



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 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!

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

MINISTRY MOMENT

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MINISTRY MOMENT

St. Thomas Piecemakers

***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

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW#678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.



Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Adrienne Meier

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

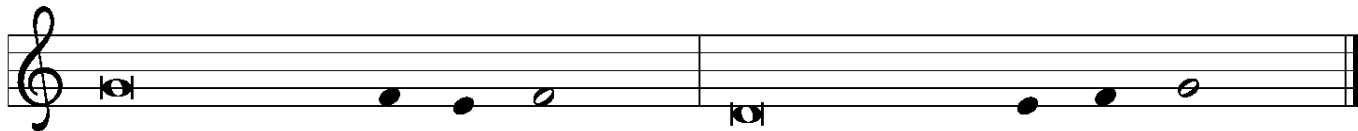
When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-9



To | you, O Lord,
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not
be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are
treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O Lord,
and teach | me your paths. R**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you
have I trusted all | the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your compas- | sion
and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my
transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast
love and for the sake of your good- | ness,
O Lord.

**You are gracious and up- | right, O Lord;
therefore you teach sinners | in your
way.**

You lead the low-ly in justice
and teach the low-ly your way.

SECOND READING

Acts 3:1-19

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, at three o'clock in the afternoon. And a person lame from birth was being carried in. People would lay him daily at the gate of the temple called the Beautiful Gate so that he could ask for alms from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked them for alms. Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

Jumping up, he stood and began to walk, and he entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God. and they recognized him as the one who used to sit and ask for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the

temple, and they were filled with wonder and astonishment at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's Portico, utterly astonished. When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "Fellow Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified God's servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in Jesus' name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, my siblings, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through

all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:23-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who

gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A person had two children; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors

and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

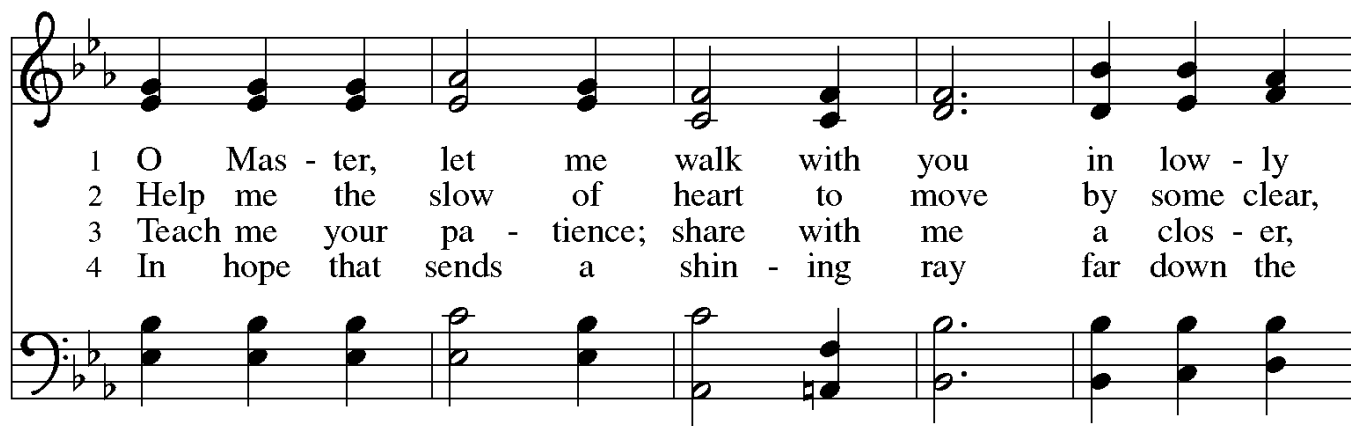
SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

