

St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 9, 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 word is near you, in your mouth and in  
your heart.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who is  
Lord of all and generous to all who call on him.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P. We pray,  
**God of history, God of the present, God of the future, we confess that our trust in you isn't always enough to keep us afloat. We confess that we imagine a God who solves everything with no particular effort on our part; we confess our inner disappointment that you are not that God. Act in us, make us wiser, help us to take up our work in the redemption of the world.**

P: Beloved, how beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news! In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, receive the forgiveness of all your sins and, by your words and your choices, live by God's good news of peace.

**C: Amen.**

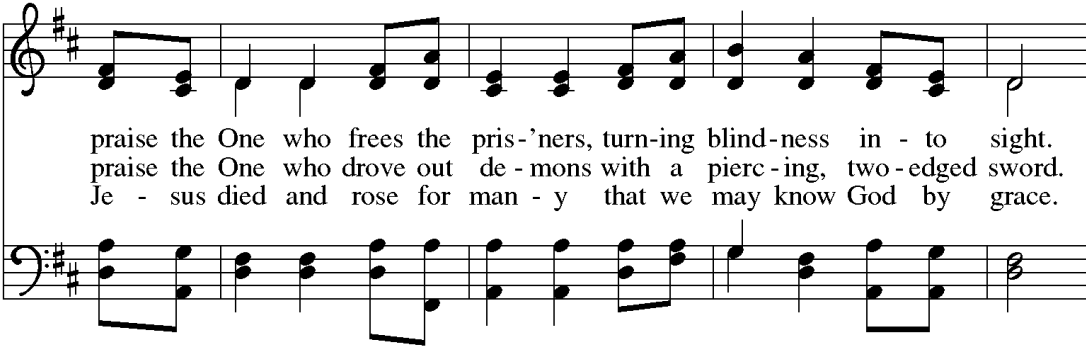
# \*ENTRANCE HYMN

## Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

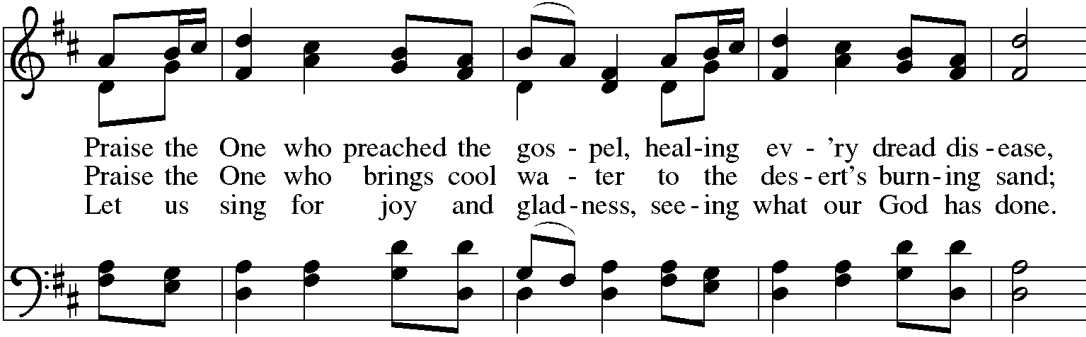
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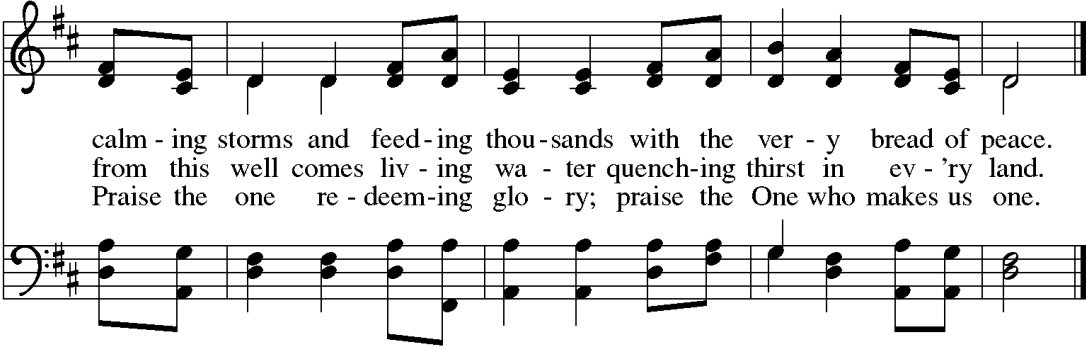
1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

