

St. Thomas Lutheran Church
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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 +

11 a.m. only

PRELUDE

Children of the Heavenly Father

Dave Belbutoski

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY MOMENT

Rose House/Lutheran Campus Ministry

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
eternal maker of the heavens and the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who is
able to change the world through our smallest
acts of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. We pray,
Gracious and loving Creator, we confess that we are easily distracted from opportunities to serve you and our neighbors. We can grow numb to the needs that surround us. We can be overwhelmed by demands on our time and attention. Wake us up, Lord! Transform us by the renewal of our minds. Help us to stay centered on the vision of your beloved community.

P: Beloved, God has given each of you a special grace. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, receive the forgiveness of all your sins and serve others with thankfulness and joy.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation ELW#645

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

*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 a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



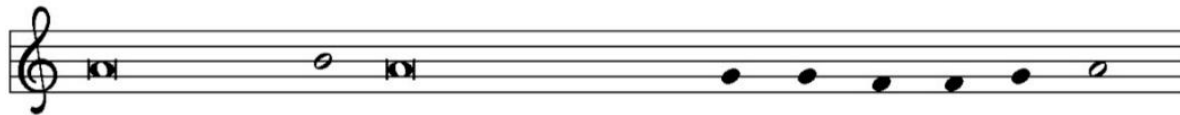
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, who has the world be -
 2 O Fa - ther, for your lord - ship true we give you praise and
 3 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, per - fect gift, who brings us con - so -



friend - ed; to us no harm shall now come nigh, the
 hon - or; we wor - ship you; we trust in you; we
 au - thor, re - deem - er of your wan - d'ring ones, and
 la - tion: to men and wom - en saved by Christ as -



strife at last is end - ed. God shows good - will to
 give you thanks for - ev - er. Your will is per - fect,
 source of all true plea - sure; O Lamb of God, O
 sure your in - spi - ra - tion. Through sick - ness, need, and



one and all, and peace when trou - bled sin - ners call. Thank
 and your might re - lent - less - ly con - firms the right; your
 Lord di - vine, con - form our lives to your de - sign, and
 bit - ter death, grant us your warm, life - giv - ing breath; our



God for grace and mer - cy!
 lord - ship is our bless - ing.
 on us all have mer - cy.
 lives are in your keep - ing. A - men.

Text: Nikolaus Decius, 1485–1550; tr. composite

Music: ALLEIN GOTT IN DER HÖH, plainsong; adapt. Nikolaus Decius

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Adrienne Meier

FIRST READING

Exodus 1:8—2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard

servitude and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, God gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and

nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 124



If the Lord had not been | on our side,
let Isra- | el now say;
if the Lord had not been | on our side,
when enemies rose | up against us,
then would they have swallowed us | up alive
in their fierce | anger toward us;
then would the waters
have | overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone | over us;
then would the | raging waters
have gone right | over us.
Blessed | be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a
prey | for their teeth.

We have escaped like a bird from the
snare ¹ of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we ¹ have escaped.
**Our help is in the name ¹ of the Lord,
the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth.**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, siblings, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

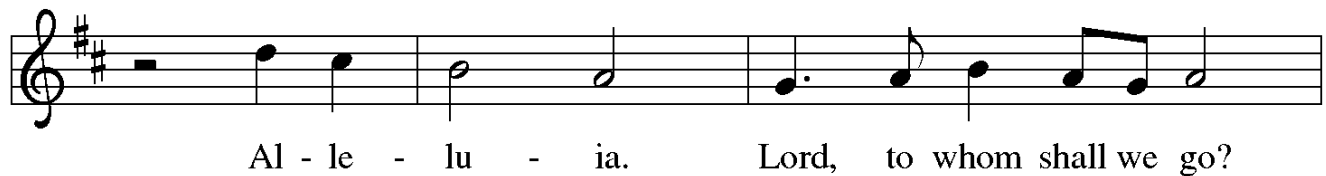
For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to

faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 16:13-20

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Child of Humanity is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do

you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Child of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Adrienne Meier



Honoring the Composers of
African American Spirituals
royalties paid to Sphinx Organization

