



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 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.

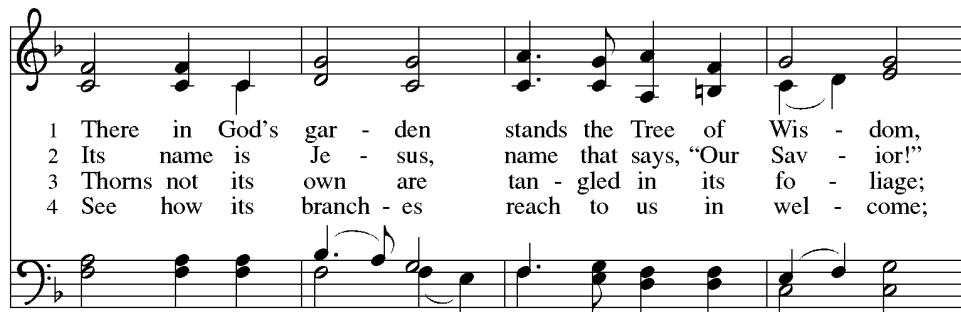
P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

There in God's Garden

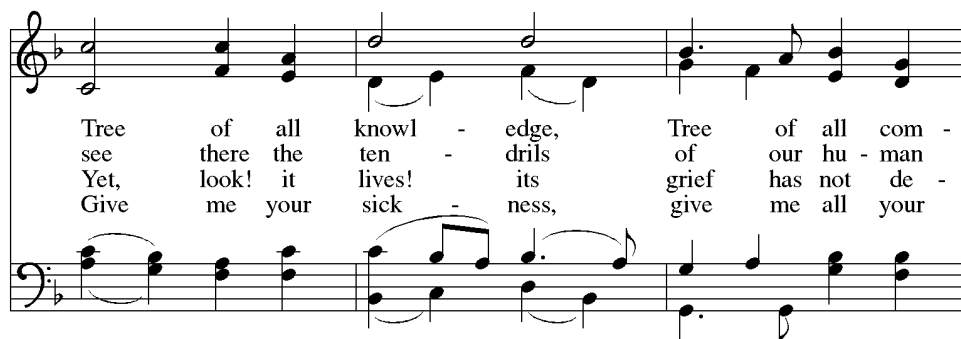
ELW #342



1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,
 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"
 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;
 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man -
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -
 Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5 This is my ending,
 this my resurrection;
 into your hands, Lord,
 I commit my spirit.
 This have I searched for;
 now I can possess it.
 This ground is holy.

6 All heav'n is singing,
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion
 offers in mercy
 healing, strength, and pardon.
 Peoples and nations,
 take it, take it freely!"
 Amen! My Master!

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Music: K. Lee Scott, b. 1950

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*GREETING

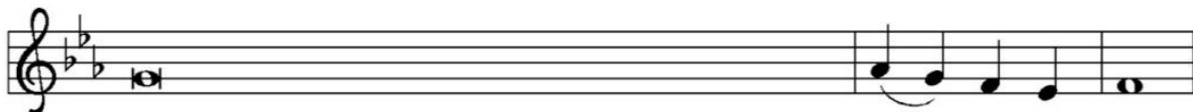
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE



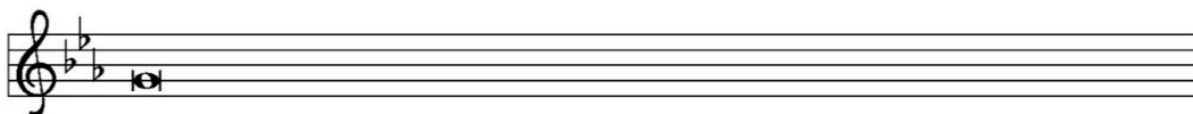
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



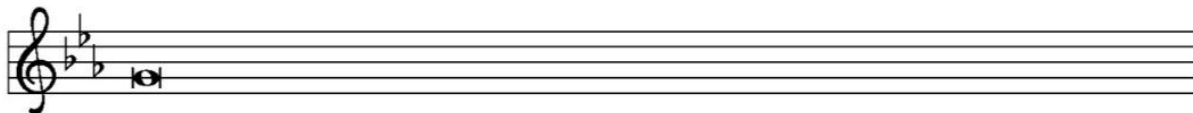
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



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



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



A - men, a - men.

