

St. Thomas Lutheran Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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 +

Before and after service, visit the blueprint of a fantastical school by the baptismal font. Place a candle for a place or for the people you pray for.

PRELUDE

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Debbie Witt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the living spring of justice and mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who struggles with us as we confront our sins.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. We pray,
Holy Companion, we confess that we don't want to examine what we have done amiss. We don't want to consider what harm we have done to others, what relationships we have broken, what small acts of selfishness have cost those around us. Give us grace, day to day, to open our hearts to your examining and trust in your judgment.

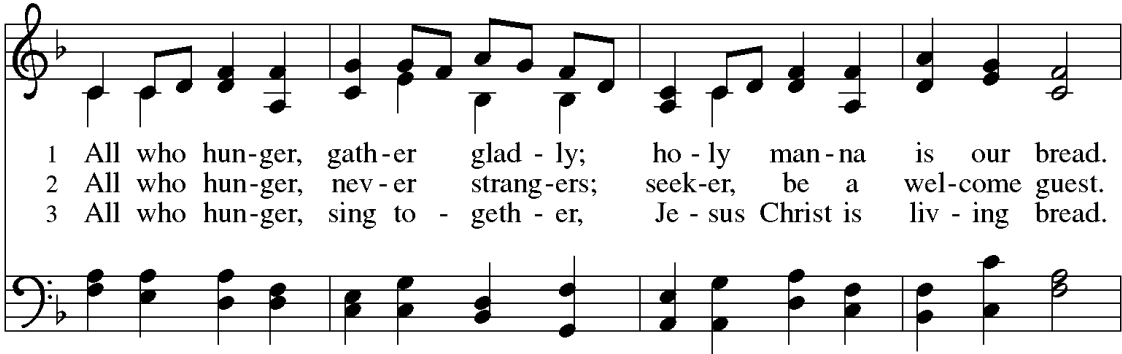
P: Beloved, we are not alone when we confront our sins because God struggles with us. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, receive the forgiveness of all your sins. You are free to walk forward in renewal of life, holding fast to integrity and compassion.

C: Amen.

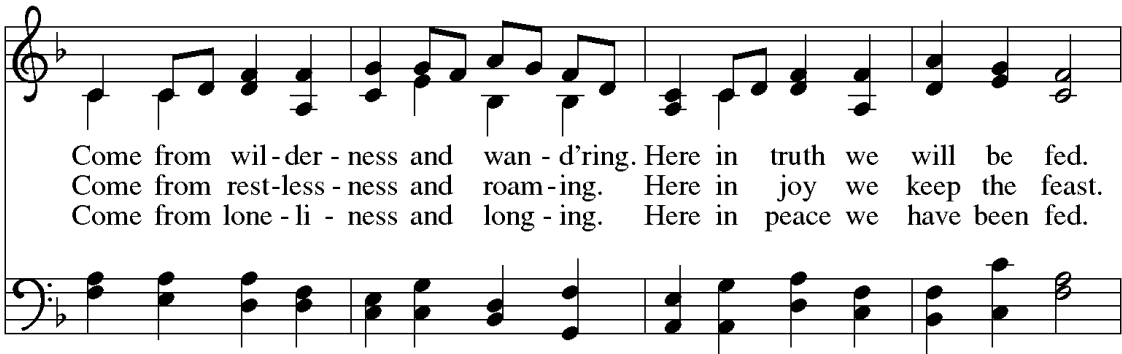
*ENTRANCE HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