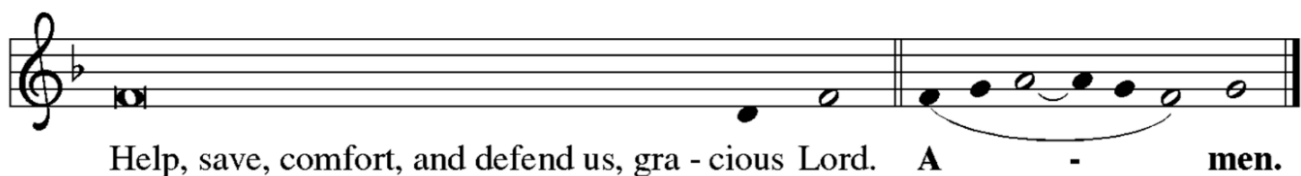
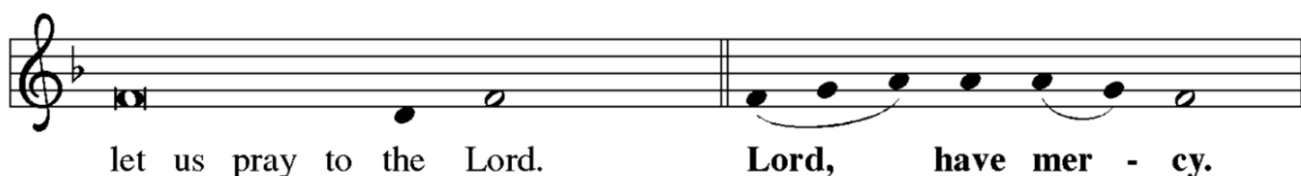
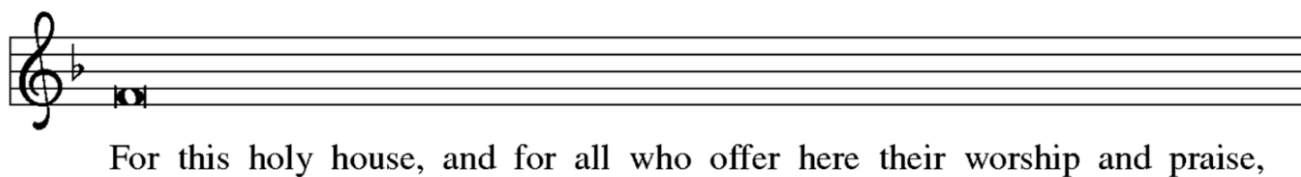
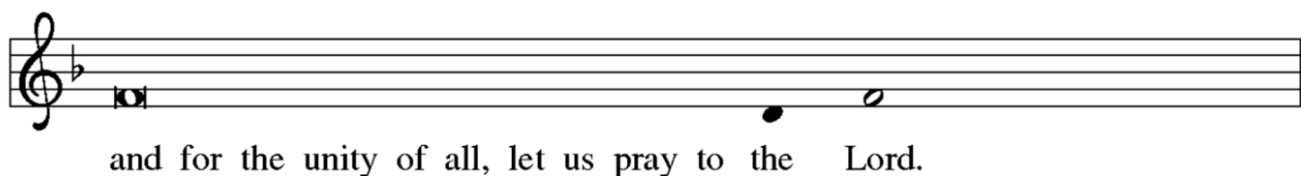
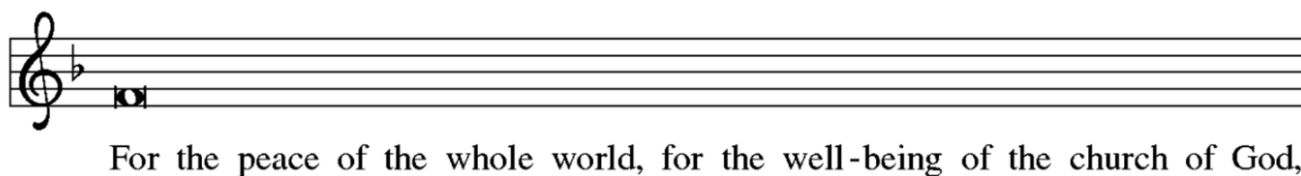
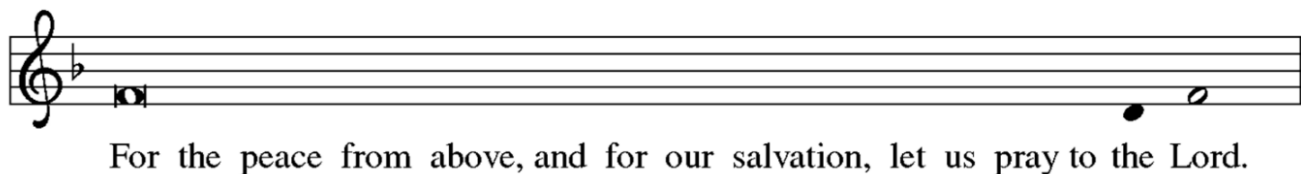
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\*GREETING