*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. Holy God, you love justice and hate oppression; you call us to righteousness and not to exploitation. Give us generous and loving hearts, and eyes to see the splendor of your reign, that we may live in truth and honor, and praise you for the transformation of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Stewart

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1-7

I will sing for my beloved
my love song concerning my beloved's
vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

My beloved dug it and cleared it of stones
and planted it with choice vines;
built a watchtower in the midst of it
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
and expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded rotten grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield rotten grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a wasteland;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and
thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

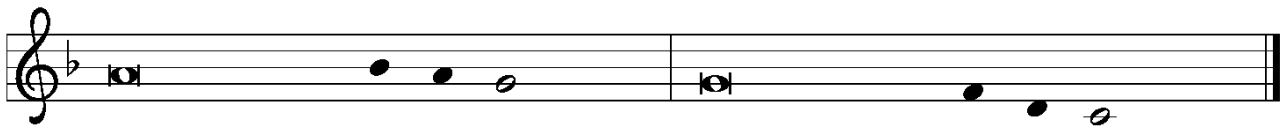
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
are his cherished garden;

the Lord expected justice
but saw bloodshed;
righteousness
but heard a cry!

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-15



Restore us, O ¹ God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we ¹ shall
be saved.

**You have brought a vine ¹ out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and ¹ planted
it.**

You cleared the ¹ ground for it;
it took root and ¹ filled the land.

**The mountains were covered | by its
shadow
and the towering cedar trees | by its
boughs.**

You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
and its branches | to the river.

**Why have you broken | down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck | off its
grapes?**

The wild boar of the forest has ¹ ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have ¹ grazed
upon it.

**Turn now, O ¹ God of hosts,
look ¹ down from heaven;**

behold and ¹ tend this vine;
preserve what your right ¹ hand has
planted.

SECOND READING

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this person has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this person is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God

raised from the dead. This Jesus is
'the stone that was rejected by you, the
builders;

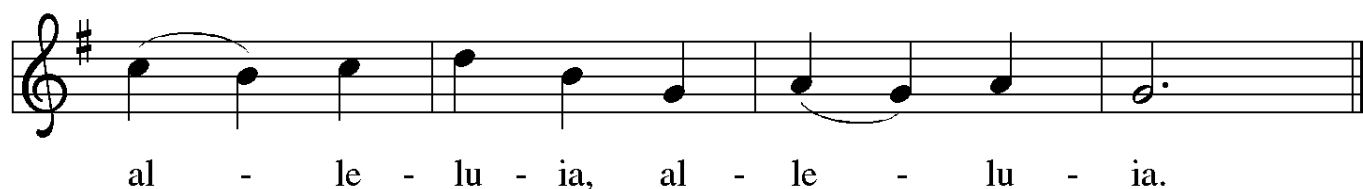
it has become the cornerstone.'

"There is salvation in no one else, for there is
no other name under heaven given among
mortals by which we must be saved."

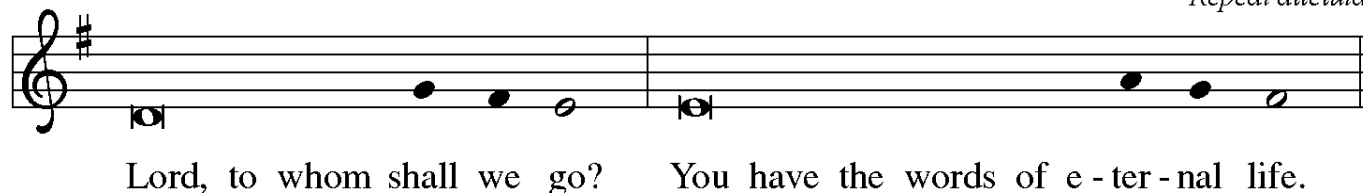
L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Repeat alleluia



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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. Then he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to

other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

How Firm a Foundation

ELW #796

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal staff (treble clef) and a piano staff (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal staff of each system.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove

is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;

What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,

who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

P: 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.**

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

P: Siblings in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place? If so, respond, I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

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: For the harvest, that it sustain and richly nourish Your people; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the farmers and laborers who bring the harvest in, that they who nourish Your people be nourished by You; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the passing summer, that it return to light and warm Your people; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the coming autumn, that it draw Your people together in the light and warmth of Your advent; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For our neighbors suffering in detention imposed without justice or mercy, that You break their chains in life as You have broken the chains of death; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the rich, that you soften their hearts; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For the poor, that you strengthen their hearts; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For those burdened by sickness and pain—especially Drew, Del, Kristin, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark—that You lift their burdens and heal their bodies and minds; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For Saint Francis of Assisi, renewer of Your church, that through him we find You in Brother Sun, Sister Death, and all Your creation; God of mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

A: For Michael and all the angels, that they
silence the accusers of Your creation; God of
mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

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 above on the left to add your volunteer hours to our 5000-hour challenge.