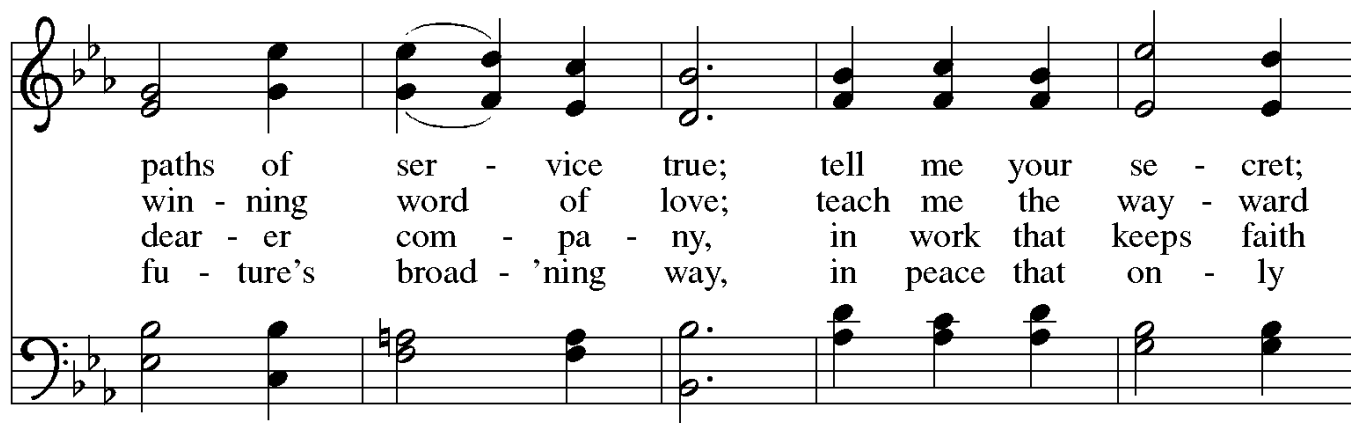
*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

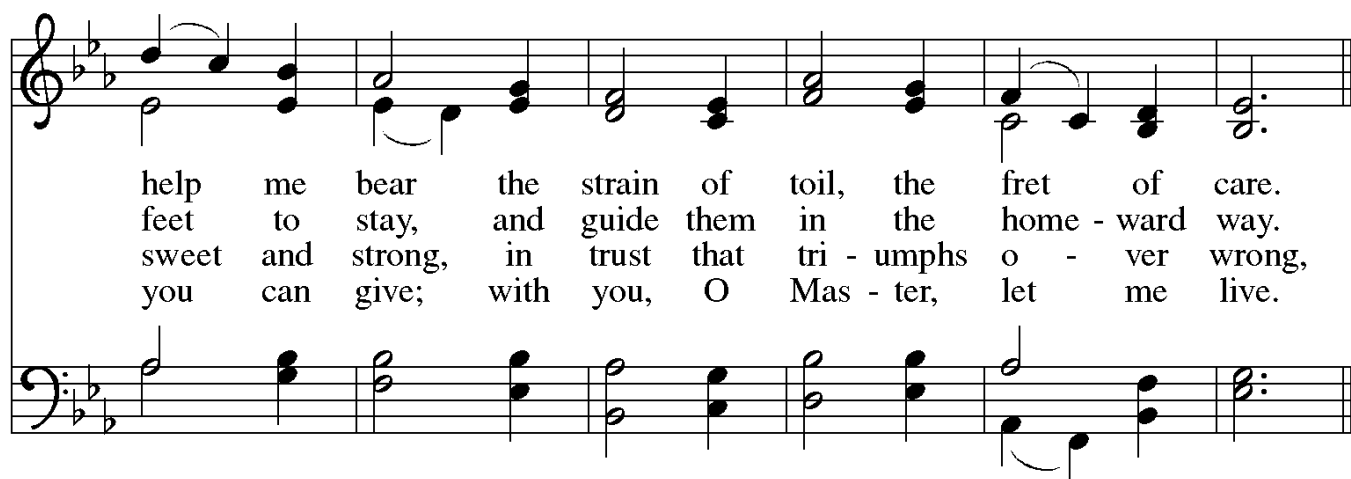
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1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the



paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly



help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt.

Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

*QUILT BLESSING

P: God, you call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Send forth your Spirit today as we call upon you to bless our work and make it holy. Help these quilts, our offerings of hope, travel across the furthest distances to reach our most weary neighbors and surround them with your grace and peace.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: God, we give you thanks for the pieces of fabric, thread, and sewing machines. May the presence of these quilts be a sign of your faithful promise, may they wrap our neighbors in unending love, and may they offer dignity and healing.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: God, we give thanks for all those who have taken part in creating these quilts. May you guide us to greater empathy for our neighbors in crisis, for the parents that struggle to feed their hungry children, for the fearful, the anxious, the isolated. May these quilts provide comfort and relief to those who are downtrodden around the world.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: God, be with those who will receive these gifts—neighbors we have never met, neighbors who are far away, neighbors who, like us, long for your grace and mercy. May the work crafted from our humble hands serve as a beacon of light and hope to those who are desolate and hopeless and fill them with the peace that is only found in you.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: We thank you for this ministry of service, for the opportunity to comfort those in their darkest hours, to remind our neighbors in Christ of your loving presence. Bring us ever closer to your heart and our neighbors in need throughout the world.

