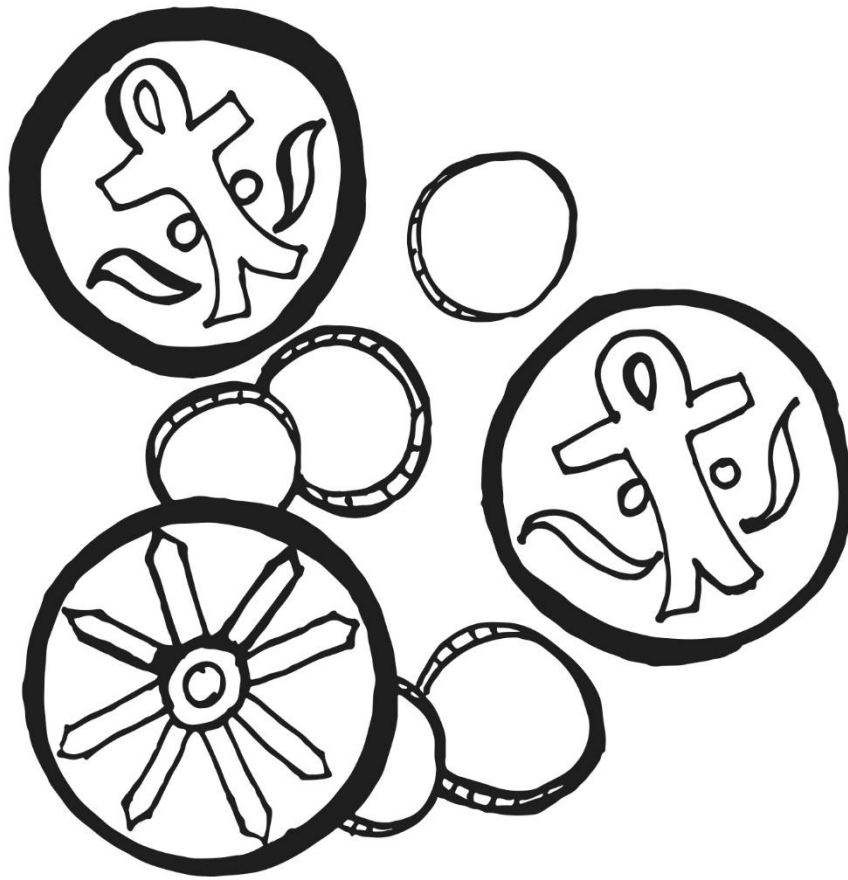




Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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

MINISTRY MOMENT

Protein for Pantries

***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

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW#685

1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.
Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

*GREETING

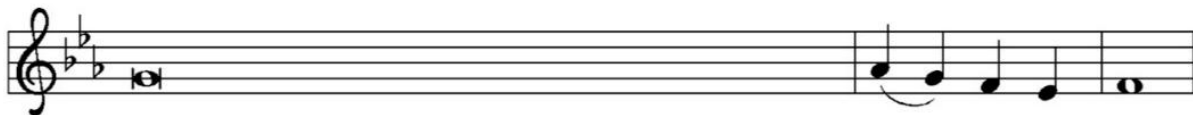
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE



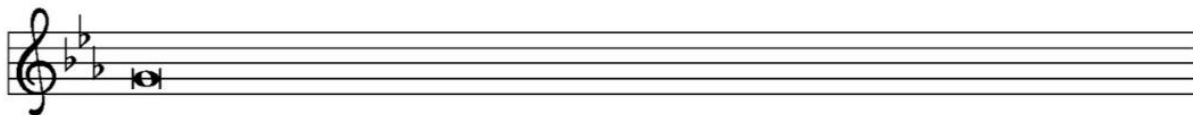
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



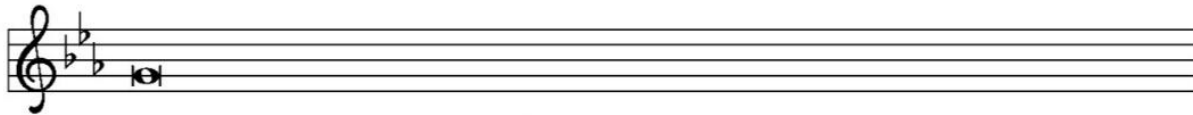
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



