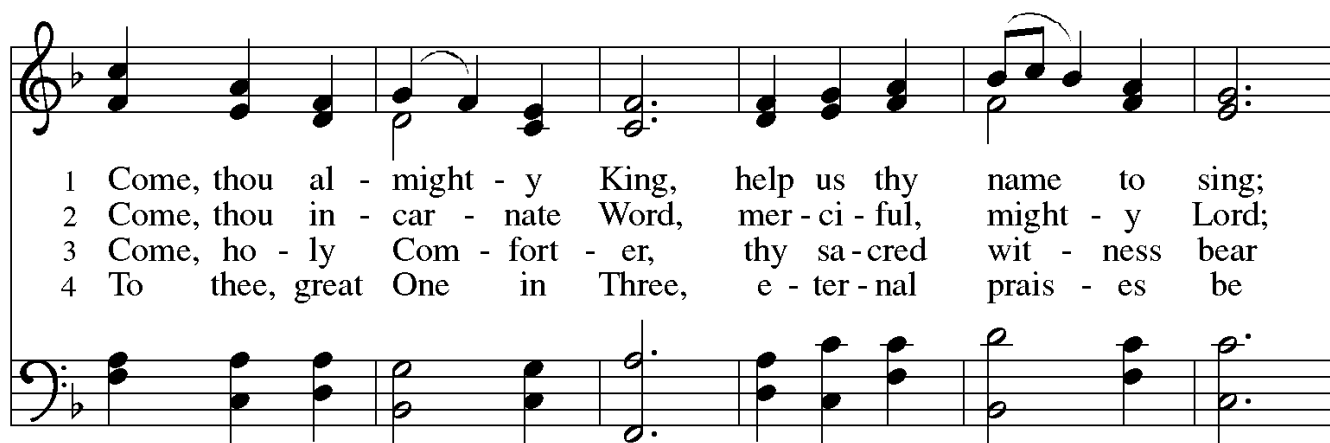
P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Thou Almighty King

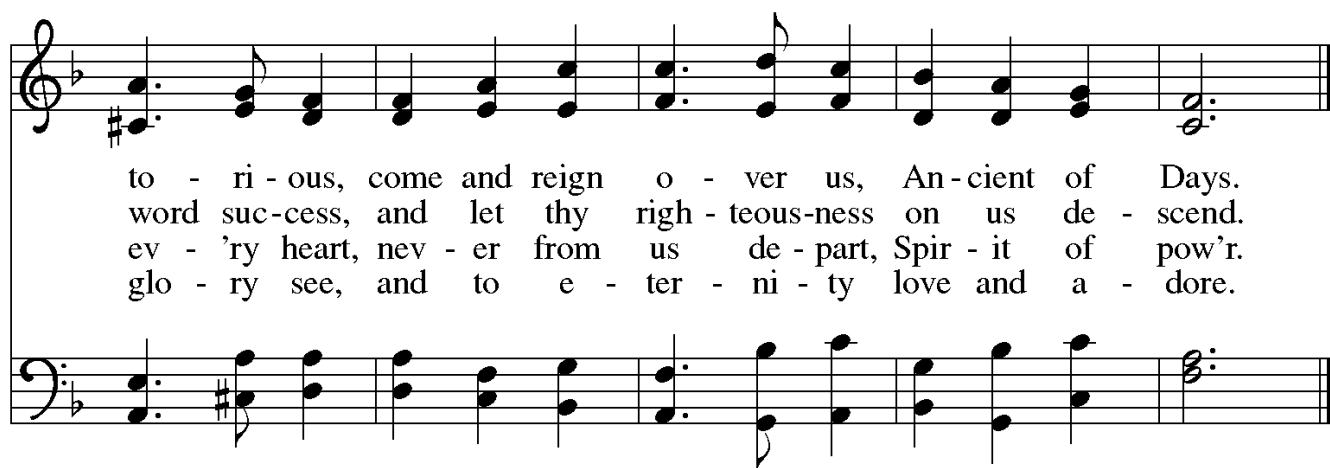
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1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Gardini, 1716-1796