C: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

P: Emboldened us by your eternal and unconditional love for all people to go and do likewise, and share our blessings with neighbors near and far, in the name of the Father, the Son +, and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A: Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been hurt by Christians, especially victims of clergy abuse, spiritual abuse, and discrimination. Remind all our brothers and sisters in Christ that Christ dwells richly in them and that even Christians. Give us grace to forgive and remember that all of us need forgiveness. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Help us to remember that these small acts of conservation, however miniscule on the globe, bear witness to our calling to do what is right. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Inspire all in positions of authority, including county and state lawmakers, to act honorably. Remind us to listen to people who do not look like us and even those who hold different values, and to find common ground. Remind us to examine our consciences on a regular basis. Remind us to use all of our power and authority for humble service, and for the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Help us to find the words to pray when our emotions have flooded us. Calm troubled hearts with your mercy and love. Help all those in need especially Drew, Del, Kristin, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Gracious God, open our eyes to those moments when you are calling us to change. Help us to be more aware when we are resisting edification, discipline and growth. Soften our hearts when we say no to your calls. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through 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.

8:30 a.m. only
ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

11 a.m. only
CHORAL ANTHEM

Turn Thy Face From My Sins

Arthur Sullivan

*OFFERTORY HYMN

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

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verse 2 only



1 We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 You on - ly are the mak - er of all things near and far.
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand,
You paint the way - side flow - er, you light the eve - ning star.
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



who sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey you, by you the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



the breez-es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh-ing rain.
much more to us, your chil - dren, you give our dai - ly bread.
but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

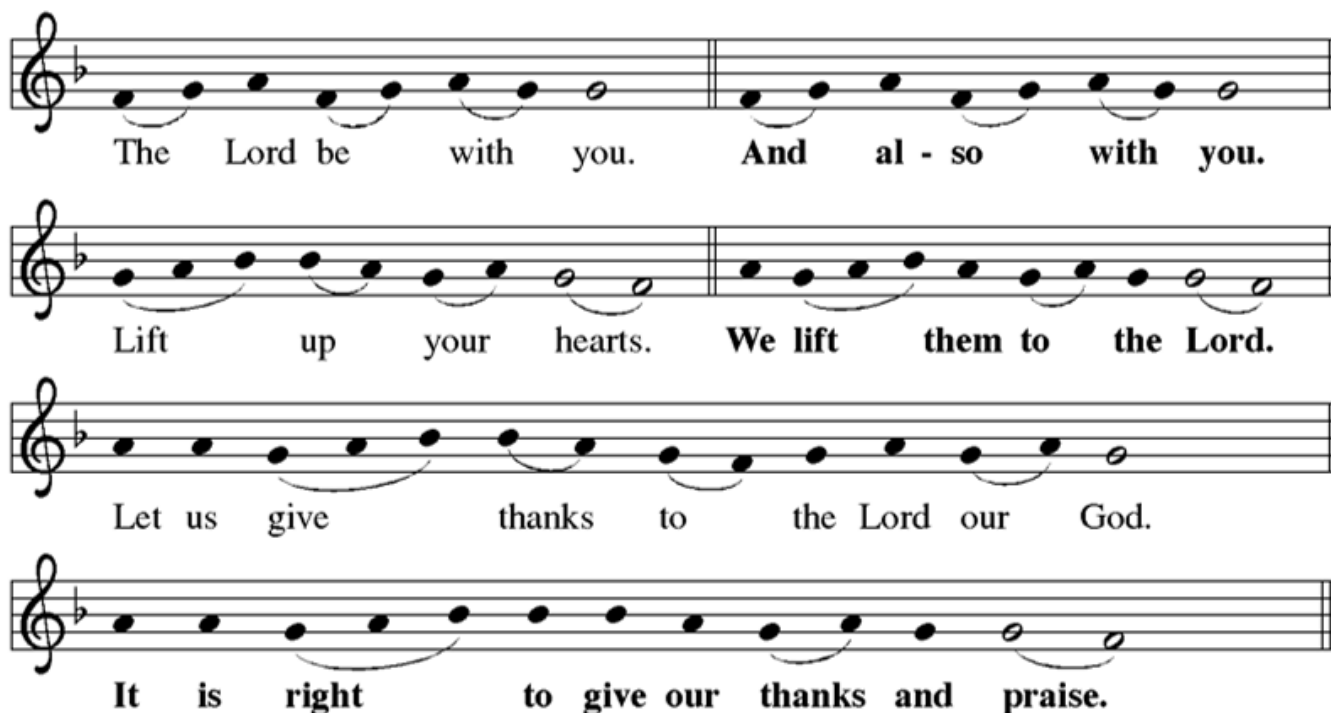
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs or groups of four. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the