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



# \*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. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your children from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## +WORD+

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Debbie Witt

## FIRST READING

Genesis 37:1-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his

brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

He had another dream and told it to his brothers, saying, "Look, I have had another dream: the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me." But when he told it to his father and to his brothers, his father rebuked him and said to him, "What kind of dream is this that you have had? Shall we indeed come, I and your mother and your brothers, and bow to the ground before you?" So his brothers were jealous of him, but his father kept the matter in mind.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b



Give thanks to the Lord and call up- | on God's  
name;

make known the deeds of  
the Lord a- | mong the peoples.

**Sing to the | Lord, sing praises,  
and speak of all God's | marvelous  
works.**

Glory in God's | holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek  
the | Lord rejoice.

**Search for the strength | of the Lord;  
continually | seek God's face.**

Remember the marvels | God has done,  
the wonders and the judgments | of God's  
mouth,

**O offspring of Abra- | ham, God's servant,  
O children of Jacob, God's | chosen  
ones.**

Then God called for a famine | in the land  
and destroyed the sup- | ply of bread.

**The Lord sent a | man before them,  
Joseph, who was sold | as a slave.**

They bruised his <sup>l</sup> feet in fetters;  
his neck they put in an <sup>l</sup> iron collar.  
**Until his prediction <sup>l</sup> came to pass,**  
**the word of the Lord <sup>l</sup> tested him.**  
The king sent <sup>l</sup> and released him;  
the ruler of the peoples <sup>l</sup> set him free,  
**setting him as a master o- <sup>l</sup> ver his**  
**household,**  
**as a ruler over all <sup>l</sup> his possessions,**  
to instruct his princes according <sup>l</sup> to his will  
and to teach his elders wisdom.  
<sup>l</sup> Hallelujah!

