

St. Thomas Lutheran Church
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026
Anything but Ordinary



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

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose creation waits with eager longing for
the revealing of the children of God.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who
searches us out and knows us, whose right
hand holds us fast.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: We pray,

C: Holy One, where can we flee from your presence? We confess our sins, and the sins done on our behalf, that have enslaved your creation to damage, decay, and corruption. We have consumed on impulse. We have used without insight. Instill in us love and respect for your created order. Convict our hearts with the assurance that where we live our lives is holy ground.

P: Beloved, how awesome is this place, where we confess our sin and know we are forgiven! In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, receive the forgiveness of all your sins and become the good soil that yields a rich harvest.

C: Amen.

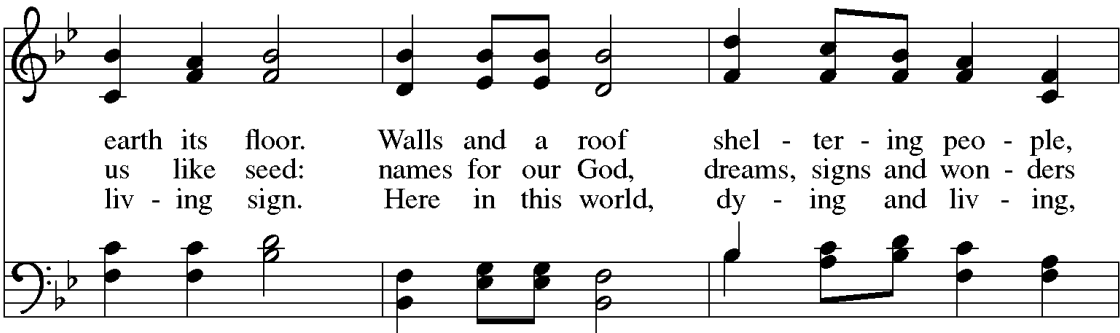
*ENTRANCE HYMN

What Is This Place

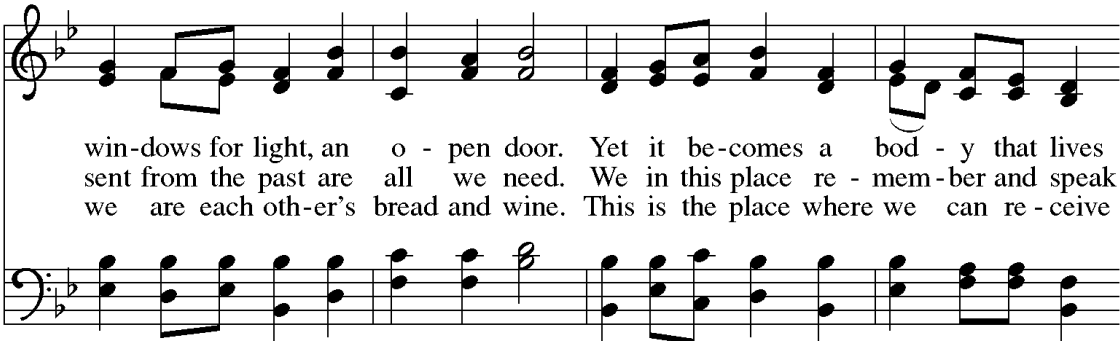
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1 What is this place where we are meet - ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing, sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at this ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof shel - ter - ing peo - ple,
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs and won - ders
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing,



win-dows for light, an o - pen door. Yet it be-comes a bod - y that lives
sent from the past are all we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and speak
we are each oth-er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re - ceive



when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem-ing word.
what we need to in - crease: our jus - tice and God's peace.