name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Otche nash, shcho yesi na nebesakh,
nekhai sviatit'sia Im'ia Tvoie.
Khai priide Tsarstvo Tvoie,
nekhai bude volia Tvoia
Yak na nebi, tak i na zemli.
Khlib nash nasushchnyi dai nam s'ohodni.
I prosty nam provyny nashi,
yak i my proshchaiemo vynuvsiam nashym.
I ne vvedy nas u spokusu,
ale vyzvoly nas vid lukavoho.
Bo Tvoie ye Tsarstvo, i sila, i slava naviky.
Amin'.

*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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

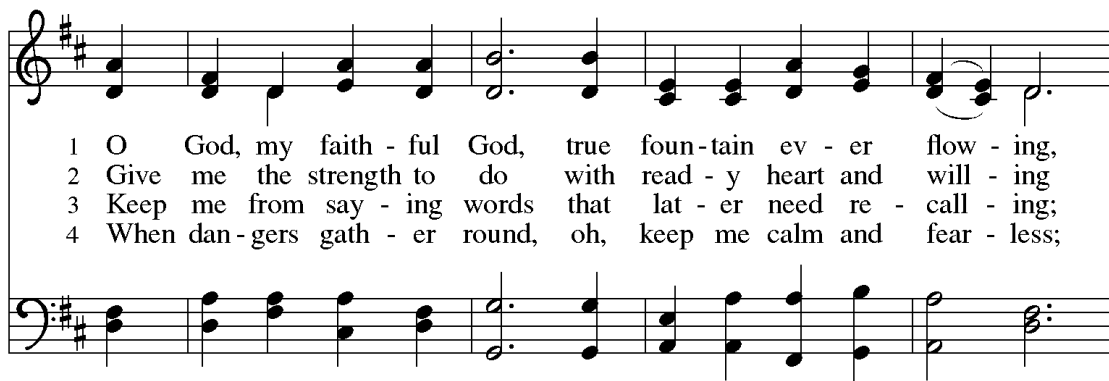


way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

O God, My Faithful God

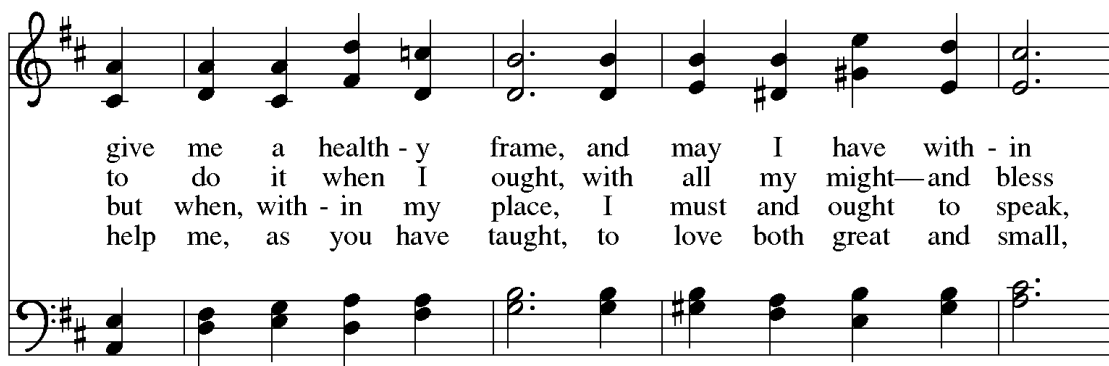
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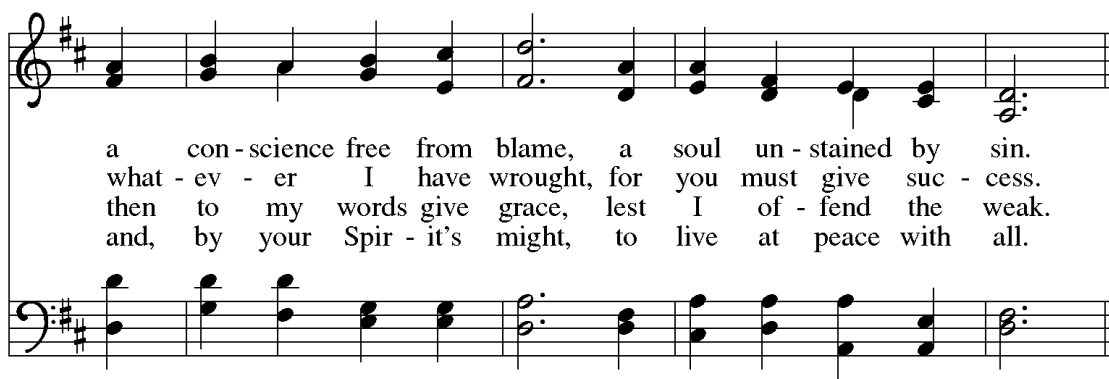
1 O God, my faith - ful God, true foun - tain ev - er flow - ing,
2 Give me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
3 Keep me from say - ing words that lat - er need re - call - ing;
4 When dan - gers gath - er round, oh, keep me calm and fear - less;