## SECOND READING

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim),

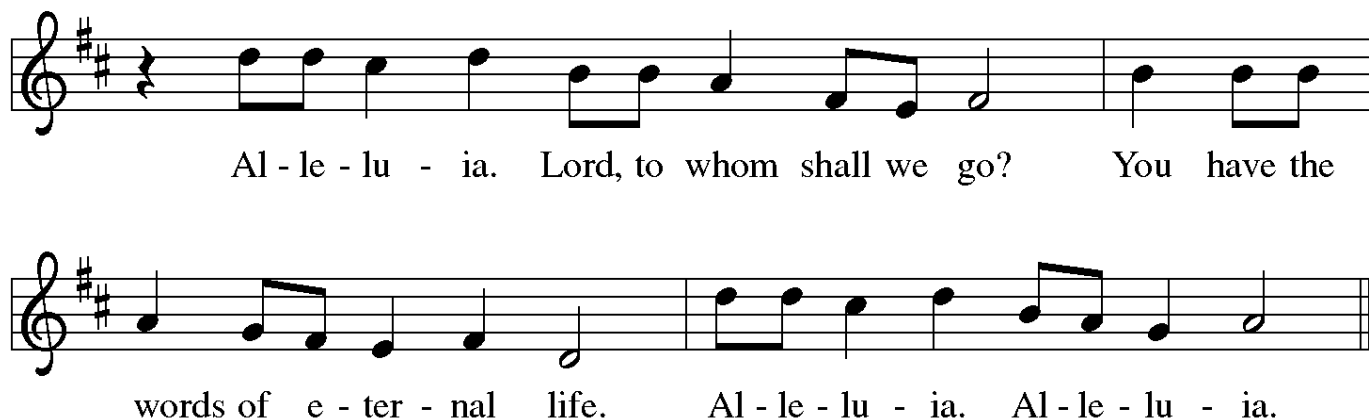
because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim? And how are they to proclaim unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## \*HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they

cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Child of God."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

# \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW#756

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

**\*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: We pray for the servants of your gospel in every place, that your word may be heard. Where your voice is scorned and your people persecuted, strengthen the church in its faithful witness. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for this world you have created, that all life may flourish. Preserve biodiversity in all its variety and help ecosystems to survive the extremes of a changing climate. Move our hearts with compassion to join in this work. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for leaders of towns, states, nations, and organizations, and all who are in positions of authority, that they lead with justice and integrity. Teach us to respond with Christlike mercy to all who are afraid or in danger. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for all who struggle amid the storms of life, that they find peace and hope in your loving presence. Comfort any who are lonely and grieving and all who suffer especially Kristin, Ethelyene, Sara, Scott, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Lynn, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We pray for this congregation and its ministries, that they reflect your love and life amid a turbulent world. Guide council members, elders, and other church leaders with your still, calm voice. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for the faithful who have gone before us. Guide us in our earthly journey, that we may one day join them in your eternal kingdom. 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](http://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.*