Text: Huub Oosterhuis, b. 1933; tr. David Smith, b. 1933

Music: A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, b. 1906

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*GREETING

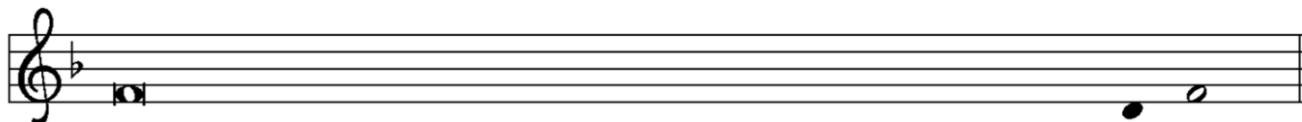
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE



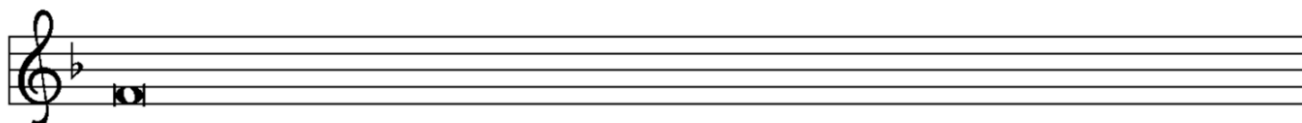
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



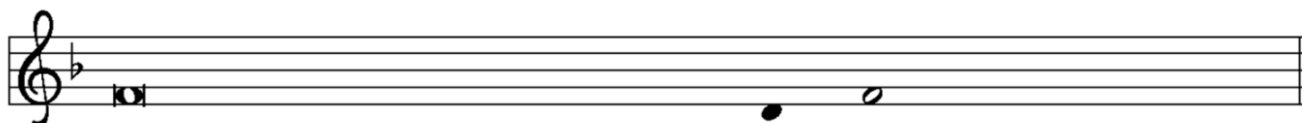
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



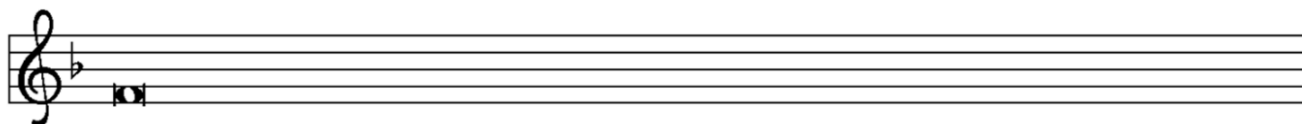
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



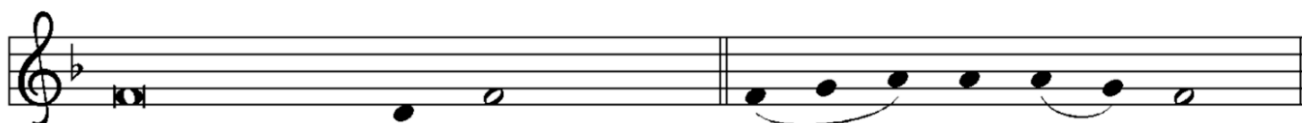
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



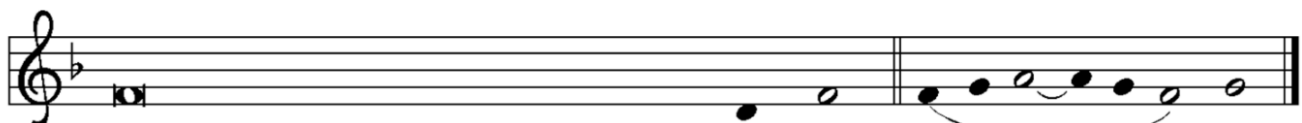
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Steadfast God, teach us your way and your truth. Root us in you alone, help us to grow in grace and love, that we may fulfill our role and our work in the reign of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Adrienne Meier

FIRST READING

Genesis 28:10-22

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the

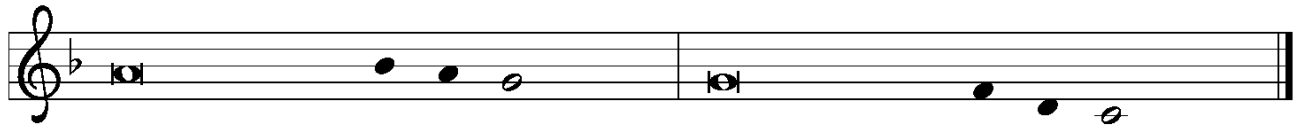
north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first. Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will keep me in this way that I go and will give me bread to eat and clothing to wear, so that I come again to my father’s house in peace, then the Lord shall be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God’s house, and of all that you give me I will surely give one-tenth to you.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-12, 23-24



Lord, you have | searched me out;

O Lord, you | have known me.