with - out whom noth - ing is, all per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:
what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing—
guard me, lest i - dle speech may from my lips be fall - ing;
help me to bear the cross when life seems dark and cheer - less;



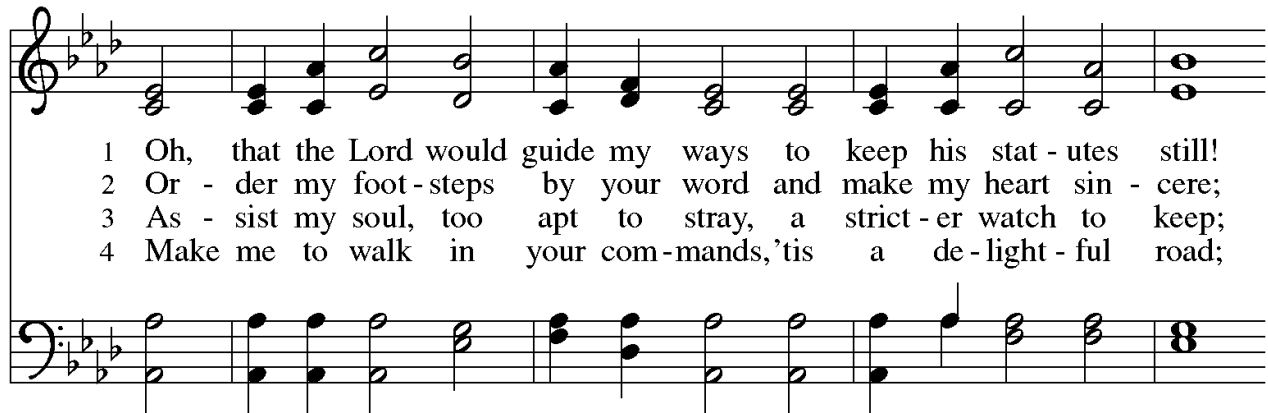
give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
to do it when I ought, with all my might—and bless
but when, with - in my place, I must and ought to speak,
help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small,



a con - science free from blame, a soul un - stained by sin.
what - ev - er I have wrought, for you must give suc - cess.
then to my words give grace, lest I of - fend the weak.
and, by your Spir - it's might, to live at peace with all.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

ELW#772



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by your word and make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, a strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in your com - mands, 'tis a de - light - ful road;



Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, but keep my con - science clear.
and should I e'er for - get your way, re - store your wan - d'ring sheep.
nor let my head or heart or hands of - fend a - gainst my God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: EVAN, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

*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

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW #765



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

*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 27

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum:
 Spirituality of Generosity

11 a.m. Worship

1 p.m. Youth Kick Off Picnic

3 p.m. Pie with the Pastor

Monday September 28

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

Tuesday September 29

7 p.m. 60+ Group Event: IU Cinema

Thursday October 1

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Saturday October 3

12 p.m. Spencer Pride Festival

Sunday October 4

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum:
 ELCA Draft Social Statement
 on Homelessness

11 a.m. Worship

4 p.m. Music Revue

4 p.m. 60+ Group Event: IU Cinema

Announcements

Benefit to support the work of St. Vincent de Paul

We invite you and all of our community to enjoy an "Afternoon in the Park" on **Sunday, October 11 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Switchyard Park Pavilion.** There will be food trucks, raffled theme baskets, a silent auction, music, face painting, indoor and outdoor games, and more. Please consider helping us help others in need with rent, utilities, transportation, furniture and appliances by purchasing a \$100 St. Vincent de Paul raffle ticket to have a chance to win up to \$10,000 in cash prizes. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Winners will be drawn at the event on Sunday, October 11. **We will be selling tickets after church services today.** For questions contact Coordinator Richard Romine at 812-606-7633, or our own St. Thomas Lutheran Church Ticket Coordinator Gerhard Glomm at 812-679-9724.