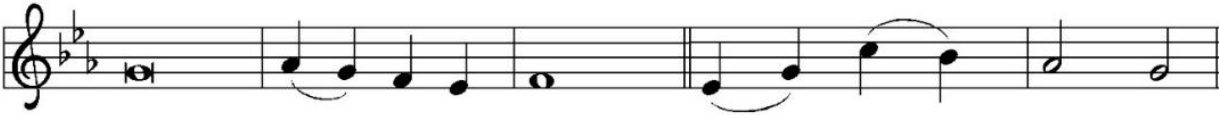
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



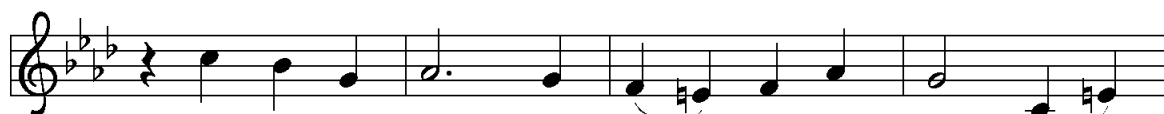
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

+WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Debbie Witt

FIRST READING

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to Cyrus, the Lord's
anointed

whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him

and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—

and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you

and level the mountains;

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your
name.

For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know
me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of
the sun

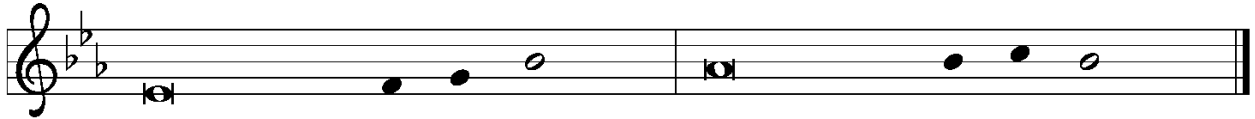
and from the west, that there is no one
besides me;

I am the Lord, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-13



Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

**Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of
the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to
day.**

Declare God's glory a- l mong the nations
and God's wonders a- l mong all peoples.

**For great is the Lord and greatly | to be
praised,
more to be feared | than all gods.**

As for all the gods of the nations, they ¹ are
but idols;
but you, O Lord, have ¹ made the heavens.

**Majesty and magnificence are | in your
presence;
power and splendor are in
your | sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the
peoples,
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due
the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of
the Lord.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, all the earth.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is king!

The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the peoples with equity."

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your coming, O Lord, for you come to judge the earth.

You will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with your truth.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears God and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of

Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are

witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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 22:15-22

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But

Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier



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*HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW #650

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It features a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a line of the hymn. The first stanza is the main body of the hymn, and the second stanza is a concluding verse. The piano part includes a prelude and a postlude, both in the key of B-flat major.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

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

A brief silence.

A: Holy One, you are the Lord and there is no other. We ask your blessing on our worldwide partners, Iglesia Santo Domingo de Guzman in Chichipate, Guatemala, the Protestant Christian Batak Church in Indonesia, the Lutheran Church in Chile, and the Lutheran Church of Living Waters in Cherokee, North Carolina. Strengthen them and us in our common vision of your blessed community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you are the Lord and there is no other. We praise you for this beautiful, intricate, life-sustaining planet. Reawaken in us our deepest capacity to see, love, and serve the living ecosystems around us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you are the Lord and there is no other. Turn the hearts of the leaders of the nations towards compassion and wisdom. Grant courage, wisdom, and safety for police, firefighters, emergency responders, advocates for the homeless, and all who care for our community. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Holy One, you are the Lord and there is no other. We hold before you the suffering people of the world: refugees, immigrants, prisoners of war and hostages, the hungry, the sick, the impoverished, and the lonely. Guide us in the daily work of repairing the world. Give us clear sight to direct our words and actions guided by the heart and mind of Jesus. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Lover of souls, we pray for those who are ill especially Kathleen, Doug, Drew, Del, Kristin, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Be near to those who endure unremitting pain and to those near to death. Help us to embody your love for one another through our words, our caring, and our prayers. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: Ageless God of the present moment, our times are in your hand. In these last few weeks before the 2026 election, we pray for neighborliness, for courage, and for resilience. Nobody told us that the road would be easy, but we rely on your abiding Spirit. 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
CHORAL ANTHEM

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pittoni

Translation:

O sing unto the Lord a new song.

