

St. Thomas Lutheran Church
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 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!

St. Thomas is located on the ancestral homelands for the myaamiaki, Lënape, Bodwéwadmik, and saawanwa people. We acknowledge and give thanks that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate the continuing contributions to the life of this region by the Indigenous People who call this land their home.

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,
speaking from the burning bush, teaching on
the lakeshore, stirring in our hearts.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who
attends to the outcry of suffering peoples and
calls us to witness to compassion, justice, and
peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. We pray,
Holy God, we confess that we can't always find the right thing to do, the right words to say, the right gift to give. When our discernment fails us, we don't know how to respond. Give us wiser hearts and more insightful minds. Help us to accept that sometimes we'll get things wrong, but to step forward anyway, trusting your generous mercy.

P: Beloved, let those who seek the LORD rejoice! In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, receive the forgiveness of all your sins. Love one another with mutual affection and hold fast to what is good.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake ELW#799

1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spake, "all in my way a -
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, a god - ly life dis -
 3 "I teach you how to shun and flee what harms your soul's sal -
 4 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, and take the cross ap -

bid - ing; de - ny your-selves, the world for - sake, o -
 play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day; I
 va - tion; from ev - 'ry guile your heart I free, from
 point - ed, and, firm - ly cling - ing to his word, in

bey my call and guid - ing. Oh, bear the cross, what -
 keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
 sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
 suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the

e'er be - tide; take my ex - am - ple for your guide."
 well I show how you should so - journ here be - low."
 of the soul and lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 bat - tle's strain the crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt.

Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

*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.



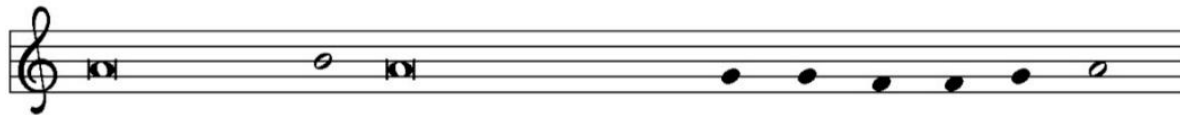
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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. In the flaming bush you promised deliverance to your people, O God, and in the cross of Jesus you embraced our suffering and pain. In times of misery, show us the transforming power of your love that we may know the hope of your glory, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Stewart

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro [Zipporah's father], the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he

said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." God said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who

sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is God’s name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” God said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’

“God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 23-26, 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.**

Israel came | into Egypt,
and Jacob became a sojourner in the | land
of Ham.

**The Lord made the people of Israel | very
fruitful,
more numerous | than their enemies,**

whose hearts God turned, so that they
hat- | ed God's people,
and dealt unjustly with the ser- | vants of
God.

**O Lord, you sent Mo- | ses your servant,
and Aaron, your chosen
one. | Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with

all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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.

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

“For the Child of Humanity is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Child of Humanity coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down, O Love Divine

ELW#804

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

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

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

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

***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 the church in every land, that its mission and ministry are anchored in the love of Christ. Give us good courage to speak your truth when the powers of the world promote inequality, proclaim hatred and division, and harm other people, all created in your image and Beloved to you. Teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Be with all those still suffering without electricity and those recovering from record flood waters. Be with workers and volunteers who toil in stricken towns and cities. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For all in authority, in our city, our state, our nation, and our world. May they seek the good of all and not the profit and the power of the few; and may they learn to work in harmony with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Bless all those who work to ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit especially Del, Kristin, Ethelyene, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Merciful God,
C: receive our prayer.

A: For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our pastor and staff, our council, our committees, and our teachers. May they serve your church in honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. 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.

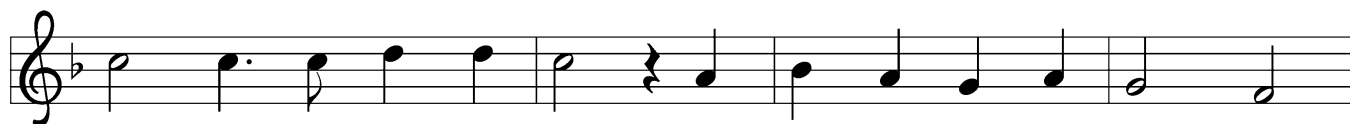
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*OFFERTORY HYMN