8:30 a.m. only

CHORAL ANTHEM

A Rose Touched By the Sun's Warm Rays

Jean Berger

11 a.m. only

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

*OFFERTORY HYMN

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

ELW#681

verse 3 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.

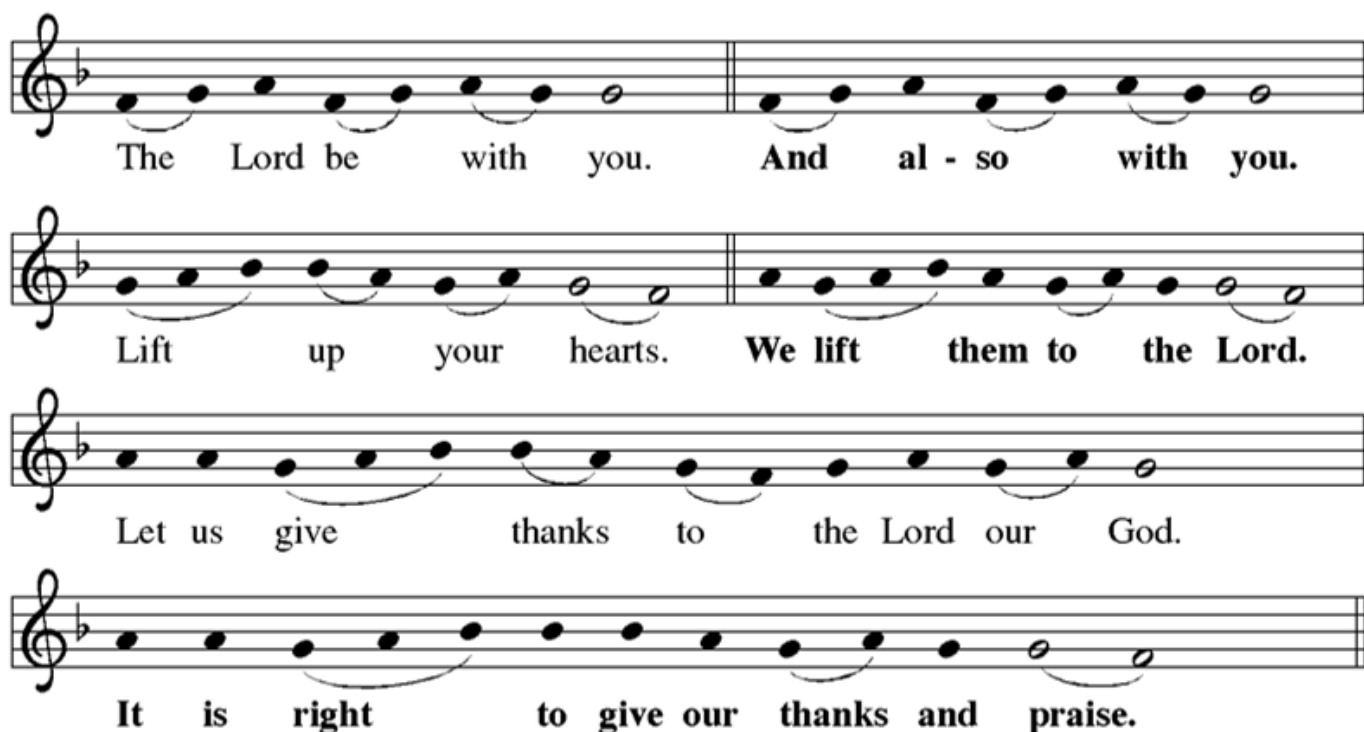
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words aligned under specific notes and others under groups of notes.

