



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026



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,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace
through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW#522

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-phiant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855–1932

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*GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE



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



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



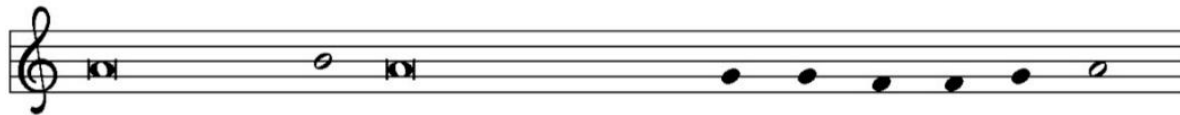
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Adrienne Meier

FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be

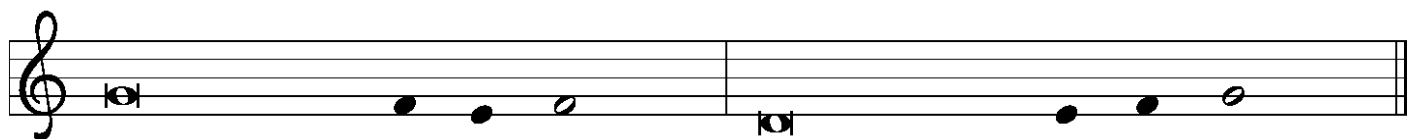
without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the Lord. I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 149



Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.

**Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in
their ruler.**

Let them praise their maker's | name with
dancing;

let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and
harp.

**For the Lord takes pleasure | in the
people
and adorns the | poor with victory.**

Let the faithful re- | jice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.
Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,
to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,
to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron,
to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful
ones. | Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than

when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "If your sibling sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living Justice Flow ELW#710

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;

give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,

the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

***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: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

A: Holy God, we pray for our neighbor faith communities Beth Shalom and University Baptist Church, for all the faith communities of Monroe County, and for the Bloomington Multi-Faith Alliance. Help us to pattern our common life in accordance with your justice as you make and remake the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, we pray for the earth and all its creatures as together we endure fires, floods, storms, earthquakes, and extreme heat. Give courage and wisdom to firefighters and recovery workers. Bring hope and healing of memories to the suffering and afraid. Bless those who labor, even in the midst of these challenges, to bring in the harvest. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, you are the judge of the nations, and no nation can escape the consequences of choices made by its leaders. Bring deeper humility and compassion to everyone who carries the authority of governance. Strengthen the hands of those who work for peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, we pray for all in our community who face illness, hardship, or loss remembering especially Del, Kristin, Ethelyene, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Give certainty of your love and compassion to all who endure chronic pain and any who stand at the doorway of death. Be near to unhoused people who have been evicted from Bloomington encampments, comfort the inmates and staff in our overcrowded jail, and guard our schoolchildren and their teachers as they begin another year. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy God, as we begin a new program year, we ask your blessing on Pastor Adrienne and her family, our Council, our church staff, and every one of us bringing purpose and energy to this congregation. Make us patient with one another's failings, grateful for one another's gifts, ready to laugh together, sing together, pray together, and feast together at this and every table that we share. Make us people of your joyful hope, and don't ever let us forget to be thankful for the gift of these people and this place. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious God, lover of souls, we commend to you all our beloved dead. We give thanks this Sunday for the life and work of Dolly Parton and Wendell Berry, who wrote of his own death,

*"Let the world bring on me
the sleep of darkness without stars, so I may
know*

*my little light taken from me into the seed
of the beginning and the end, so I may bow
to mystery, and take my stand on the earth
like a tree in a field, passing without haste
or regret toward what will be."*

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

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.

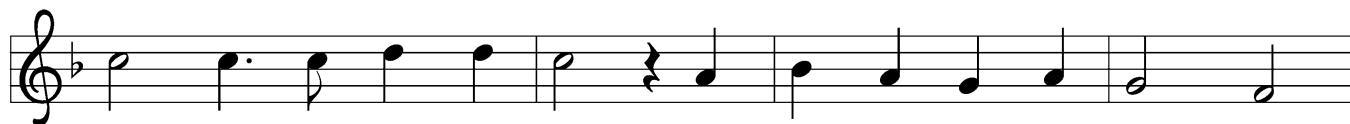
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*OFFERTORY HYMN