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Wade in the Water ELW#459

Refrain

All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader

All



- 1 See that host all dressed in white,
- 2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the
- 3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?
- 4 If you don't be - lieve I've been re - deemed,

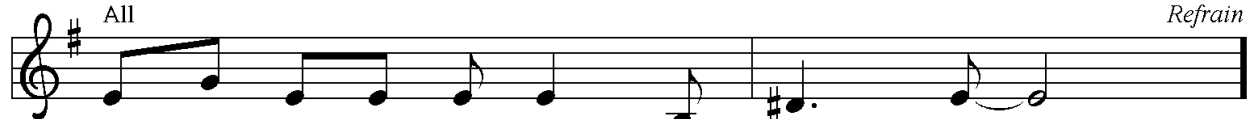
Leader



wa - ter. the lead - er looks like the Is - rael - ite.
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led.
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me.
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream.

All

Refrain



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WADE IN THE WATER, 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: 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: God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day, especially Carol, Del, Kristin, Ethelyene, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. 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 above on the left to add your volunteer hours to our 5000-hour challenge.

8:30 a.m. only

OFFERTORY

Children of the Heavenly Father

Dave Belbutoski

*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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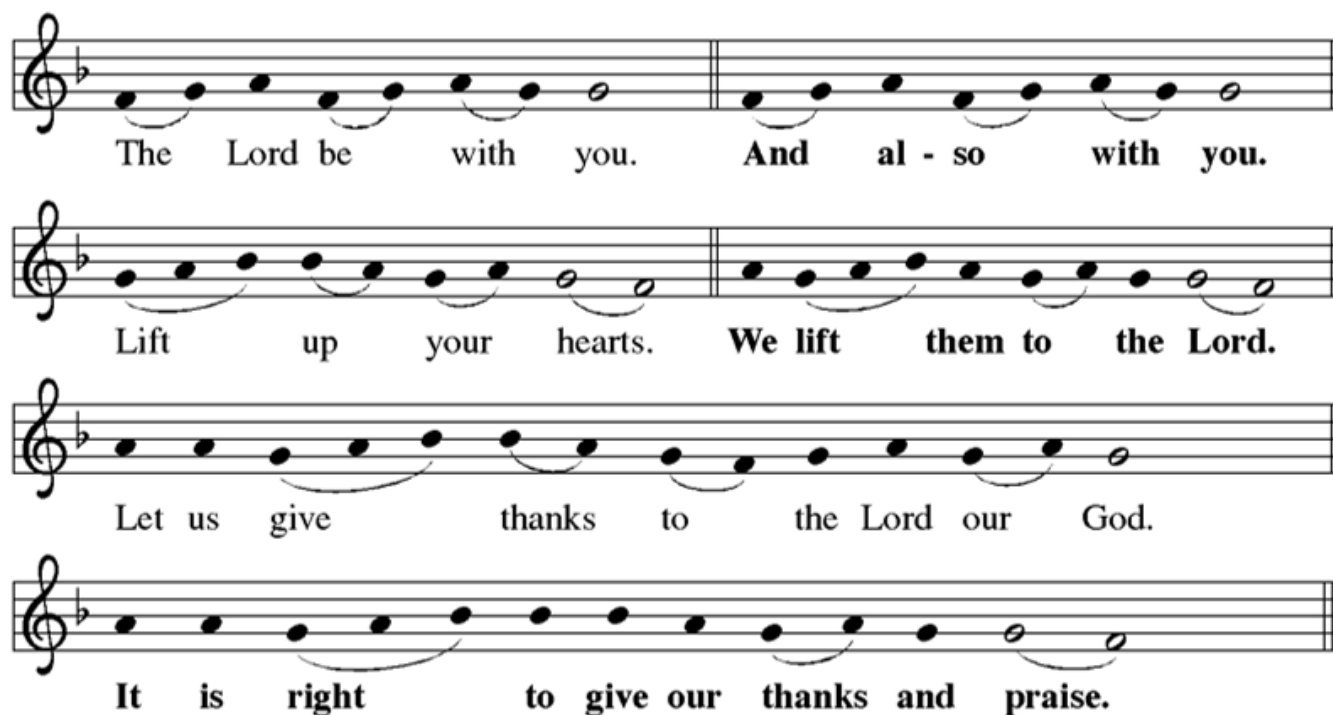
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