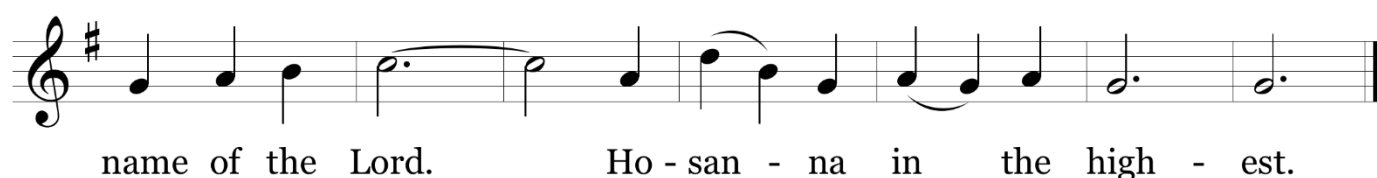
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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: 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. Norwegian 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.**

Vår Far i himmelen!
La navnet ditt helliges.
La riket ditt komme.
La viljen din skje på jorden slik som i himmelen.
Gi oss i dag vårt daglige brød,
og tilgi oss vår skyld,
slik også vi tilgir våre skyldnere.
Og la oss ikke komme i fristelse,
men frels oss fra det onde.
For riket er ditt og makten og æren i evighet.
Amen.

*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 Lord, We Praise You

ELW#499



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
 2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
 3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
 win for us in heav - en. No great - er
 fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
 love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
 geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
 blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
 Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
 Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
 blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
 ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
 peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

The Church's One Foundation

ELW #654

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

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

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

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

***EUCHARISTIC BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A: Let us pray. 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.

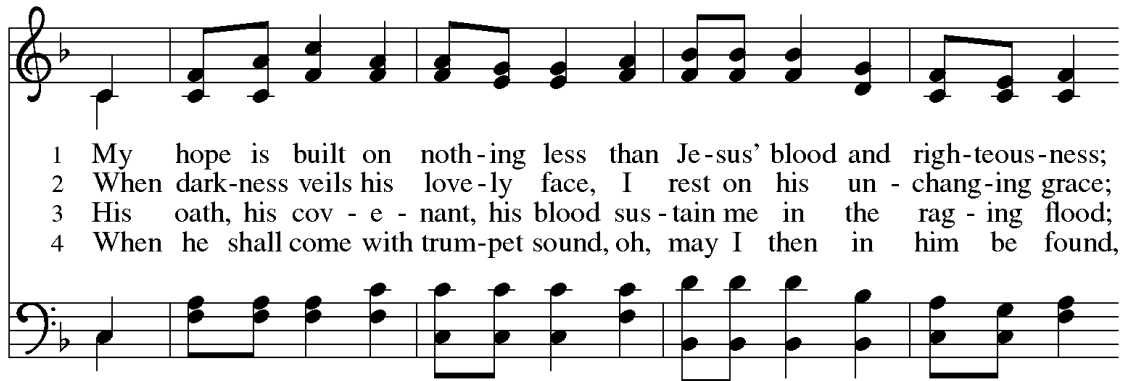
P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

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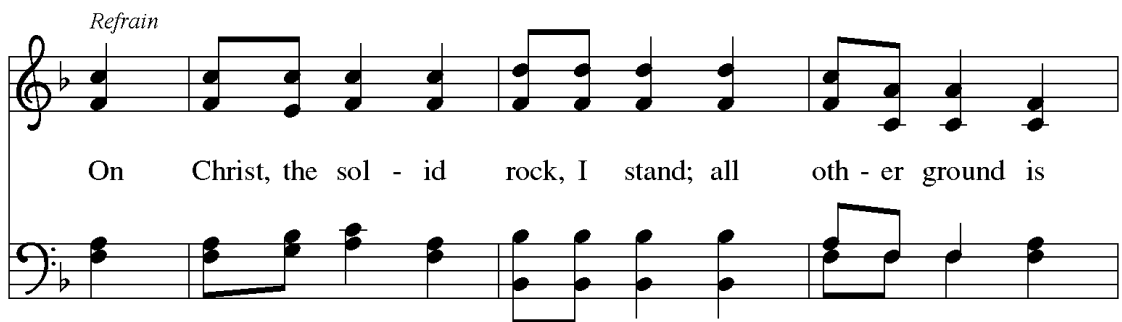