You know my sitting down and my | rising up;

you discern my thoughts | from afar.

You trace my journeys and my | resting-places
and are acquainted with | all my ways.

**Indeed, there is not a word | on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it | altogether.**

You encompass me, behind | and before,
and lay your | hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonder- | ful for me;

it is so high that I cannot at- | tain to it.

Where can I go then | from your Spirit?

Where can I flee | from your presence?

**If I climb up to heaven, | you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you | are there also.**

If I take the wings | of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts | of the sea,

**even there your | hand will lead me
and your right hand | hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will I cover me,
and the light around me I turn to night,"
**darkness is not dark to you; the night is
as bright I as the day;
darkness and light to you are I both
alike.**

Search me out, O God, and I know my heart;
try me and know my I restless thoughts.
**Look well whether there be any
wicked- I ness in me
and lead me in the way that
is I everlasting.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:12-25

So then, my siblings, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children,

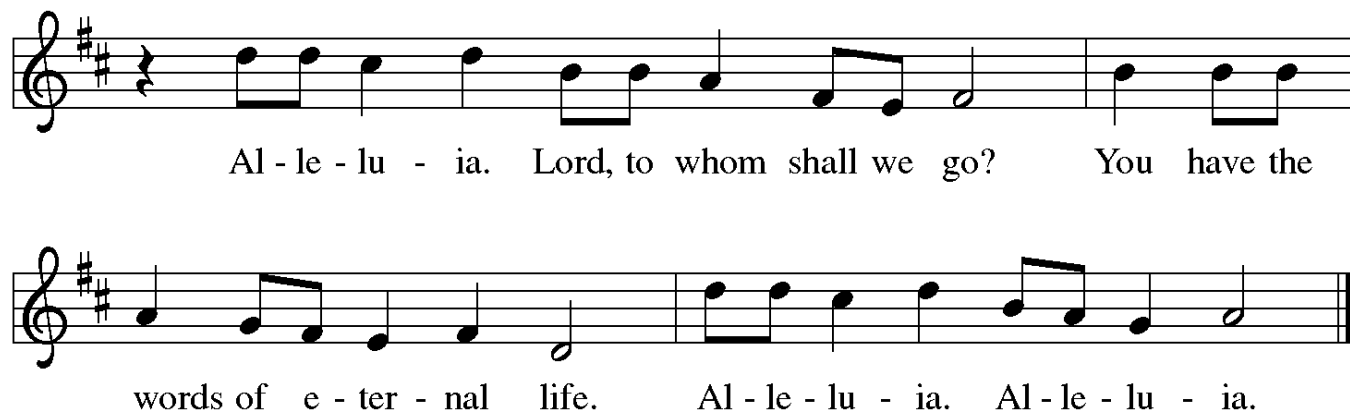
then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then

do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then Jesus left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Child of Humanity; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Child of Humanity will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will

be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rebekah Arnold

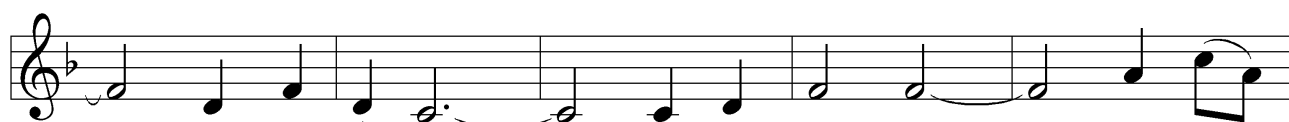


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*HYMN OF THE DAY Glory, Glory, Hallelujah



1	Glo - ry, glo - ry,	hal - le - lu - jah!	since I laid my
2	I feel bet - ter,	so much bet - ter,	since I laid my
3	Feel like shout - ing,	"Hal - le - lu - jah!"	since I laid my
4	I am climb - ing	Ja - cob's lad - der,	since I laid my
5	Ev - 'ry round goes	higher and high - er,	since I laid my



bur - den down.	Glo - ry, glo - ry,	hal - le -
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bur - den down.	Ev - 'ry round goes	higher and



lu - jah!	since I laid my	bur - den down.
bet - ter,	since I laid my	bur - den down.
lu - jah!"	since I laid my	bur - den down.
lad - der,	since I laid my	bur - den down.
high - er,	since I laid my	bur - den down.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: GLORY GLORY HALLELUJAH, African American spiritual