*GREETING

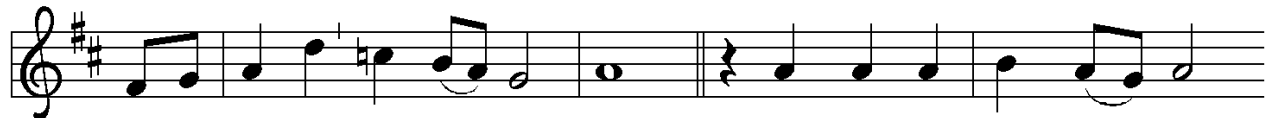
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



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



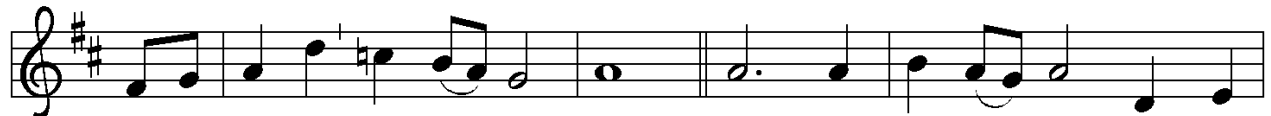
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



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

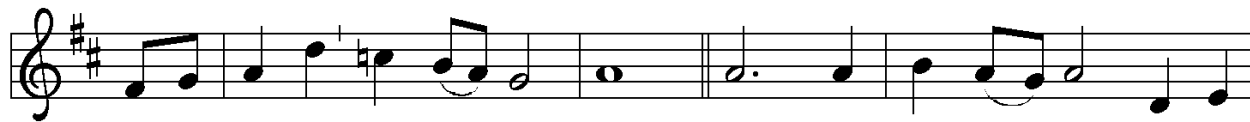


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



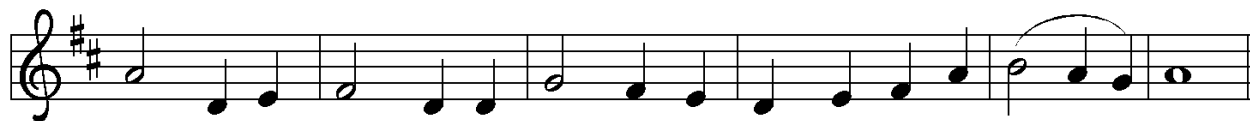
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



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,

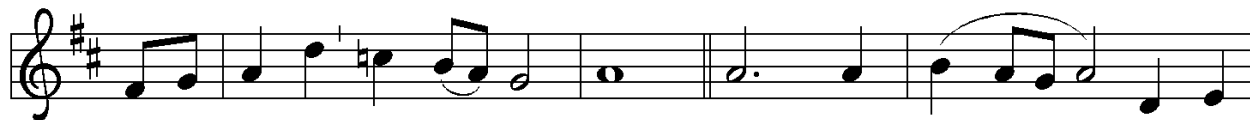


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

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. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 43:1-7a

Then the hand of the Lord brought me to the gate, the gate facing east. And there the glory of the God of Israel was coming from the east; the sound was like the sound of mighty waters, and the earth shone with his glory. The vision I saw was like the vision that I had seen when the hand of the Lord came to destroy the city and like the vision that I had seen by the River Chebar, and I fell upon my face. As the glory of the Lord entered the temple by the

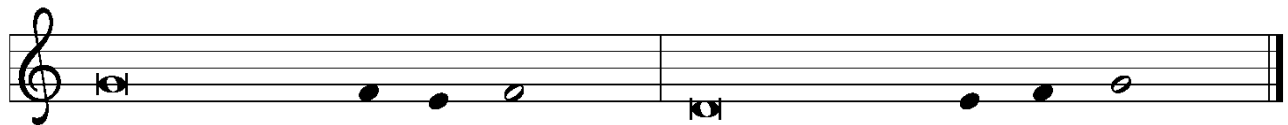
gate facing east, the spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.