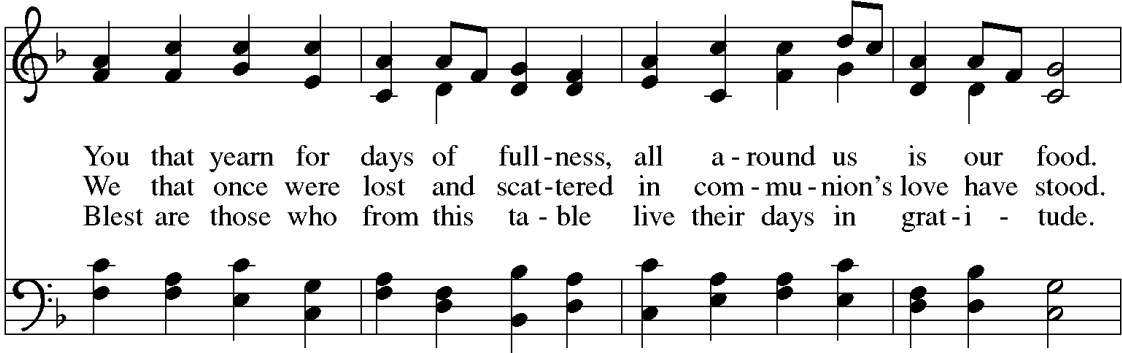
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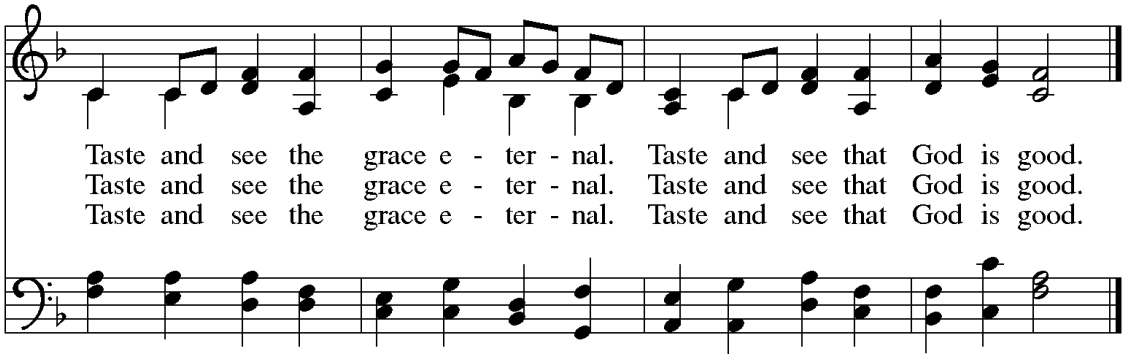
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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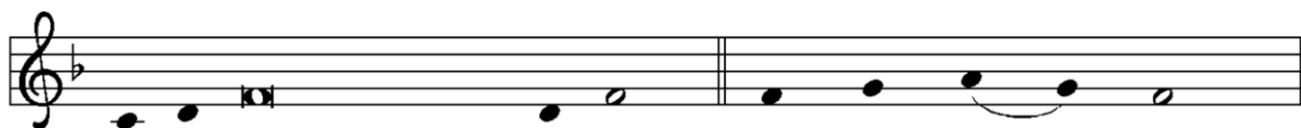
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*GREETING

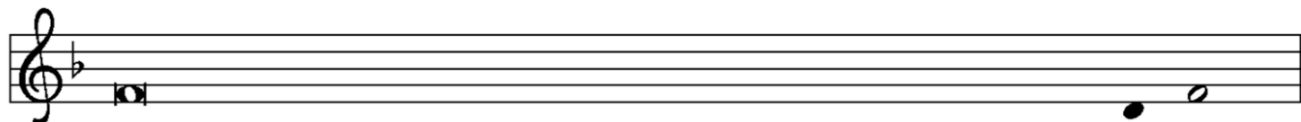
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE



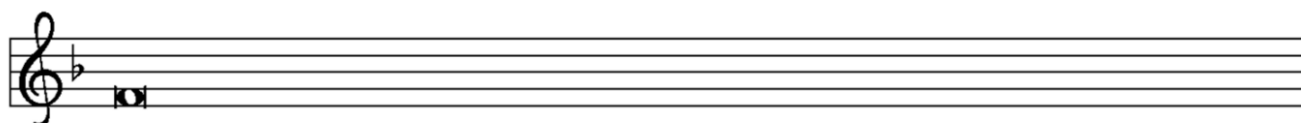
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



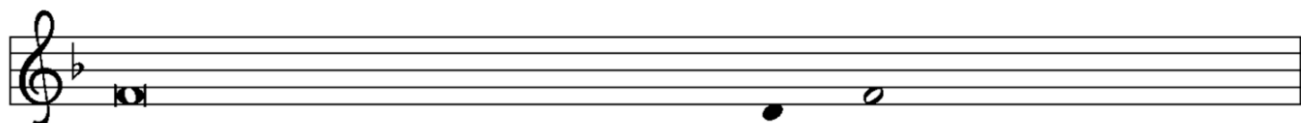
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