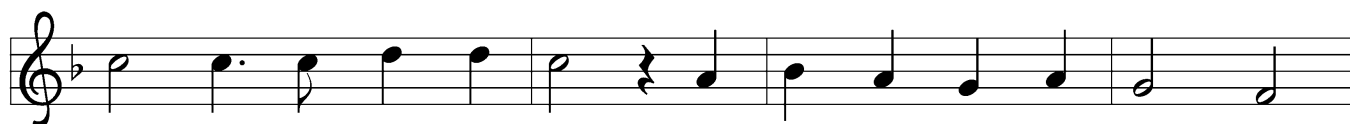
Now Thank We All Our God

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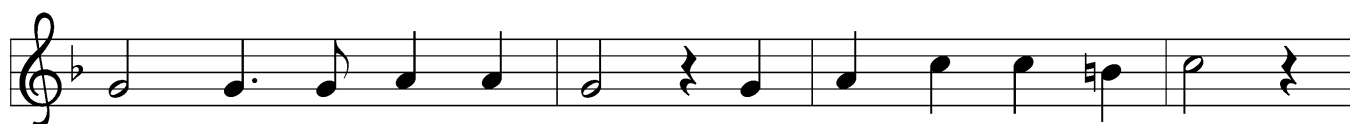
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less 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 ev - er - more.

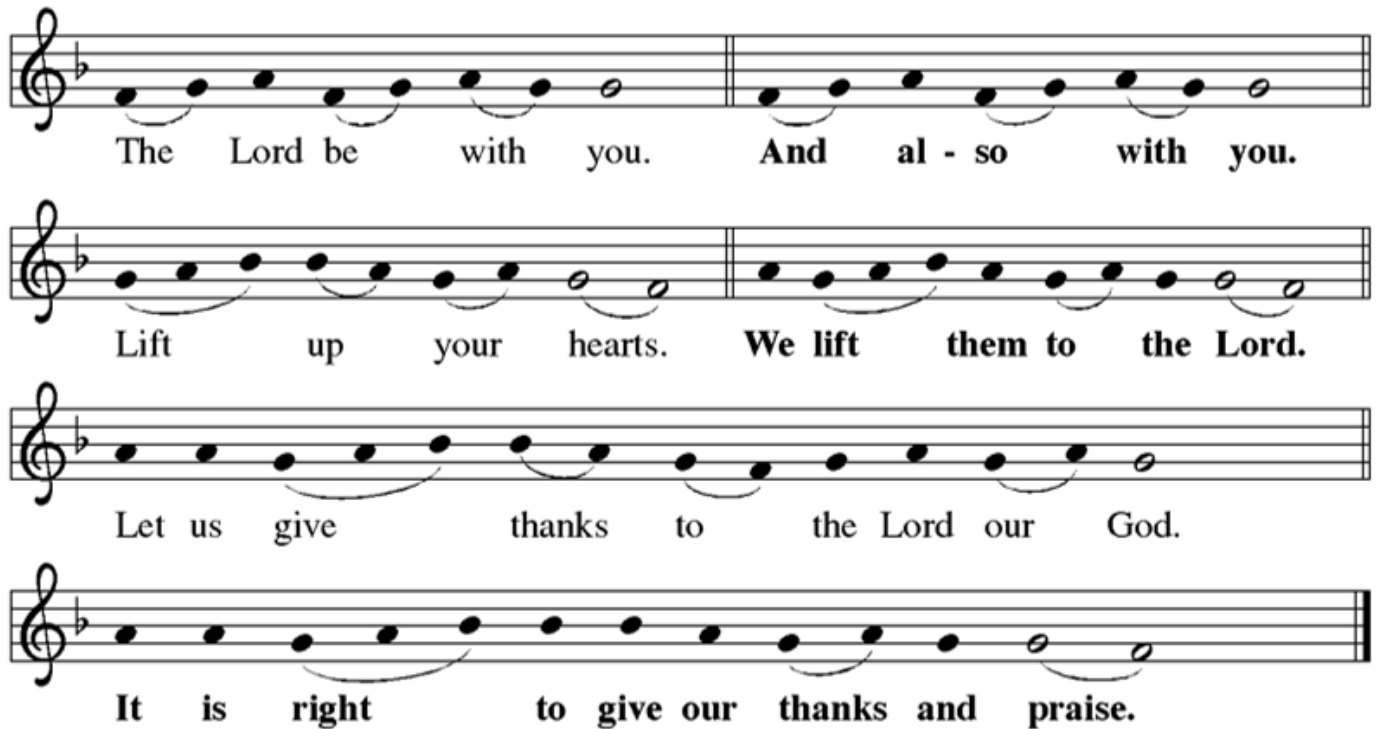
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