While the person was standing beside me, I heard someone speaking to me out of the temple. He said to me: "Mortal, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet, where I will reside among the people of Israel forever."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 115



Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to
your | name give glory;
because of your steadfast | love and
faithfulness.

**Why should the | nations say,
"Where then | is their God?"**

Our God | is in heaven;
whatever God | wills, God does.

**Their idols are sil- | ver and gold,
the work of | human hands.**

They have mouths, but they ^l cannot speak;
eyes they have, but they ^l cannot see;
they have ears but they ^l cannot hear;
noses, but they ^l cannot smell;
they have hands, but they cannot feel; feet,
but they ^l cannot walk;
they make no sound ^l with their throat.

Those who make ^l them are like them,
and so are all who put their ^l trust in
them.

O Israel, trust ^l in the Lord,
who is your help ^l and your shield.

O house of Aaron, trust ^l in the Lord,
who is your help ^l and your shield.

You that fear the Lord, trust ^l in the Lord,
who is your help ^l and your shield.

The Lord has been mindful of us, ^l and
will bless us;

the Lord will bless the house of Israel
and the ^l house of Aaron;

those who fear the Lord ^l will be blessed,
both small and ^l great together.

May the Lord increase you ^l more and
more,
you and your ^l children after you.

May you be blessed | by the Lord,
the maker of heav- | en and earth.

**Heaven is the heaven | of the Lord,
but the earth God entrusted | to its
peoples.**

The dead do not | praise the Lord,
nor all those who go down | into silence;

**but we will | bless the Lord,
from this time forth
forevermore. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the

righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

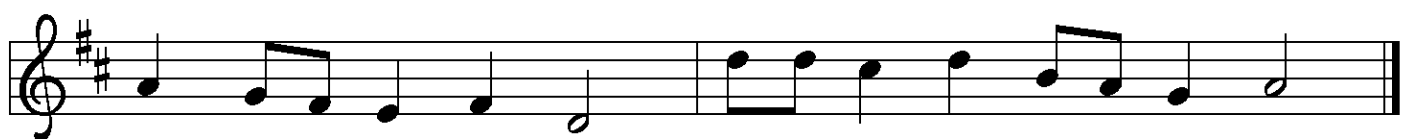
L: Word of God, word of life.

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.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees nor knows the Spirit. You know the Spirit because the Spirit abides with you and will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!


C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

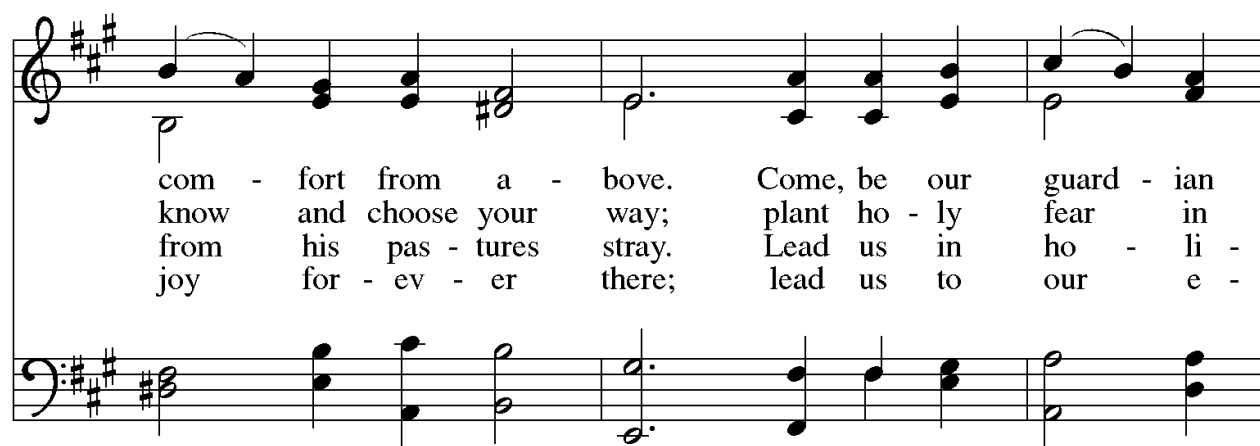
Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove ELW#404