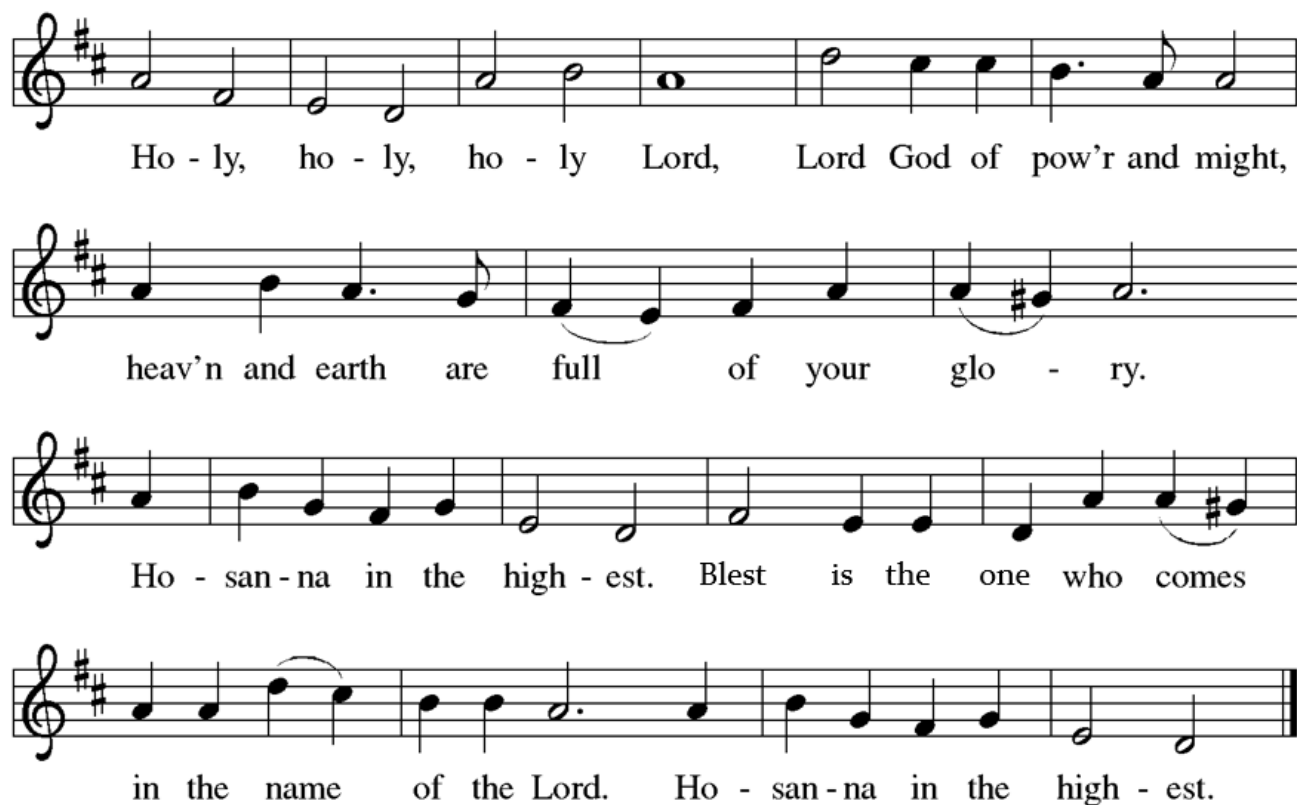
C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:



*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. Bengali 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.**