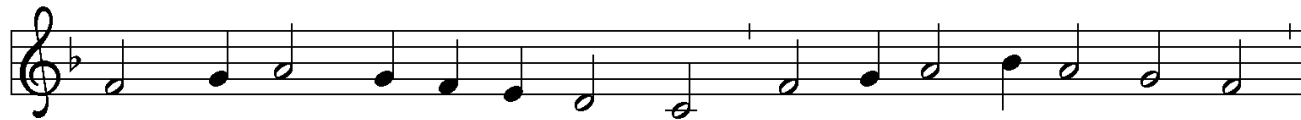
## OFFERTORY

Fairest Lord Jesus

Claire and Lia Marsh

## \*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.

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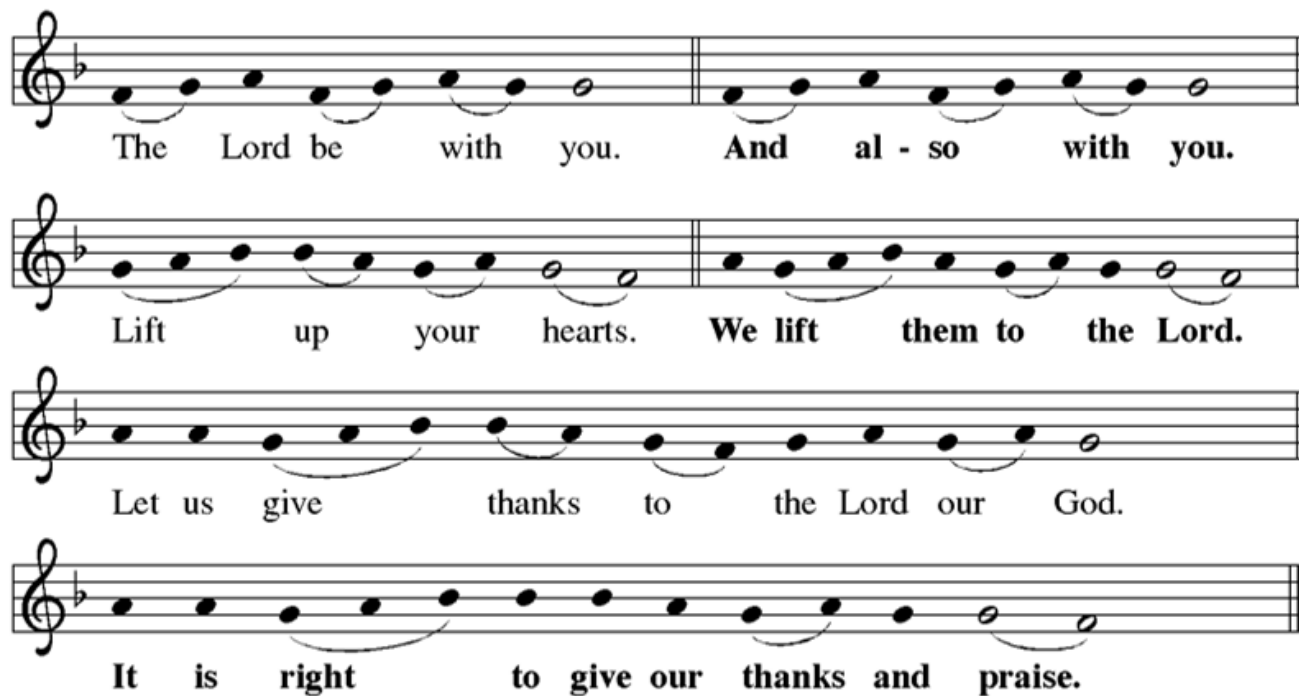
## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 simple, mostly quarter and half notes, with some beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The second staff also has a double bar line in the middle. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

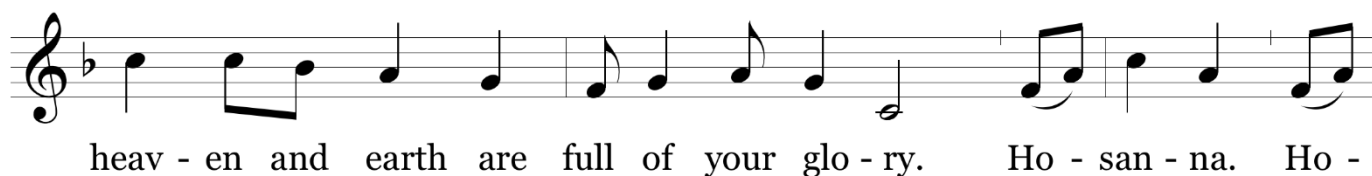
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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:



## \*EUCCHARISTIC 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 sat 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. Kreyòl Ayisyen 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.**