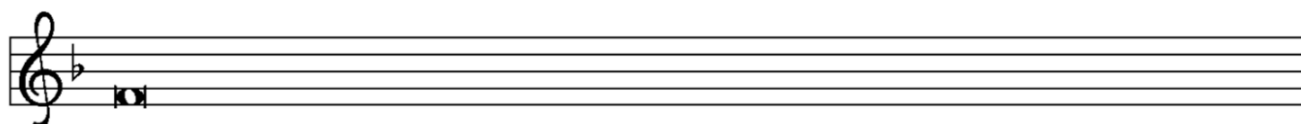
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



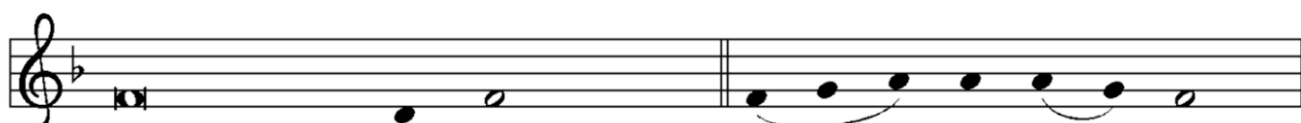
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



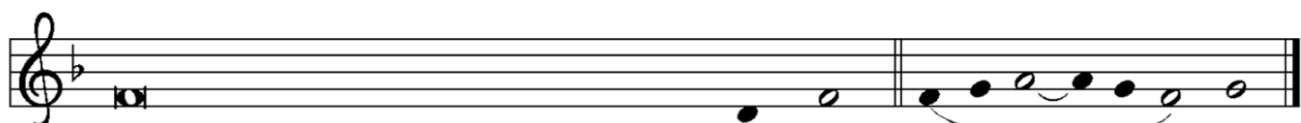
Lord, have mer - cy.



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

Assisting minister



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

All



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. Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

At night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and someone wrestled with him until daybreak. When the person saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, the person struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then the person said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you

L: Word of God, word of life.

PSALM 17:1-7, 15



**Let my vindication come forth | from your
presence;**

let your eyes be | fixed on justice.

Examine my heart, visit I me by night,
melt me down; you will find no impuri- I ty
in me.

**I have not regarded what I others do;
at the word of your lips I have avoided
the ways I of the violent.**

My footsteps hold fast to your I well-worn
path;
and my feet I do not slip.

**I call upon you, O God, for you
will I answer me;
incline your ear to me and I hear my
words.**

Show me your marvelous I lovingkindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your
right hand from those who I rise against
them.

**But at my vindication I shall I see your
face;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied,
behold- I ing your likeness.**

SECOND READING

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not
lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy
Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing
anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I

myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled, and

they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

1 Come, O thou Trav - el - ler un - known, whom still I
 2 I need not tell thee who I am; my mis - er -
 3 Yield to me now, for I am weak, but con - fi -
 4 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy

hold, but can - not see! My com - pa - ny be - fore is
 y and sin de - clare. Thy - self hast called me by my
 dent in self - de - spair! Speak to my heart, in bless - ing
 whis - per in my heart. The morn - ing breaks, the shad - ows

gone, and I am left a - lone with thee. With thee all
 name; look on thy hands and read it there. But who, I
 speak; be con - quered by my in - stant prayer. Speak, or thou
 flee, pure, un - i - ver - sal Love thou art. To me, to

night I mean to stay and wres - tle till the break of day.
 ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
 nev - er hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.
 all, thy mer - cies move; thy na - ture and thy name is Love.

***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: With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: For your church in every place, that it satisfies those who hunger for your word. Bless the ministry of readers, translators, Bible study leaders, and writers, that God's word is broken open and shared with all. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: For your wondrous creation and all the bounty it provides, that your creatures are fed and nourished. Bless the work of all those who guide food to our tables, farmers, harvesters, truck drivers, and grocery store workers. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: For your weary, suffering children who yearn for justice in every nation. As this week we remember the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, keep us mindful of the horrors of war; draw our hearts instead toward your reign of love, hope, and peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For all who cry out with great sorrow and unceasing anguish, that they are comforted. Feed all who struggle with food insecurity; have mercy on all who are suffering in body, mind, and spirit especially Kristin, Ethelyene, Sara, Scott, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For this congregation, that it bears faithful witness to the abundance and joy of life in you. Bless all your faithful people gathered here and guide our ministry to our community and the world, that we may become your hands and feet. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: With thanksgiving for the faithful who now rest in your mercy, that their witness continues to inspire the church. By their example, may we trust your promises in life and in death. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

OFFERTORY

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise and Thanks and Adoration

ELW#783



1 Praise and thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, Son of God, to you we give,
2 Hold me ev - er in your keep - ing, com - fort me in pain and strife;



for you chose to serve cre - a - tion, died that sin - ers all might live.
through my laugh - ter and my weep - ing, lift me to a no - bler life.