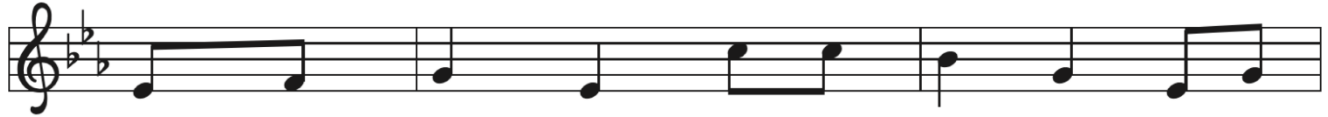
হে আমাদের স্বর্গস্থ পিতা,
তোমার নাম পূজিত হউক,
তোমার রাজ্য আসুক,
তোমার ইচ্ছা যেমন স্বর্গে,
তেমনি পৃথিবীতেও পূর্ণ হউক,
আমাদের দৈনিক অন্ন আজ আমাদের দাও,
আর আমরা যেমন অপরাধীকে ক্ষমা করি তেমনি তুমিও
আমাদের অপরাধ ক্ষমা কর,
আর আমাদের প্রলোভনে পড়তে দিও না,
কিন্তু মন্দের হাত থেকে উদ্ধার করো।
[রাজ্য, পরাক্রম ও মহিমা যুগে যুগে তোমার। আমেন।]

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

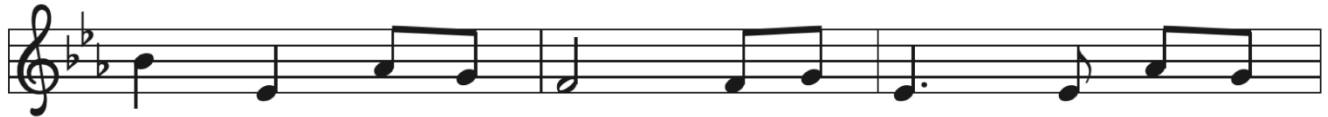
P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a



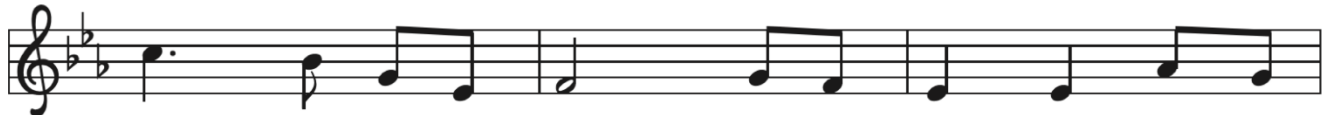
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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COMMUNION HYMNS

The Church's One Foundation

ELW#654

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

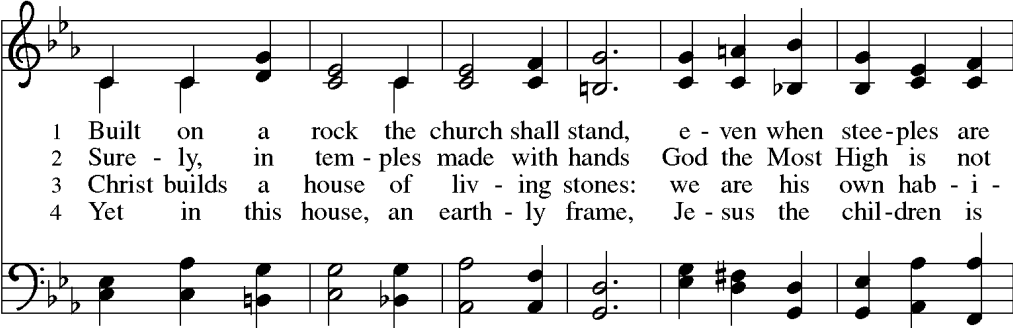
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