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 **today from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.** Bring a taco topping to share and plan to pick up a fall youth ministry schedule.

Pie with the Pastor

Wondering how you become a bigger part of St. Thomas?
Curious about membership? Join us **today 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.



60+ Group Event

Tuesday, September 29 at 7 p.m. Join Kari and David Esarey at the IU Cinema for a showing of the silent classic Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available online or at the door.

LuMin Rose House workday volunteers needed

Hello from LuMin Campus Ministry! We are in need of volunteers to help us with some repairs and fixes at Rose House. We invite you to a workday at Rose House on **Saturday, October 3** to help us, along with volunteers from Cross & Crown Lutheran Church, to do some repairs that will give our gathering space some TLC. See the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Desk.

St. Thomas at Spencer Pride, Next Saturday, October 3

See the sign-up sheet on the Welcome Desk to staff our congregation's table at a fun, family-friendly festival on the courthouse square in Spencer. We need help especially with the tear-down shift.

October Music Revue!

On **Sunday, October 4 at 4 p.m.**, all are welcome to enjoy an informal concert featuring the St. Thomas staff, volunteers, and friends in the worship space. Come support our talented musicians as they play and sing a variety of musical styles! There will be a freewill offering at the door to support the Worship & the Arts Program.

BSWERS

Bloomington Severe Winter Emergency Shelter is preparing for the upcoming winter season.

There are two upcoming opportunities to help this ministry that supports our unhoused neighbors. First, volunteer at the BSWERS Jamboree, a fundraising concert, on

Saturday, October 10 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Sign up online via the link in the eNews.

Second, St. Thomas and University Baptist will host a volunteer training event at St. Thomas on **Sunday, October 11 at 4 p.m. in Community Hall.**

Fall Book Read

Bloomington Multifaith Alliance has chosen Dorothy A. Brown's book, *Getting to Reparations: How Building a Different America Requires a Reckoning With Our Past*, for our fall book read. I am willing to host an in-person group for St Thomas and others in October. I am looking for people who would be willing to read the book, and then gather for a two hour discussion. The book is divided into three chapters: Our Hidden History; Everything, Everywhere, All at Once; Righting Wrongs. The first two chapters give the history of slavery and how it persists in the form of discrimination, and also when our country has provided reparations for other groups who had been harmed. The last chapter brings this together and challenges us to ponder how dealing with the past could help us to see a different America and what might help us move toward it. Please get back with me if you would like to participate, or if you know others I might contact. Then we will come up with a date in October. You call/text me at 330-987-6273. Ellen Mills.

Mission Endowment Fund

At our meeting in August, the MEF committee distributed \$3,200 to support plant-based protein for food pantries, Indiana Solar for All, and St. Thomas Choral Scholars. We are happy to announce an updated, fully-online grant application that can be completed through the St. Thomas website (see link in the eNews). We encourage you to request financial support from the MEF for projects that serve our community!

Our next meeting is Sunday, November 1. Applications for this grant cycle are due by October 26.

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Drew Carman, Del Newkirk, Kristin Vann, 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 Letty Newkirk for her birthday.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Charlene Braun, Jennifer Garl,
Haley Hatton

Bread & Wine: Sacha Arterberry

Prayer Writer: Janine Drake

Flower Guild: Gail Seegert

Coffee Crew: Ian Bensberg, Kathleen Boggess

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kari Esarey

Lectors: David Ellies, Kris Stewart

Ushers: Ian Bensberg, Sacha Arterberry

Communion Stewards: Stephanie Abel,
Allison Ward

Greeters: Shirley Mingee, Mary Sasse

Council Coordinator: Lynn Coyne

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Ben Wegner

Lectors: Gerhard Glomm, Peter Iversen

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Steward: Lean Iversen

Greeters: Susan Colston, Gail Seegert

Council Coordinator: Savannah Hadley-DeMark

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shares and celebrates God's grace with all people!**