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, we pray for our neighbor congregations University Baptist Church and Congregation Beth Shalom, for all of Monroe County's faith communities, and for the Bloomington Multi-Faith Alliance. Together may we be good soil, bringing forth a harvest of your mercy and justice. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for those whose work exposes them to the dangers and challenges of this summer's weather. Keep us grateful and mindful of all who labor to feed the the world's peoples. Sustain those who seek to understand, protect, and restore our beautiful earth. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, you are the judge of the nations, and all who govern must in the end be accountable to you. Summon world leaders to your justice and your compassion. Today and all days, strengthen the hands of those who work for peace. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We pray for prisoners, especially for people incarcerated in Monroe County's crowded Correctional Center. We pray for people detained and deported by our government. We pray for people imprisoned for the sake of conscience and for soldiers and civilians enmeshed in armed conflict. Hear the cries of the suffering, loving and Holy God, and show us the ways that lead humanity to the freedom of the children of God. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for those who are ill especially Sara, Scott, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Give hope to those who endure chronic pain and confidence to those who stand at the doorway of death. We pray also for the fellowship of this congregation. Help us to live together in mutual love, respect, and trust, relying on your constant grace. When we reach out to our neighbors, help us to offer joyful kindness. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Holy God, we entrust to your mercy all our beloved dead. Be near to those who grieve today. Show us how to offer consolation and comfort. We thank you for them and for the lives and works of Johann Sebastian Bach, Heinrich Schutz, and George Friedrich Handel, composers of music that has, for hundreds of years, brought courage and hope to your people. God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers, that we may love you with our whole being and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors.

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).***



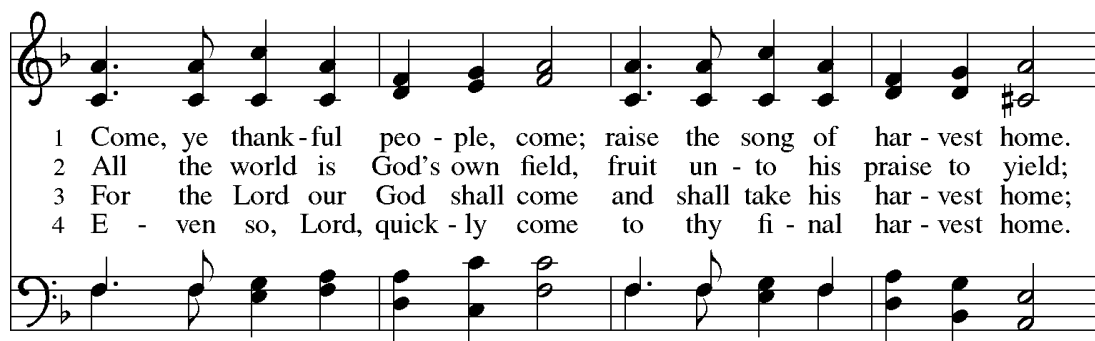
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OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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verse 3 only



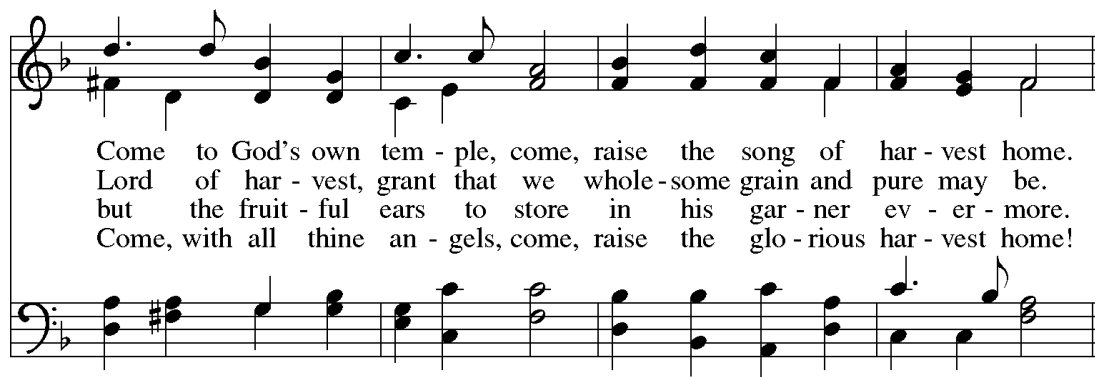
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