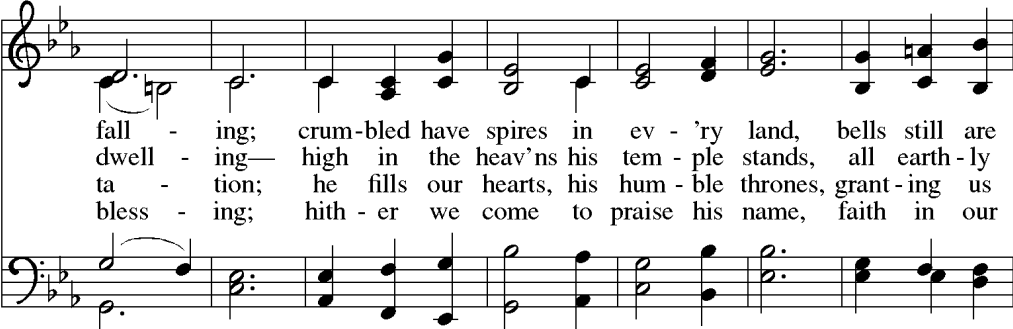
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Built on a Rock

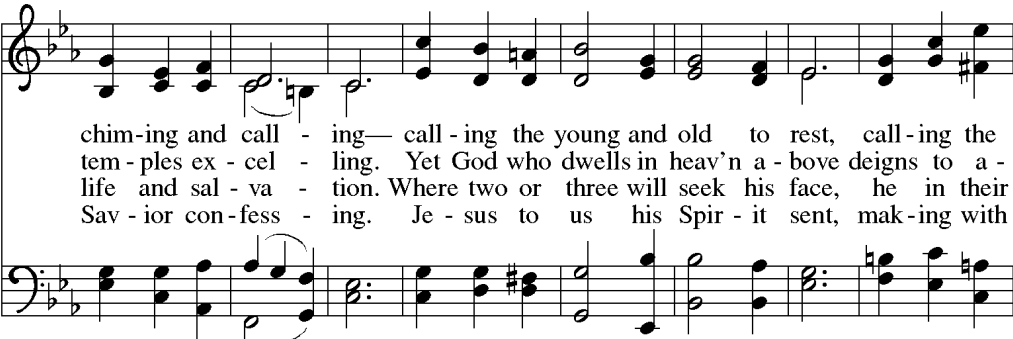
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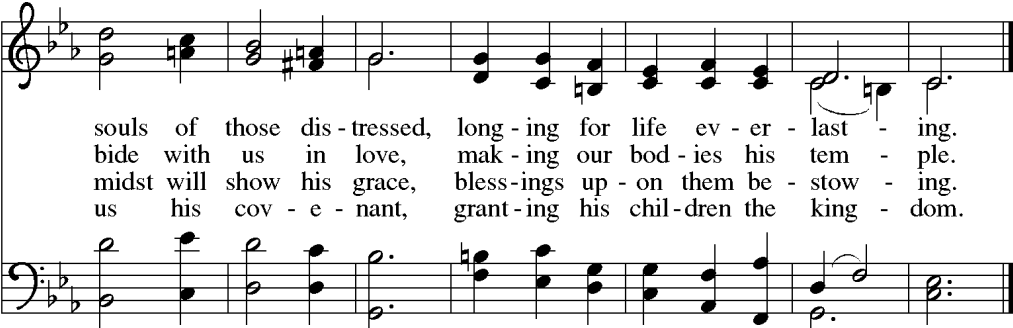
1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
 3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,
 grant that, when church bells are ringing,
 many may come to hear your Word,
 who here this promise is bringing:
 "I know my own, my own know me;
 you, not the world, my face shall see;
 my peace I leave with you. Amen."

***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.

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***BENEDICTION**

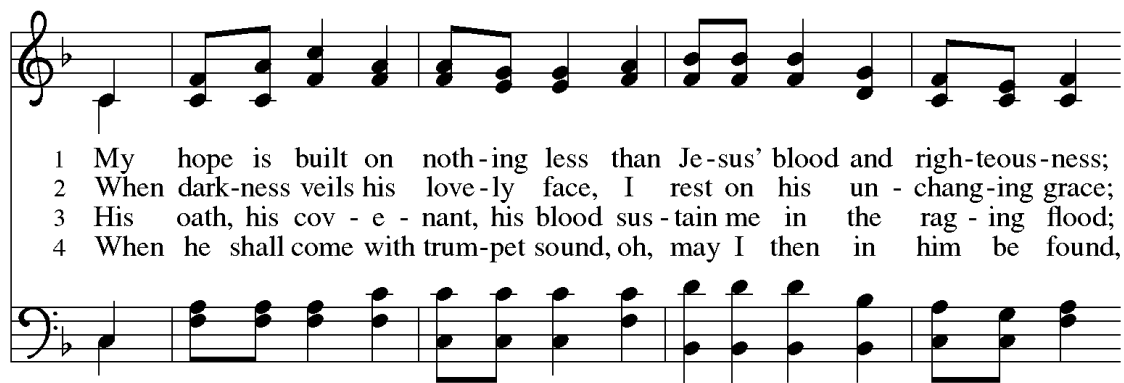
P: May the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today
and always.