1 Come, gra - cious Spir - it, heav'n - ly dove, with light and
2 The light of truth to us dis - play and make us
3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing way, nor let us
4 Lead us to heav'n, that we may share full - ness of



com - fort from a - bove. Come, be our guard - ian
know and choose your way; plant ho - ly fear in
from his pas - tures stray. Lead us in ho - li -
joy for - ev - er there; lead us to our e -



and our guide; o'er ev - 'ry thought and step pre - side.
ev - 'ry heart, that we from God may ne'er de - part.
ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God
ter - nal rest, to be with God for - ev - er blest.

Text: Simon Browne, 1680-1732, alt.

Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS, German folk tune, 15th cent.

***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 new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ's righteousness throughout the world. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Creator God, you create the world and all that is in it. Thank you for greenery that surrounds us this beautiful cool spring. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment. Sustain those who safeguard our forest preserves and waterways. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Merciful God, help us to define justice as you do. Clarify the minds of judges and civil servants and help them to serve mercifully and fairly. Instill truth and equity among judges and lawyers, gentleness and courage among first responders, and peace among leaders of towns and nations. Equip those elected to public office to care for the needs of all their constituents. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Lover of our souls, you provide comfort in times of trouble. Heal those who are sick, shelter any who are unhoused, feed those undernourished, and accompany and console all who are lonely, bereaved, anxious, or ill especially Sarah, Scott, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. We especially lift up to you those who find themselves trapped in warzones and those who find their livelihoods unwittingly affected by wars and other political conflicts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Lord, you are love and you desire that we love one another more deeply. As a mother hen cares for her chicks, bless all who provide motherly care in our lives, and inspire us to care for one another. Sustain those who grow weary from caregiving. Bless those who yearn for more intimate, caregiving relationships. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: God of new life, your steadfast love endures forever. Inspire us by the example of the faithful departed, who clung to your promises of life, forgiveness of sins, and salvation. 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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

11 a.m. only

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

verse 2 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!

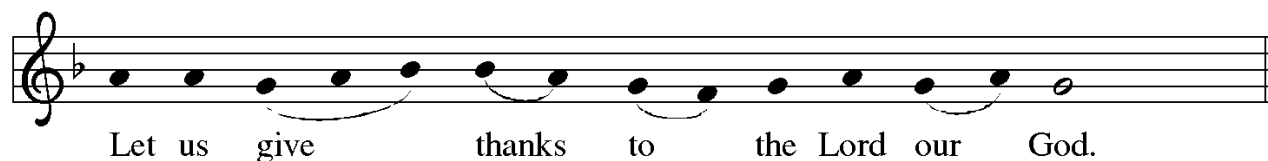
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. Ukrainian 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.**


Otche nash, shcho yesi na nebesakh,
nekhai sviatit'sia Im'ia Tvoie.
Khai priide Tsarstvo Tvoie,
nekhai bude volia Tvoia
Yak na nebi, tak i na zemli.
Khlib nash nasushchnyi dai nam s'ohodni.
I prosty nam provyny nashi,
yak i my proshchaiemo vynuvsiam
nashym.
I ne vvedy nas u spokusu,
ale vyzvoly nas vid lukavoho.
Bo Tvoie ye Tsarstvo, i sila, i slava naviky.
Amin'.