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

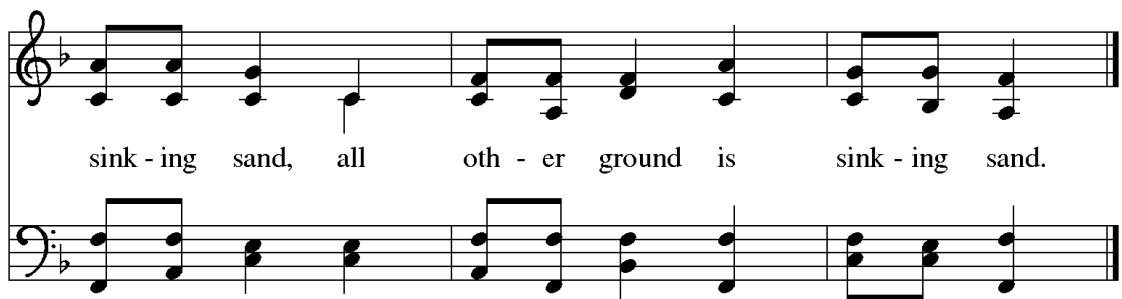


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



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



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

*DISMISSAL

A: Go 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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At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday October 4

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: Homelessness
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 4 p.m. Music Revue
- 4 p.m. 60+ Group Event: IU Cinema

Monday October 5

- 1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 7 p.m. Mission Committee Meeting

Tuesday October 6

- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 7

- 12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

Thursday October 8

- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday October 9

- 1:15 p.m. Friday Musicale

Saturday October 10

- 10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day
- 10 a.m. St. Thomas Piecemakers

Sunday October 11

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:30 a.m. LuMin Lunch Cart
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum: Local News
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 12 p.m. LuMin Lunch Cart
- 2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Project
- 4 p.m. BSWERS training

Welcome

St. Thomas is pleased to
welcome into membership
Bob Hetherington and Kristen Moody.

Announcements

Music Revue!

Today at 4 p.m., all are welcome to enjoy an informal concert featuring the St. Thomas music 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 free will offering at the door to support the Worship & the Arts Program.

LuMin Lunch Cart

Our grab-and-go lunch cart on the second Sunday of the month is off to a great start. The sign-up for hosts and donations is on the Welcome Desk for our next lunch cart on **Sunday, October 11**. 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.

St Thomas Piecemakers

We are thrilled that we have completed about 50 quilts for Lutheran World Relief to send to victims of disaster and war around the world this year! We will be starting them on their way to recipients soon. We find it very satisfying to be able to provide warmth and comfort to our neighbors near and far who are in desperate need. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please join us in on **Saturday, October 10 at 10 a.m. in Community Hall** as we put the layers of the quilts together and tie them with square knots. We can also always use more sewists to put tops together!

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.**

Worship & the Arts Concert Series: Bach Cantata Project

Please join the Bloomington Bach Cantata

Project on **Sunday, October 11 at 2:30 p.m**

for a gala performance of J. S. Bach's "Ich liebe den Höchsten von ganzem Gemüte" BWV 174.

It's a special occasion: the BBCCP's 100th concert. We'll celebrate with one of Bach's most spectacular pieces, with an opening movement based on a Brandenburg concerto; and with commemorative T-shirts. Ingrid Matthews directs.

60+ Group Event

Buy your tickets online or at the door! Meet Kari and David Esarey at the IU Cinema **today 4 p.m.** for a showing of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, a Marilyn Monroe classic.

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 Tish Llewellyn in memory of her spouse
Deborah O'Brien on her birthday.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Shirley Mingee, Sacha Arterberry,
Jennifer Garl, Haley Hatton

Bread & Wine: Gretchen Moehlmann

Prayer Writer: Ian Bensberg

Flower Guild: Carol Seaman

Coffee Crew: Larry Moore, Mary Moore,
Matt Meier

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Kris Stewart

Lectors: Kathleen Boggess, Nancy Mathews

Ushers: Ian Bensberg, Carol Seaman

Communion Stewards: Ashley Ahlbrand,
Mike Witt

Greeter: Kari Esarey

Council Coordinator: Mike Witt

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Gerhard Glomm

Lectors: Jennifer Garl, Vicki Polansky

Acolyte: Dante Fawbush

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Stewards: Susan Colston

Greeters: Shirley Mingee, Gail Seegert

Council Coordinator: Randy Arnold

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**We are a Christ-centered community that lives,
shares and celebrates God's grace with all people!**