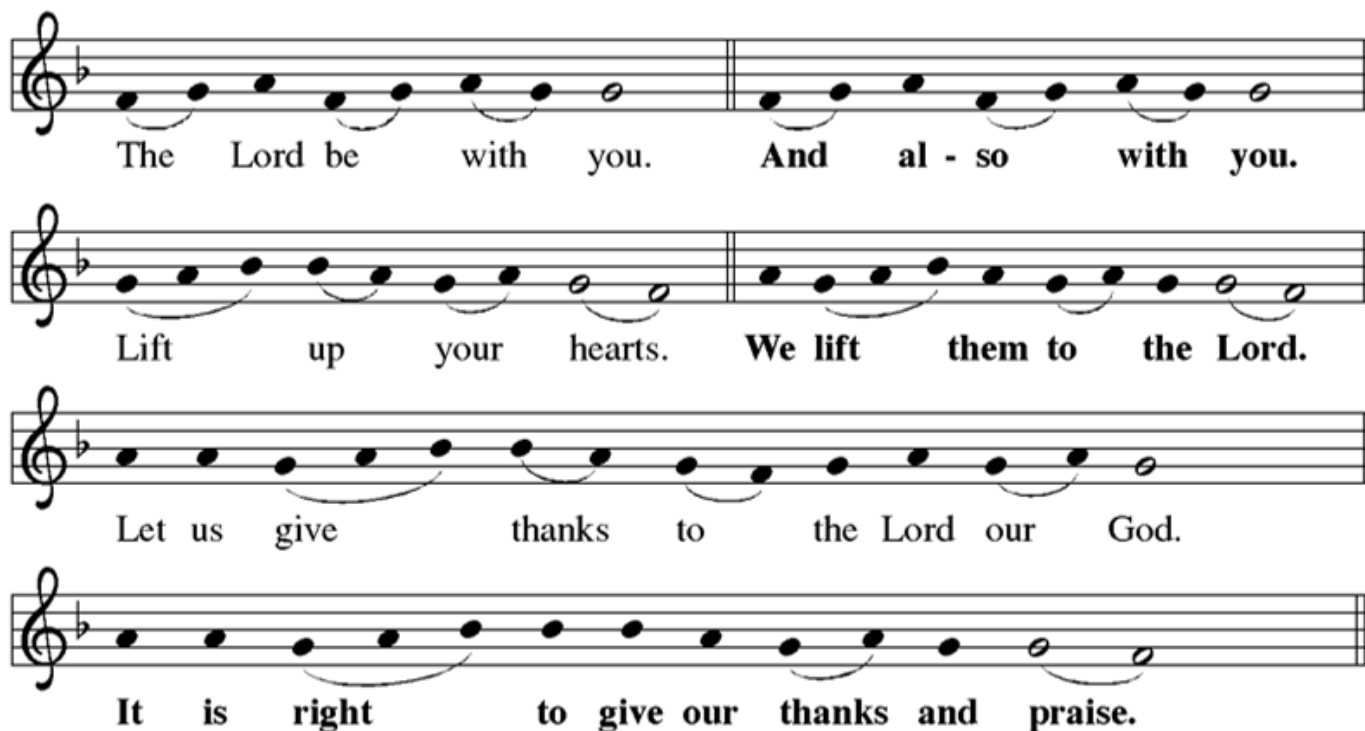
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of light, who is in secret, receive our gifts, teach us to shelter the strangers we meet in the heat of day, and lead us into your Promised Land, bearing to Your altar the hope of our hearts, that in giving all we may receive all, and in losing our lives may save them, through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: God, our life, our home, our road, over the generations, you called ordinary people to trust you in extraordinary ways, to follow you through barren and wilderness places, and, ultimately, to be recipients of overflowing blessing and grace.