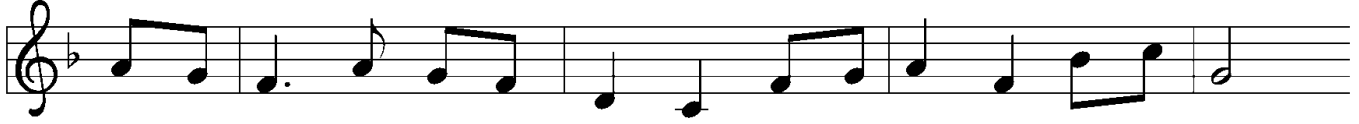
Papa nou ki nan syèl la,  
Nou mande pou yo toujou respekte  
non ou.  
Vin tabli gouvènman ou,  
pou yo fè volonte ou sou latè, tankou  
yo fè li nan syèl la.  
Pen nou bezwen an, ban nou li jòdi a.  
Padonnen tou sa nou fè ki mal,  
menm jan nou padonnen moun ki fè nou mal.  
Pa kite nou nan pozisyon pou nou  
tonbe nan tantasyon,  
men, delivre nou anba Satan.  
Paske, se pou ou tout otorite, tout  
pouvwa ak tout louwanj, depi  
tout tan ak pou tout tan. Amèn.

#### \*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

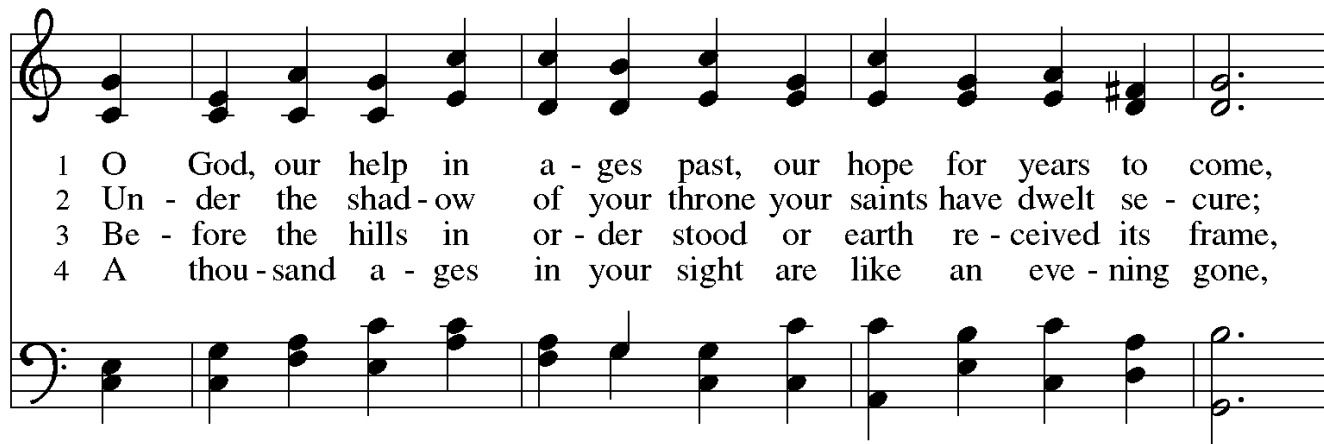
Music: CAMROSE, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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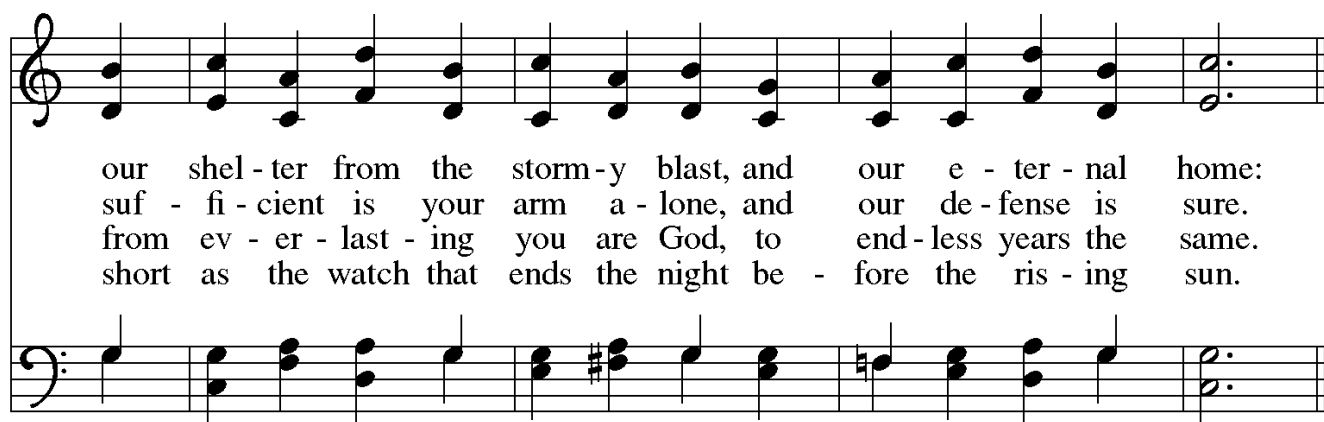
# COMMUNION HYMNS