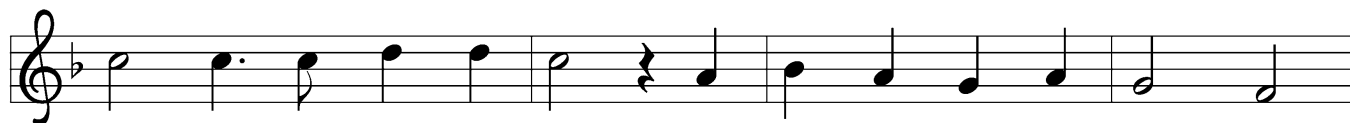
Now Thank We All Our God

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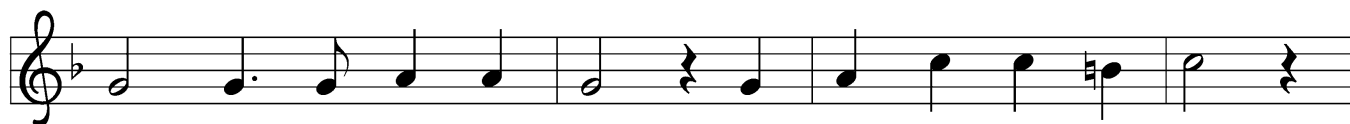
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

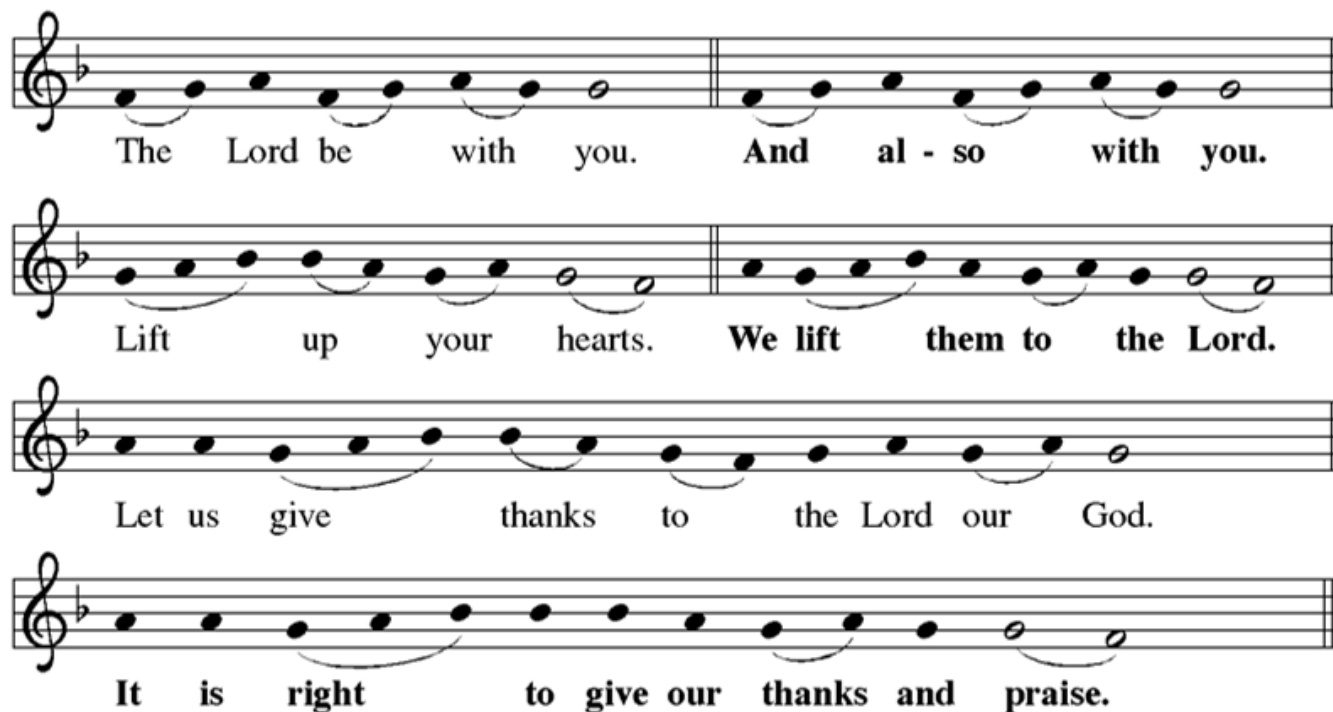
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