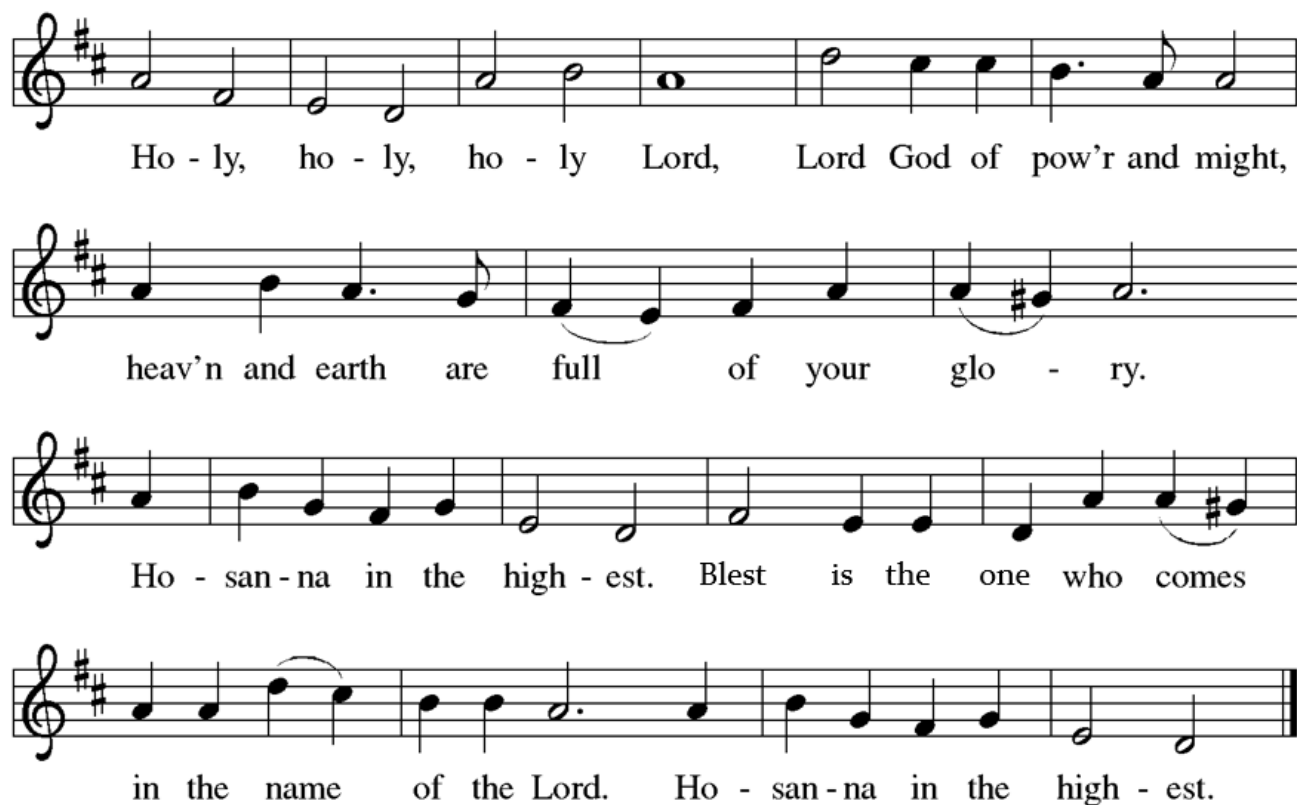
C: Amen.

+ 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:



*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, you have brought us this far along the way. In times of bitterness you did not abandon us, but guided us into the path of love and light. In every age you sent prophets to make known your loving will for all humanity. The cry of the poor has become your own cry; our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire. In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant to preach good news to the afflicted, to break bread with the

outcast and despised, and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world. Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen.

C: Amen.

P: Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

*Speak this prayer in your preferred language.
The pastor will continue when all versions are
complete. Q'eqchi' 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.**

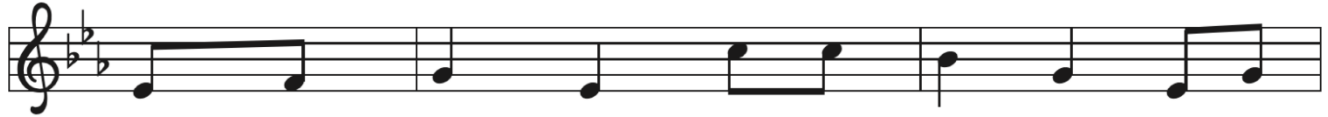
At qayuwa' wankat sa' chooxa
Usil aatinab'il ta laa k'ab'a
Chi chalq ta laa nimajwal awabejihom
Chi uxq ta li nakawaj arin sa' ruuchich'och' jo'
sa' chooxa
Chak'e ta qe hoom li qawa chi rajlal kutan
Chakuy chasach ta li qamaak
Jo' laa'o xqakuy xmaak li ani xmaako' chi qu
Ut mohaakanab' ta chi t'ane'k sa' li aaleek
Chohaakolaq b'an chi ru li maa'us
Jo'kan taxak