P: You called Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Esau and his spouse, Mahalath, Leah and Rachel with Jacob and with their slaves, Zilpah and Bilhah, Joseph and his siblings, Moses and Miriam and Aaron, together with their birth and adoptive mothers. When it seemed they might shatter under the weight of fate,
 or family conflict,
 or even faith in you,
you opened their eyes to wells in the desert,
you provided lavish hospitality, and you sent people of courage and grit to save and preserve your people.

P: Your saving work through the seemingly ordinary is amplified in Jesus, whose healing work wasn't for the great and powerful, but the least and lowly, whose call to follow came to unlikely fisherfolk and tax collectors, whose table spread to welcome thousands.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Mighty God of mercy, by your Spirit, gather all who share the abundance of this bread and wine, so our lives together may be anything but ordinary. Make us a people who are faithful, resilient, and bold, a church that sets tables as wide as your grace, wonder at your marvelous creation, and, anointed with your blessing, is a blessing to all the world.

P: To you, O God, God of our lives—past, present, and future, be all honor and glory, 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.**

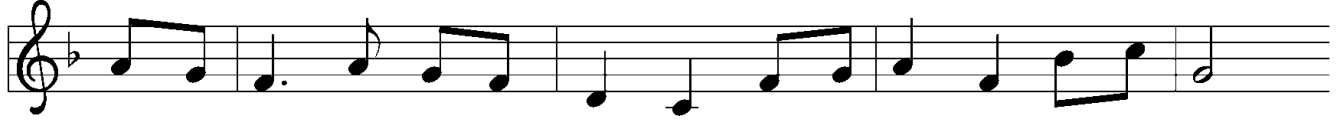
Otche nash, shcho yesi na nebesakh,
nekhai sviatit'sia Im'ia Tvoie.
Khai priide Tsarstvo Tvoie,
nekhai bude volia Tvoia
Yak na nebi, tak i na zemli.
Khib nash nasushchnyi dai nam s'ohodni.
I prosty nam provyny nashi,
yak i my proshchaiemo vynuvsiam nashym.
I ne vvedy nas u spokusu,
ale vyzvoly nas vid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

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo - ple, food of an - gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun - ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour - age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed:
Ho - ly word and ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs.
In our liv - ing and our dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive:



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro - ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv - en as a liv - ing to - ken of your world re-deemed, re - stored.

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Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Womb of Life and Source of Being

ACS#948



- 1 Womb of life and source of be - ing, home of ev - 'ry rest - less
- 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring us sec - ond
- 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part - ner, be our
- 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir - it, On - ly



heart, in your arms the worlds a - wak - ened; you have
birth, you have come to stand be - side us, know - ing
friend. When our mem - 'ry fails, re - mind us whose we
Son: we would praise your name for - ev - er, One - in -



loved us from the start. We, your chil - dren, gath - er
weak - ness, know - ing earth. Priest who shares our hu - man
are, what we in - tend. La - bor with us; aid the
Three and Three - in - One. We would share your life, your



round you, at the ta - ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing
strug - gles, Life of life and Death of death, ris - en
birth - ing of the new world yet to be, free of
pas - sion, share your word of world made new, ev - er



sto - ries, tears, and laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
Christ, come stand a - mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
ser - vant, lord, and mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
sing - ing, ev - er prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: RAQUEL, Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1944–1992

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The Reign of God like Farmer's Field ACS#952

1 The reign of God, like farm - er's field, bears
 2 The reign of God is like a pearl on
 3 Though hid - den now, the reign of God may,
 4 Like mus - tard tree, the reign of God from
 5 The reign of God is come in Christ; the

weeds a - long with wheat; the good and bad are
 bar - ren land con - cealed. If once you find that
 yet un - no - ticed, grow; from deep with - in it
 ti - ny seed will spread, till birds of ev - 'ry
 reign of God is near. A - blaze a - mong us,

in - ter - twined till har - vest is com - plete.
 pre - cious pearl, go out and buy that field.
 ris - es up, like yeast in swell - ing dough.
 feath - er come to nest, and there be fed.
 kin - dling hearts, the reign of God is here!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: DUNLAP'S CREEK, Samuel McFarland, fl. 1816; arr. *With One Voice*, 1995