C: Amen.

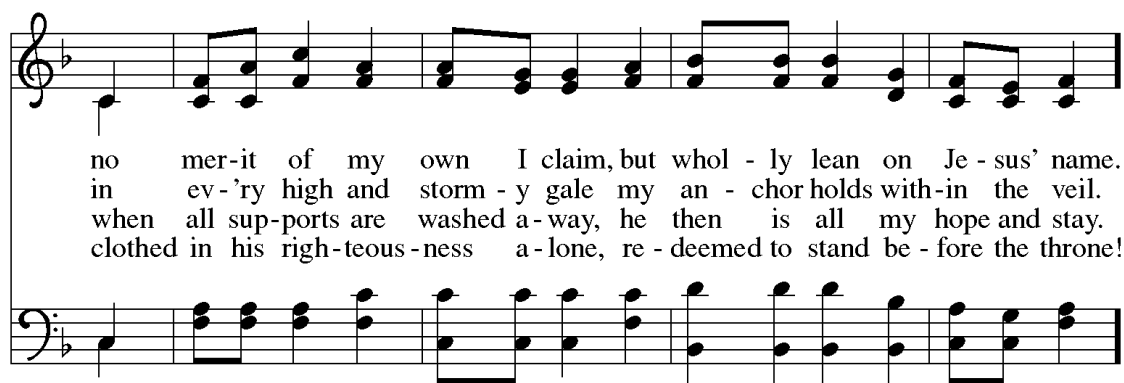
*SENDING HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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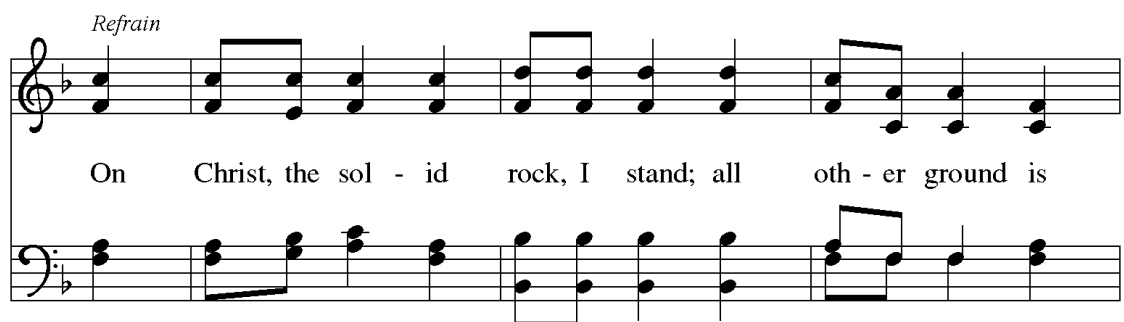


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

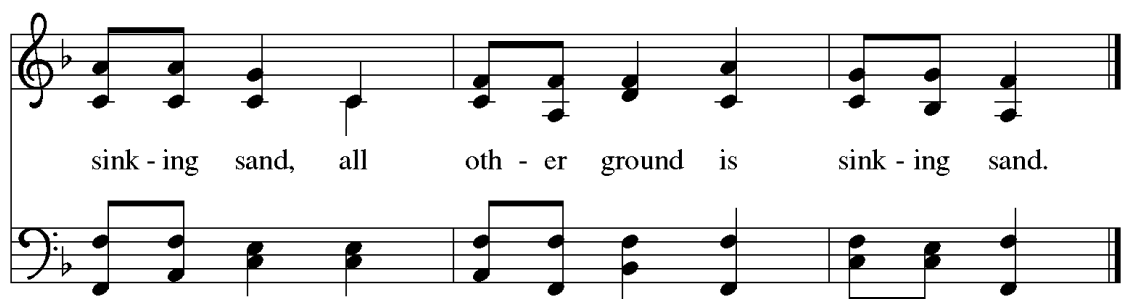


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*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 23