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

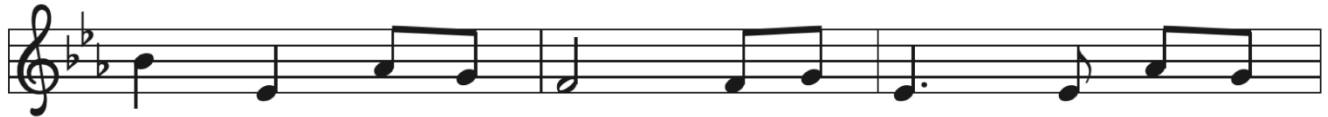
P: Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

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



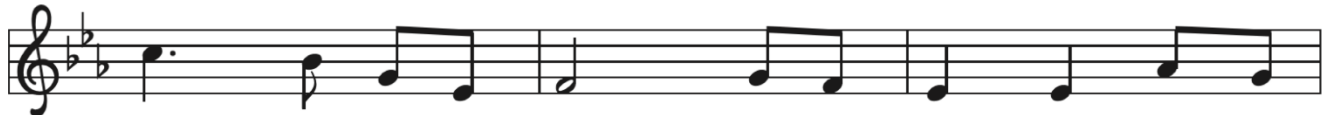
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you



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

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace ELW#716



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.

Music: BEATUS VIR, *Šamotulský Kancionál*, 1561

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O Living Bread from Heaven

ELW #542

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

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

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

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

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

***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. Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

P: The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The God of grace † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

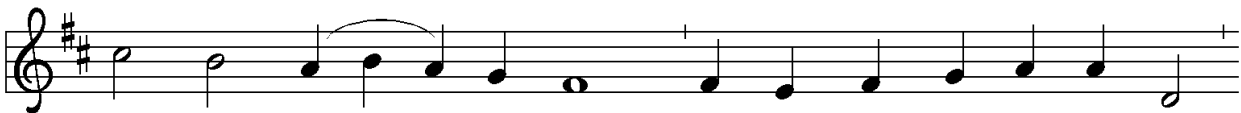
***SENDING HYMN**

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

*DISMISSAL

A: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

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.

At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

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

Monday September 7

Office Closed

7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Thursday September 10

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday September 12

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day
10 a.m. St. Thomas Piecemakers
5:30 p.m. Pizza and Trivia

Sunday September 13

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:30 a.m. LuMin Grab & Go Lunch
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
11 a.m. Worship
12 p.m. LuMin Grab & Go Lunch

Office Closed Monday for Labor Day

This church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 7, in observance of Labor Day.

Announcements

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 Next 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.

Piecemakers meet Saturday, September 12

The St. Thomas Piecemakers are finishing up quilts to be sent to victims of disaster and war next month. They may go to Nepal, Ukraine, or disaster sites in the US. If you would like to help assemble and tie quilts, please join us on

Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Community Hall. We'd love to have your help!

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).

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 rehearse on **Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** For more information or to join, please contact Adult Choir Director, Ben Wegner or Director of Music, Matthew Benkert. We look forward to singing with you!

Pie with the Pastor

Wondering how you become a bigger part of St. Thomas?

Curious about membership?

Join us **Sunday, September 27 at 3 p.m. in Community Hall for Pie with the**

Pastor—a relaxed gathering with *actual pie* and good

conversation. Pastor Adrienne will share about next steps you can take, including membership, and hear your stories, questions, and hopes.

Whether you're ready to join or still exploring, you are welcome. The ministries of this church are for everyone—but becoming a member is a way to help shape where we're headed, together.



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.

The altar flowers are given
by Kent & Barb Unger
in celebration of Barb's birthday
and their wedding anniversary.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Spencer Anspach, Rebekah Arnold,
Lydia Arnold

Bread & Wine: Haley Hatton

Prayer Writer: Pamela Smith

Flower Guild: Carol Seaman

Coffee Crew: Debbie Selk

A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kathleen Boggess

Lectors: Debbie Witt, Mike Witt

Ushers: Susan Kinzer, Spencer Anspach

Communion Stewards: Jaydene Laros,
Ian Bensberg

Greeters: Mike & Jaydene Laros

Council Coordinator: Mike Witt

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lectors: Eliot Smith, Pamela Smith

Ushers: Craig & Kathy McDonald

Communion Stewards: Dean Arnold, Barb Unger

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

Council Coordinator: Randy Arnold

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