Dear Lord Je - sus, guide my way; faith - ful let me day by day
Draw my fer - vent love to you; con - stant hope and faith re - new



fol - low where your steps are lead - ing, find ad - ven - ture, joys ex - ceed - ing!
in your birth, your life and pas - sion, in your death and res - ur - rec - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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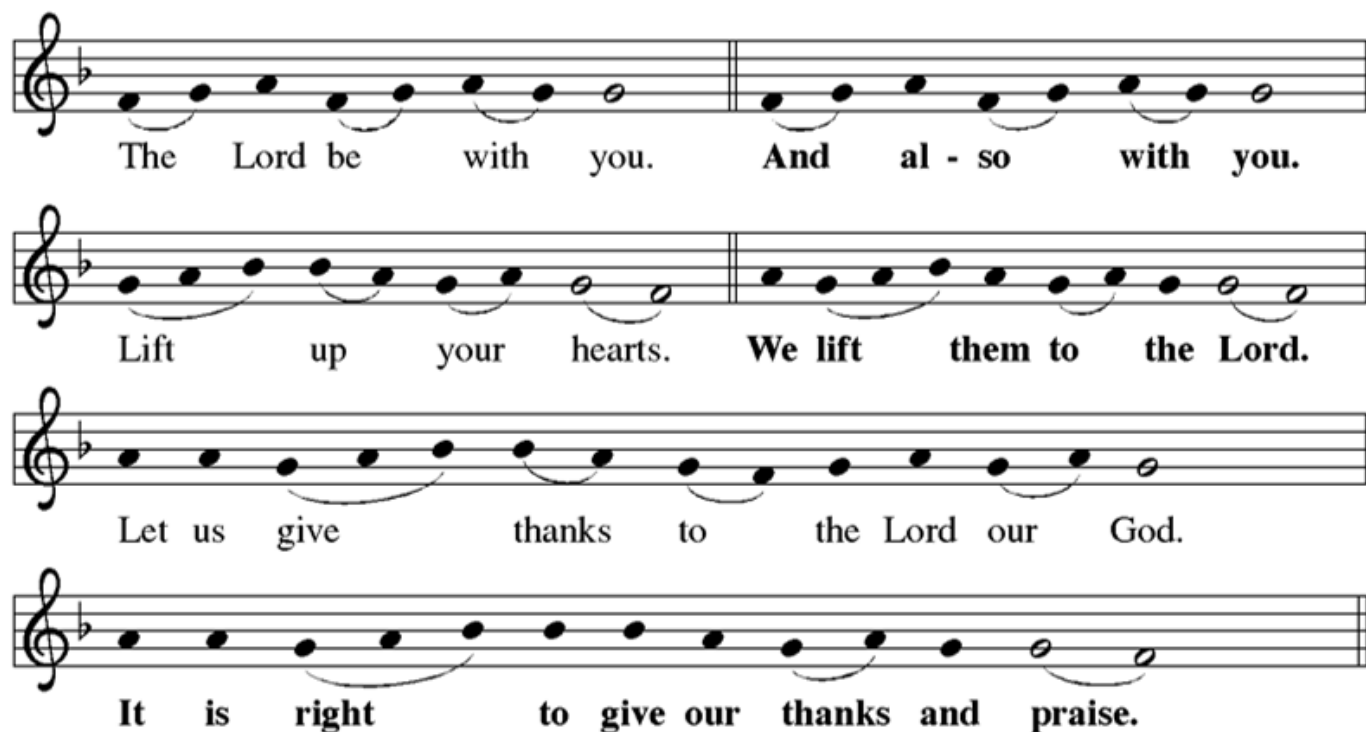
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs or groups of four. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in bold. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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. Turkish 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.**