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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. God of life, whose body was broken for us, feed us every morning with the bread of heaven, that we may live by the Word that will not pass away, grow like lilies to be a blessing to our neighbors, and fall like sparrows, none apart from You, until we walk with You again in the evening breeze of the garden, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

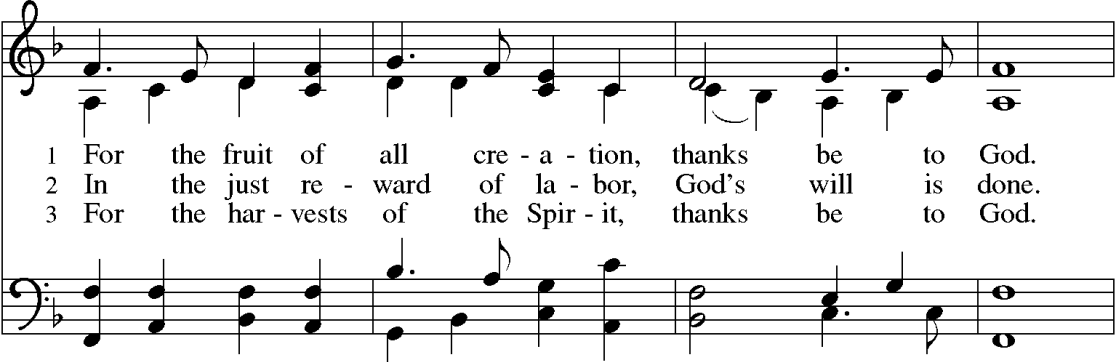
P: May the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today
and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW#679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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

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At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday July 19

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
10:15 a.m. Worship
11:45 a.m. Council Meeting

Monday July 20

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

Friday July 24

1 p.m. 60+ Group Puzzle Tour

Saturday July 25

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

Sunday July 26

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
11 a.m. Outdoor Worship in the Park
11:45 a.m. Potluck Lunch

Worship in the Park

Worship in creation on **Sunday, July 26 at 11 a.m.** at the Sycamore Shelter at Lower Cascades Park. Seating is picnic tables, so bring a lawn chair if it would be more comfortable for you. We'll enjoy a potluck lunch afterward--bring a dish to share and table service for your household. The 8:30 a.m. service on this day will be held at St. Thomas.

60+ Group at the Lilly Library, July 24, 1 p.m. (NEW DATE!)

On **Friday, July 24**, meet up with Carolyn Sowinski for the weekly Lilly Library Puzzle Tour hosted by STLC member and Curator of Puzzles, Andrew Rhoda! The talk begins at 1 p.m., and folks can stay until 2 p.m. for a tour of the documents on display in the library, including the Declaration of Independence. No sign up required.

Collecting "Loaves and Fishes" on Sunday, August 2

Return to school time for our youngest students coincides with the reading of the familiar story of Jesus and his disciples feeding five thousand with 5 loaves and 2 fishes. To mark this occasion the St. Thomas Mission Committee will be collecting foil packets or cans of fish and small packages of cornbread, biscuit, or muffin mixes. These items will be donated to Community Kitchen's Backpack Buddies program and Pantry 279's Food Bank. Items will be collected at church on **Sunday, August 2 during both services**. Shop locally or through our Amazon wish list here: <https://amzn.to/3T0v3jp>

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Sara 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 Lyman & Gloria Hitchcock
in honor of their wedding anniversary
and
John & Amy Poehlman
in memory of Phyllis Eklund.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Sacha Arterberry, Shirley Mingee,
Nancy Nye

Bread & Wine: Sacha Arterberry

Flower Guild: Carol Seaman

Prayer Writer: Pamela Smith

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Debbie Witt

Lectors: April Armstrong, Ian Bensberg

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Communion Stewards: David Ellies,
Jaydene Laros

Greeters: Mike & Jaydene Laros

Council Coordinator: Johnathan Frank

10:15 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Robin Hershberger

Lectors: Sharon Fawbush, Gerhard Glomm

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Stewards: Dean Arnold,
Sharon Fawbush

Greeter: Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Council Coordinator: Randy Arnold

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