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW #632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
bears all our years away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

# Cast Out, O Christ

ACS#1016

1 Cast out, O Christ, cast far a - way the  
2 Our rag - ing griefs, our jeal - ous fears are  
3 Once long a - go, from Gal - i - lee, you  
4 Your word breathes life and health and hope that  
5 So come, O Christ, and cast a - way the

de - mons that de - stroy: the haunt - ing dreads that  
Le - gion in their name. Our shack - led hearts im -  
sailed to storm - tossed shores. And still, in pow'r, you  
break through e - vil's thrall. You send us, strength - ened,  
de - mons that de - stroy. Trans - form our lives to

choke our souls, the hates that sti - fle joy.  
plore your grace to loose our bind - ing shame.  
brave new paths to breach our bolt - ed doors.  
home in peace to live your gos - pel call.  
sense your love and spread a - broad your joy.

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003

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**\*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.**

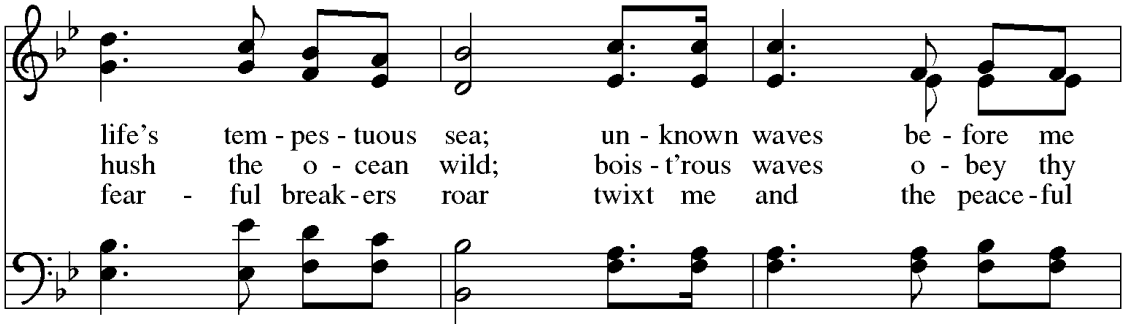
# \*SENDING HYMN

## Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

ELW#755



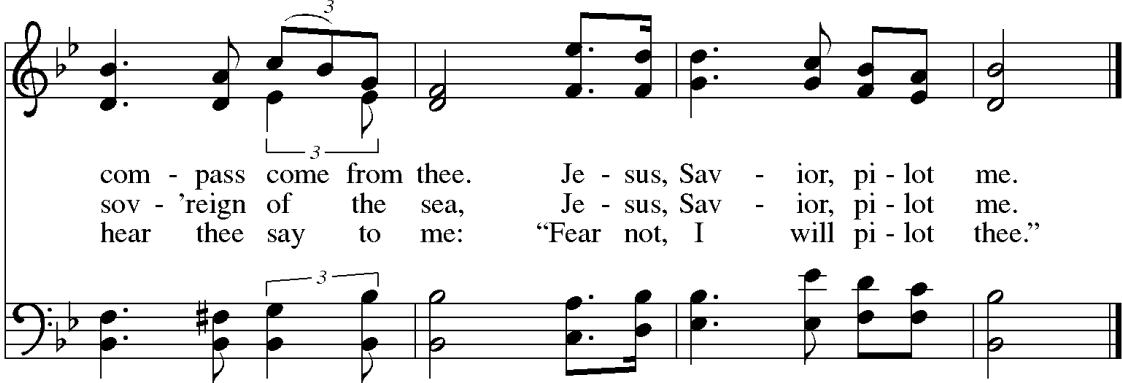
1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver  
2 As a moth - er stills her child, thou canst  
3 When at last I near the shore, and the



life's tem - pes - tuous sea; un - known waves be - fore me  
hush the o - cean wild; bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy  
fear - ful break - ers roar twixt me and the peace - ful



roll, hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal; chart and  
will when thou say'st to them: "Be still." Won - drous  
rest, then, while lean - ing on thy breast, may I



com - pass come from thee. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
sov - 'reign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
hear thee say to me: "Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

## \*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 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

### **Monday August 10**

10:15 a.m. Worship at Redbud Hills

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

### **Tuesday August 11**

7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

### **Thursday August 13**

Office Opening Late

### **Sunday August 16**

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

10:15 a.m. Worship