*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

Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW #804

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing -
shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

With High Delight Let Us Unite

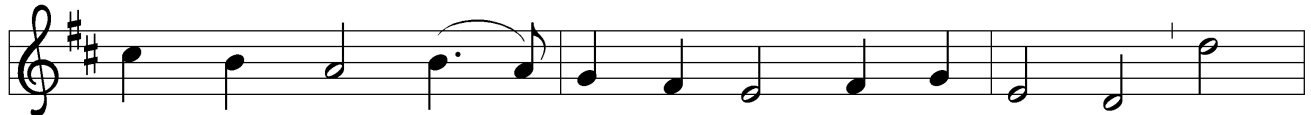
ELW #368



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

***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

We Know That Christ Is Raised

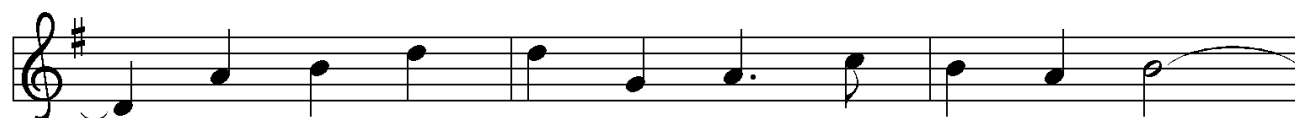
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1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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*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 10 ECHO Plant Sale

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship

Monday May 11

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

Tuesday May 12

Limited Office Hours - Office Closing Early

- 1:30 p.m. Altar Guild Meeting
- 7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday May 13 Beating the Bonds

- 9 a.m. The Caffeinated Cook
- 11:30 a.m. Hive
- 1:30 p.m. Verona Coffee
- 4:45 p.m. Ale's Ice Cream Shop

Thursday May 14

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

Sunday May 17 Bread for the World Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 12:15 p.m. Council Meeting

Next Steps

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

Video Tech

Monitor the livestream service. Computer knowledge is helpful, but training to run the service is provided. This role is best for tweens with a trusted adult, teenagers, and adults.

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

ECHO Plant Sale

Spring is here and the ECHO plant sale is **today between services**. All proceeds go to support ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) and its mission of combating world hunger through agricultural innovation and education.

Beating the Bounds

In the Middle Ages, local churches would go out in the spring and walk the boundaries of the parish, checking on one another and blessing the earth God placed in their care. In the spirit of this ritual, members and friends of St. Thomas to join Pr. Adrienne for coffee, lunch, or ice cream at locally-owned businesses throughout our "parish" on **Wednesday, May 13**. Order your own coffee or food at the counter (remember, they're know we are Christians by our tips!), and then pull up a chair for a brief devotion and some time for conversation. Choose the location that works best for you. You do not need to RSVP, but as it can be helpful for grabbing an appropriately-sized table, you can let us know that you plan to attend with this quick form here

<https://bit.ly/4esEBws>

- 9 a.m. - The Caffeinated Cook, 206 N. Sale St., Ellettsville
- 11:30 a.m. - Hive, 2608 E. 10th St., Bloomington
- 1:30 p.m. - Verona Coffee, 3105 S. Sare Rd., Bloomington
- 4:45 p.m. - Ale's Ice Cream Shop, 309 S. Hickory Dr., Bloomington

Bread for the World Sunday

Next **Sunday, May 17** the members of St. Thomas Lutheran have an opportunity to write their members of congress to ask for their help in restoring food resources for people in need. Started letters will be provided for participants to add a few additional sentences as well as their name and address. The letters will be mailed or taken personally to our people in Congress as part of the larger, bipartisan Bread for the World Offering of Letters.

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 Allison Ward in celebration of
Jim's 70th birthday
and in memory of wonderful mothers
and Kent & Barb Unger
on their son Aaron's birthday.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Spencer Anspach, Jennifer Garl,
Haley Hatton

Bread & Wine: Haley Hatton

Flower Guild: Gail Seegert

Coffee Crew: Ian Bensberg, Kathleen Boggess

Prayer Writer: Janine Drake

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lectors: David Ellies, Kari Esarey

Ushers: Spencer Anspach, Susan Kinzer

Communion Steward: Ian Bensberg

Greeters: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Council Coordinator: Lynn Coyne

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Robin Hershberger

Lectors: Eliot Smith, Pamela Smith

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Steward: Mary Thomason-Smith

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

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