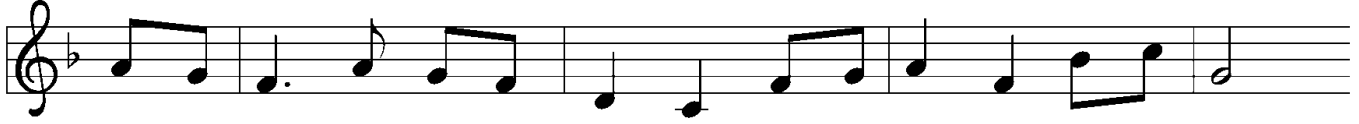
Göklerdeki Babamız,
Adın kutsal kılınsın.
Egemenliğin gelsin.
Gökte olduğu gibi, yeryüzünde de senin
istediğin olsun.
Bugün bize gündelik ekmeğimizi ver.
Bize karşı suç işleyenleri bağışladığımız gibi,
Sen de bizim suçlarımızı bağışla.
Ayartılmamıza izin verme.
Bizi kötü olandan kurtar.
Çünkü egemenlik, güç ve yücelik sonsuzlara
dek senindir!
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.

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952

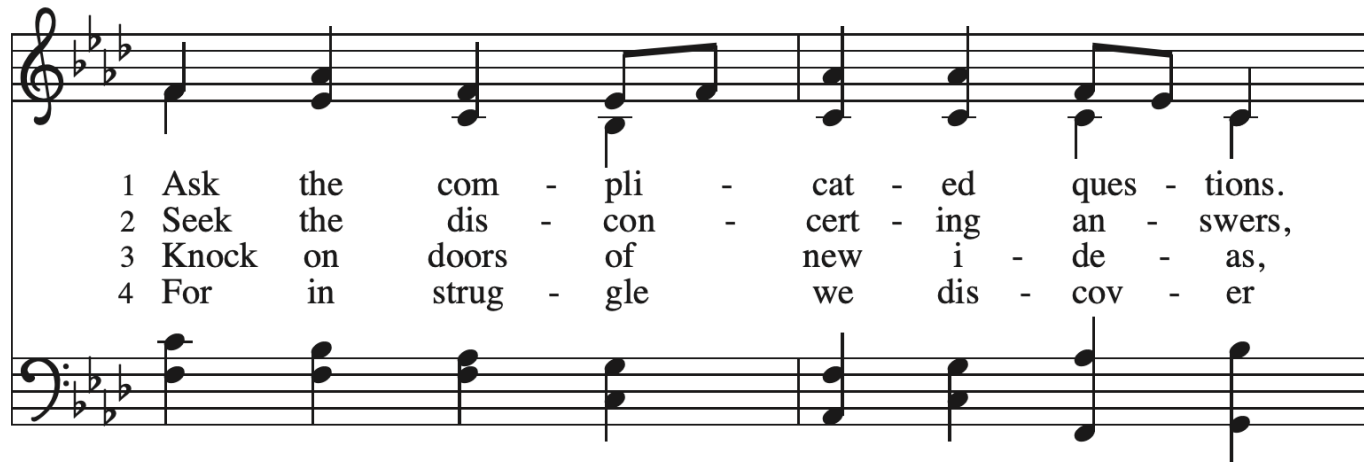
Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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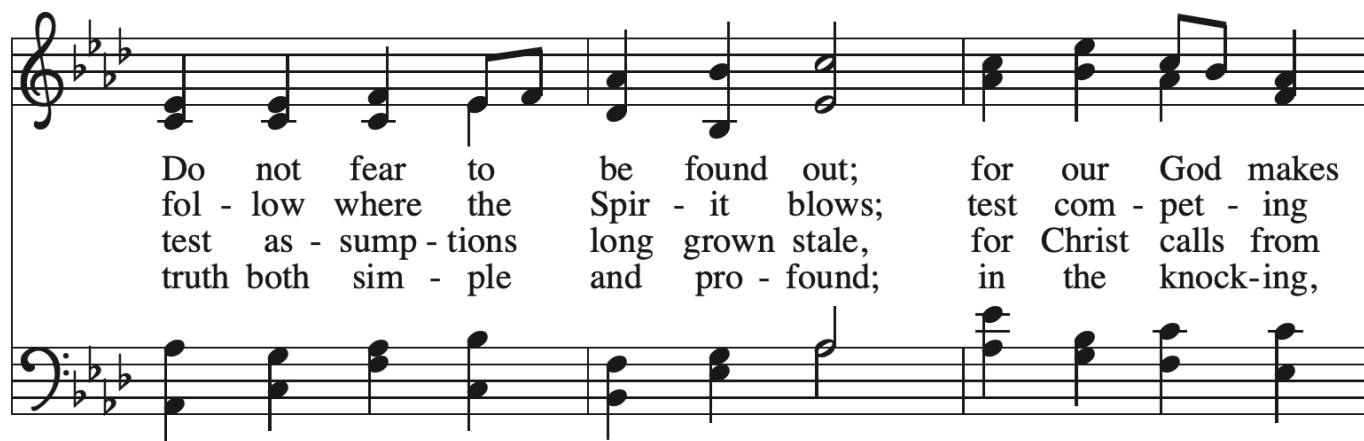
COMMUNION HYMNS