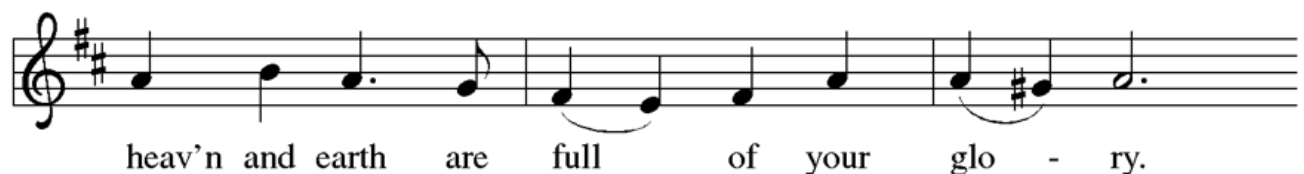
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



*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 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. Mvskoke, the language of the
Muscogee Creek Nation, 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.**

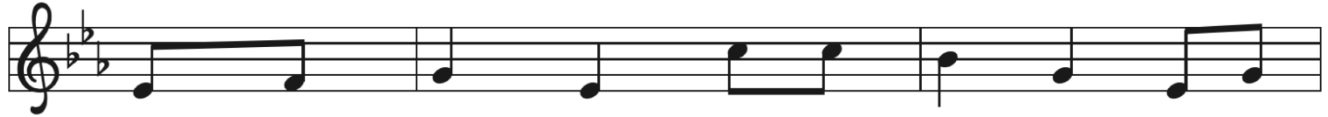
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ce hocefkvt vcakekvs.
Cem ohmekketvt vlvkekvs.
Mimv hvlwe naked kometske
momat etvpomet yvmv
ekvnvn oh momekvs.
Nettv vrahkv tvkliken
mucv-nettvn pu'mvs.
Momet pum ahuervn es pum
wikvs, vhuericeyat es em
wikakeyat, etvpomen.
Naked pu naorkepuece taye
eskerretv `sep oh ahyetskvs;
momis holwakat a sepu'ssicvs.
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racketvt cenake emunkvt omekv.
Emen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

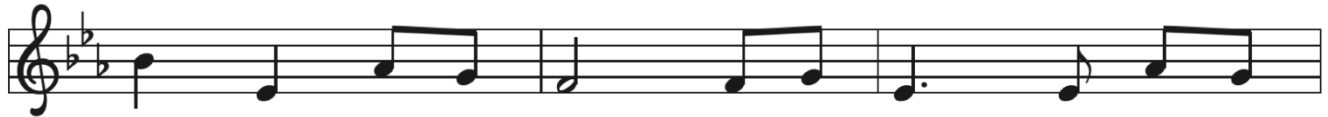
P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

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



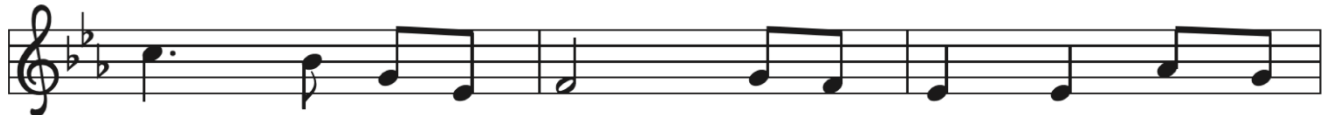
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you



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.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said ELW#667

1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,

"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
nor think till death to lay it down;

for - sake the past, and come this day,
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
for you the Lord en - dured the cross
for those who hum - bly bear the cross

and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
to save your soul from death and hell.
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart ELW#800

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid me love you, God and King;
 4 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 all, all your own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:

stoop to my weak - ness, strength to me im - part,
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no op - 'ning skies;
 I see your cross; there teach my heart to cling.
 the bap - tism of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 Oh, let me seek you and, oh, let me find!
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

***EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

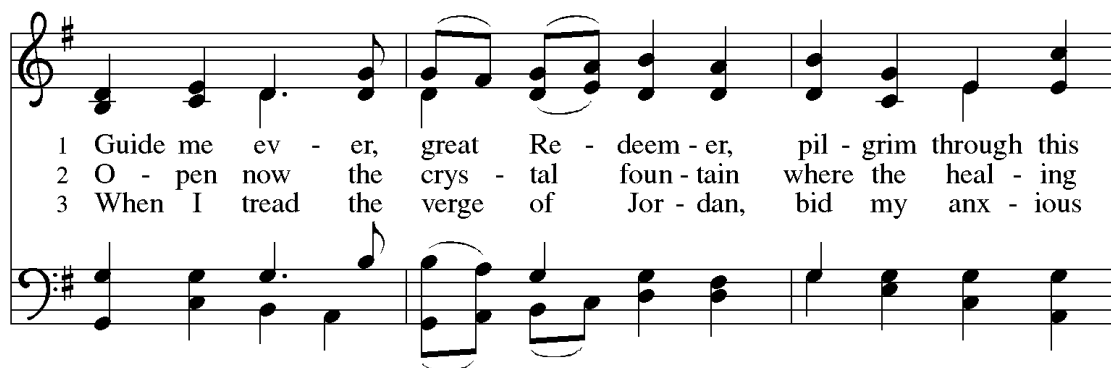
P: May the Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today
and always.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

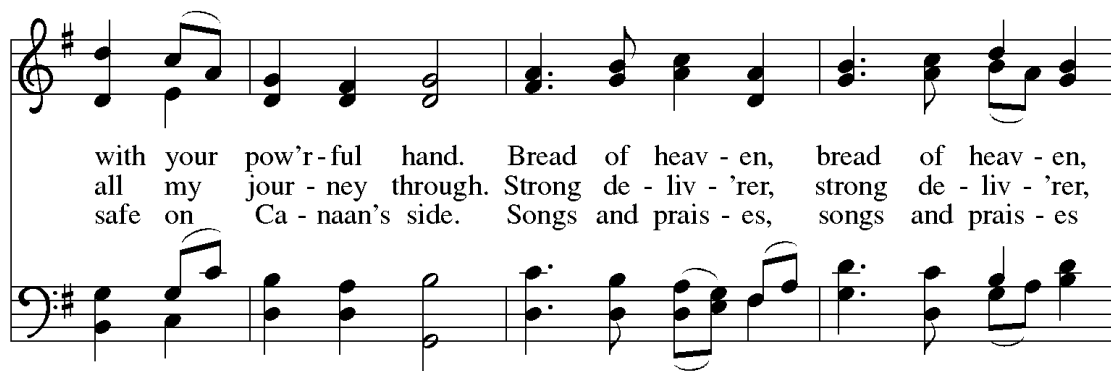
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1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

*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 30

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
11 a.m. Worship
4 p.m. Rose House/LuMin Cookout
 and Open House

Monday August 31

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday September 1

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday September 2

12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

Thursday September 3

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday September 6

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:45 a.m. Potluck Brunch
11 a.m. Worship
2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Project

Condolences

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to Judy Louise on the death of her mother, Carol Little, which occurred on Thursday, August 20. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Announcements

Rose House/LuMin Cookout and Open House TODAY!

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!

Labor Day Potluck

Next 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.

Prayer at Noon on Zoom

It can be hard to find time to pray, especially when there is so much to worry about and so much to pray for. You are invited to a calm, quiet moment in the middle of the week to share requests and pray together. On

Wednesday, September 2, join Pr. Adrienne for Prayer at Noon on Zoom here:

<https://bit.ly/3jVA3k0>

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.

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.

Youth Ministry Kick-Off Picnic

Youth in grades 5 through 12 and their families are invited for a taco bar and lawn games at the Gentry Estate Pavillion on **Sunday, September 27, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Bring a taco topping to share and plan to pick up a fall youth ministry schedule.

Welcome Table Lunch Packing

Saturday, September 26, 10 a.m. — YOU are invited to come help pack 110 lunch bags for the hungry people who gather at First Christian Church on Sundays. All ages are welcome. The task is usually done within an hour. We also will need home baked items to put in the bags. A Thrivent Action Team Grant purchases the materials. If you would like to sponsor a packing with a grant, please connect with Allison Ward. See the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk for both bakers (helping ahead of time) and packers (helping on the day).

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 to fill it out online.



Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

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.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Ute Coyne, Rebekah Arnold,
Lydia Arnold

Bread & Wine: Jaydene Laros

Prayer Writer: Dawn Bakken

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Sowinski

Lectors: Ian Bensberg, Marianne Miller

Ushers: Lynn & Ute Coyne

Communion Stewards: Debbie Witt,
Carol Seaman

Greeters: Mike & Debbie Witt

Council Coordinator: Carol Seaman

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Mary Thomason-Smith

Lectors: Chris Ogan, Nancy Mathews

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Stewards: Tim Smith, Ken Pedersen

Greeters: Brock DeMark

and Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Council Coordinator: Savannah Hadley-DeMark

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