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Meeting

11 a.m. Worship

Monday August 24

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Sunday August 30

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

11 a.m. Worship

4 p.m. Rose House/LuMin Cookout
and Open House

Announcements

Labor Day Potluck

On **Sunday, September 6** (the Sunday of Labor Day weekend), we will host a potluck brunch between services. See the sign-up on the Welcome Desk to bring a dish or help with set-up or clean-up.

Sunday School Starts September 13



Our Sunday School leaders are preparing for a new year of growing in faith--the only thing missing is you!

There are faith formation opportunities for all ages, toddlers to adults every week between worship services. We'll kick off the year with brunch, games, and conversation for kids and parents on Sunday, September 13.

Responsible adults, please complete a student information form for your student via the QR code on the left. For questions, or to volunteer, contact our Sunday School coordinator, Leah Iversen at leahbethsinn@hotmail.com.

LuMin Lunch Cart begins Sunday, September 13

In less than a month, students will be returning to IU. We'll begin our grab-and-go lunch cart on the second Sunday in September. **The sign-up for hosts and donations is on the Welcome Desk.** The food that students take home often goes in their backpacks during the week; we hope it also reminds them of how much our congregation cares about them.

Rose House/LuMin Cookout and Open House

The members of the LuMin at IU Bloomington Board would like to invite friends of campus ministry, alumni, and current students to Rose House on **Sunday, August 30** for an Open House and Cook Out. From 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., drop by to tour Rose House, talk to Pastor Amanda and the LuMin Board, play yard games, and share in food and fellowship. All are welcome; no RSVPs are needed. For more information or to arrange another time to tour Rose House or meet with Pastor Amanda, please email lutheran@iu.edu. Hope to see you there!

Trivia and Pizza Night

Our trivia master Rance Fawbush will be back with us on **Saturday, September 12, 5:30 p.m.** Come at 5:30 for pizza and drinks; bring a salad or dessert to share or contribute to a freewill offering. Or join us at 6:15 (ish) for trivia. Sign up with a team or as an individual at the Welcome Desk.

Join the St. Thomas Adult Choir

The St. Thomas Adult Choir welcomes singers of all levels to join us as we prepare for Sunday services and special performances. We invite you to kick off the season at our **Welcome Back Potluck on Thursday, August 27, at 5 p.m. in the Community Hall. Our first rehearsal will be on Thursday, September 3 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to prepare to sing on Sunday, September 13 at 11 a.m.** For more information or to join, please contact Adult Choir Director Ben Wegner at choir@stlconline.org or Director of Music Matthew Benkert at directorofmusic@stlconline.org. We look forward to singing with you!

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 pick up a form on the Welcome Desk or use the QR code on the right to fill it out online.



Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Carol Little, Del Newkirk, Kristin Vann, Ethelyene Thomason, Helen Kane, Bob Osborn, Leslie Main, 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 David Ellies
in celebration of the birthdays of
daughter Rebecca, brother George,
and daughter-in-law, Tammy.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Barb Unger, Susan Colston

Bread & Wine: Vicki Polansky

Flower Guild: Carol Seaman

Prayer Writer: Ian Bensberg

A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lectors: April Armstrong, Anna Harner

Ushers: Susan Kinzer, Spencer Anspach

Communion Stewards: Ian Bensberg,
David Ellies

Greeters: Jim Ward, Mary Sasse

Council Coordinator: Mike Witt

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Amanda Ghaffarian

Lectors: Eliot Smith, Pamela Smith

Ushers: Brock De-Mark &

Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Communion Stewards: Debbie Witt, Mike Witt

Greeters: Randy & Nancy Nye

Council Coordinator: Mike Witt

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