Ask the Complicated Questions

ACS#1005



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. hymnal version

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Break Now the Bread of Life

ELW#515

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and tenor parts providing harmonic support through chords and occasional melodic lines. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, the second system contains three lines, and the third system contains three lines. The music concludes with a final cadence in the tenor/bass part.

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.

Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

***EUCHARISTIC BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. 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

O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW#542

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and single notes. The lyrics are in English and are a well-known hymn by Catherine Winkworth.

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

*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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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.

The Confession and Forgiveness, Eucharistic Prayer, Offertory Prayer, Prayer after Communion, and Benediction were written by the St. Thomas Lutheran Church Writers' Guild, including Ian Bensberg, Janine Giordano Drake, Pamela Smith, and Pr. Adrienne Meier.

At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday August 2

Loaves and Fishes Collection

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

10:15 a.m. Worship

Monday August 3

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday August 4

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday August 5

12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

Saturday August 8

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

10 a.m. St. Thomas Piecemakers

Sunday August 9

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

10:15 a.m. Worship

2 p.m. Area 10 Mission Committee Project

4 p.m. 60 + Group Meeting

Church Neighbors Round Up for Barrel Painting!

Folks from St. Thomas Lutheran, Congregation Beth Shalom, and University Baptist Church will gather to paint collection barrels for Area 10 Agency on Aging **next Sunday, August 9, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** The organization Area 10 Agency on Aging works to support the aging population in our community. Popsicles will be on hand for the painters. No art ability is needed. Children are welcome. Carol Seaman will be the hostess for the event. For more information contact Allison Ward.

60+ Group

Our next group meeting is **next Sunday, August 9, at 4 p.m. in Community Hall.** We have lots to talk about—our Seniors Helping Seniors project, an upcoming speaker, events in August and September, a euchre group, and maybe organizing a breakfast or coffee group. And then we'll go out to dinner (optional, of course)!

St. Thomas at Bloomington Pridefest, Saturday, August 22

We're recruiting folks in twos, threes, or family groups to represent St. Thomas for a couple of hours in downtown Bloomington for this yearly celebration. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Give a Blessing, Sunday, August 9 and 16

Ahead of Bloomington Pridefest, we'll have a table up in the narthex where you can write a short blessing to share. The blessing basket is a feature of our table at both Bloomington Pridefest and Spencer Pride Festival, and it's a small but meaningful way for us to share God's love with all people.

Solar Panel Donations Update

The Council would like to express our appreciation to those families who have already contributed to the Solar Fund.

We have raised more than 90% of what is needed to pay for the newly installed array. We still have just over \$2000 left to raise, and while that seems like a lot, if the families who have not yet contributed can make a gift of just \$25 each, we can surpass our goal. We are very blessed by all your generosity!



Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Kristin Vann, Ethelyene Thomason, 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 Dan & Linda McNabb
in memory of their daughter Carrie
on her birthday, August 6.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Carol Seaman, Susan Colston

Bread & Wine: Allison Ward

Flowers Guild: Mary Thomason-Smith
and Melody Smith

Prayer Writer: Moriah Brook

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Robin Hershberger

Lectors: Carol Seaman, Kris Stewart

Ushers: Susan Kinzer, Spencer Anspach

Communion Stewards: Ian Bensberg

Greeters: Mary Sasse, Allison Ward

Council Coordinator: Greg Valenta

10:15 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Tim Smith

Lectors: Vicki Polansky, Gerhard Glomm

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Communion Stewards: Mary Thomason-Smith,
Susan Colston

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

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!**