## **Give a Blessing, Today and Next Sunday, August 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.

## **Church Neighbors Round Up for Barrel Painting This Afternoon!**

Folks from St. Thomas Lutheran, Congregation Beth Shalom, and University Baptist Church will gather to paint collection barrels for Area 10 Agency on Aging this 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.

## **Zoom Invitation: Meet our Jensen Harms**



All are invited to a Zoom meeting on Monday, August 10 at 7 p.m. to meet our Young Adult Global Mission person, Jensen Harms. We will support him as he goes to the UK to represent the ELCA and share God's love this year. Use the QR code on the left to attend the Zoom meeting.

## **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. We especially need volunteers to help with set-up and tear-down. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

## **Worship Time Change & September Events**

Beginning **Sunday, August 23, St. Thomas worship will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** On Sunday, September 6 (the Sunday of Labor Day weekend), we will host a potluck brunch between services. Sunday School for all ages kicks off on Sunday, September 13.

## **Next Steps at St. Thomas**

Perhaps you're new to St. Thomas and eager to meet other people or you've been worshiping with us for a while and are looking for a next step: check out our Next Step form for opportunities to get involved, serve in the community, and support the ministries of St. Thomas. You can fill out the form in your bulletin or use the QR code on the right to fill it out online.



## **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](mailto:skcolston@aol.com) to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

### **The altar flowers are given**

by Kent & Barb Unger  
for their grandson Jules' birthday  
and

by Tim Smith & Mary-Thomason Smith  
on their daughter Melody's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar Care: Sacha Arterberry, Shirley Mingee,  
Debbie Witt

Bread & Wine: Kathleen Boggess

Flower Guild: Gail Seegert

Prayer Writer: Gretchen Moehlmann

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

## **8:30 a.m. Service**

Assisting Minister: Kathleen Boggess

Lectors: David Ellies, April Armstrong

Ushers: Carol Seaman, Sacha Arterberry

Communion Stewards: Robin Hershberger,  
Kris Stewart

Greeters: Mike & Jaydene Laros

Council Coordinator: Dean Arnold

## **10:15 a.m. Service**

Assisting Minister: Ashley Ahlbrand

Lectors: Noah Smith, Mary Thomason-Smith

Ushers: Brock DeMark &  
Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Communion Stewards: Sharon Fawbush,  
Ken Pedersen

Greeters: Randy & Nancy Nye

Council Coordinator: Ashley Ahlbrand

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