Let the congregation of saints praise him.

Let Israel rejoice in him that made him.

*And let the children of Zion be joyful in their
King.*

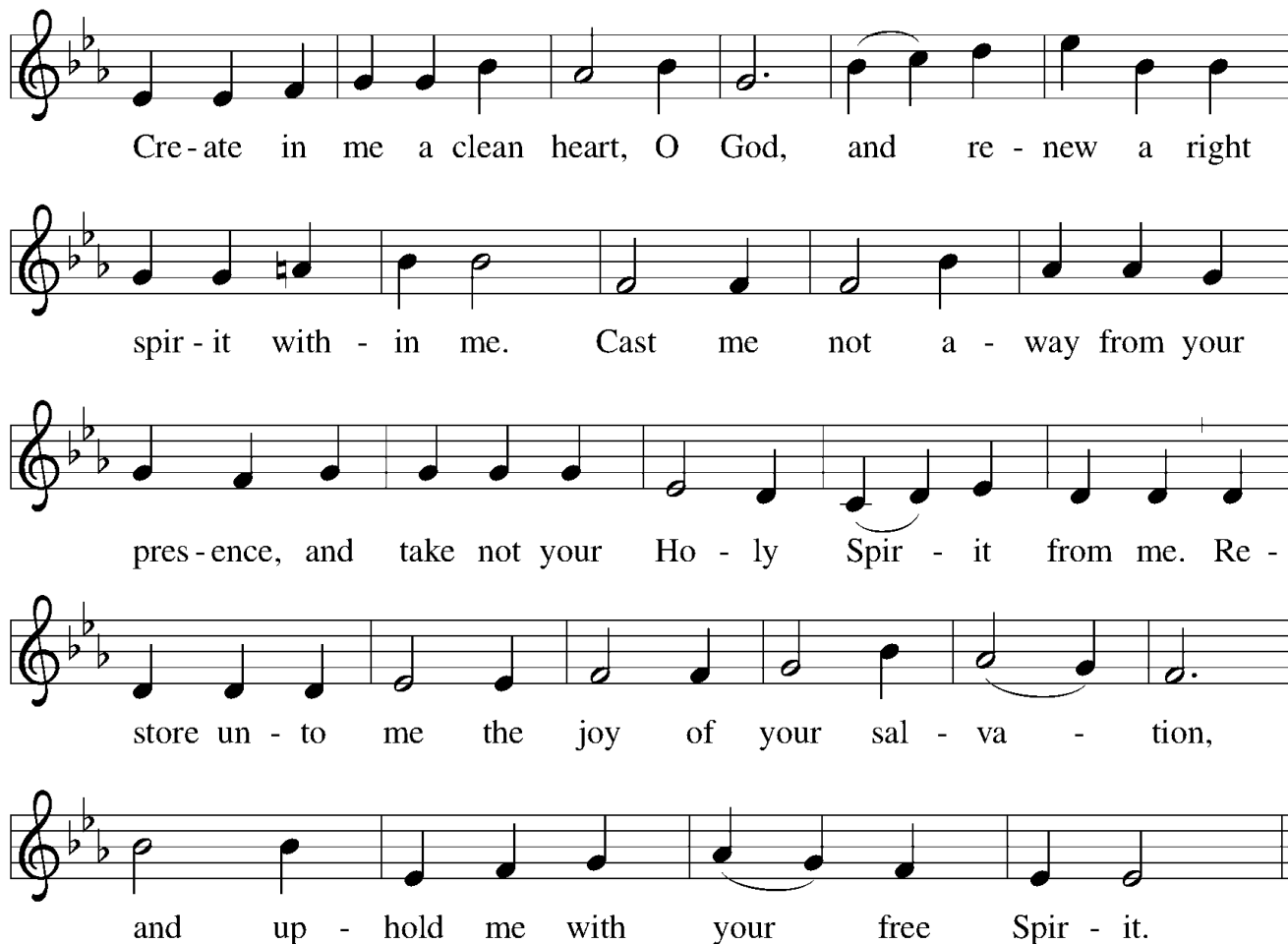
11 a.m. only
ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

ELW #188



The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670–1739

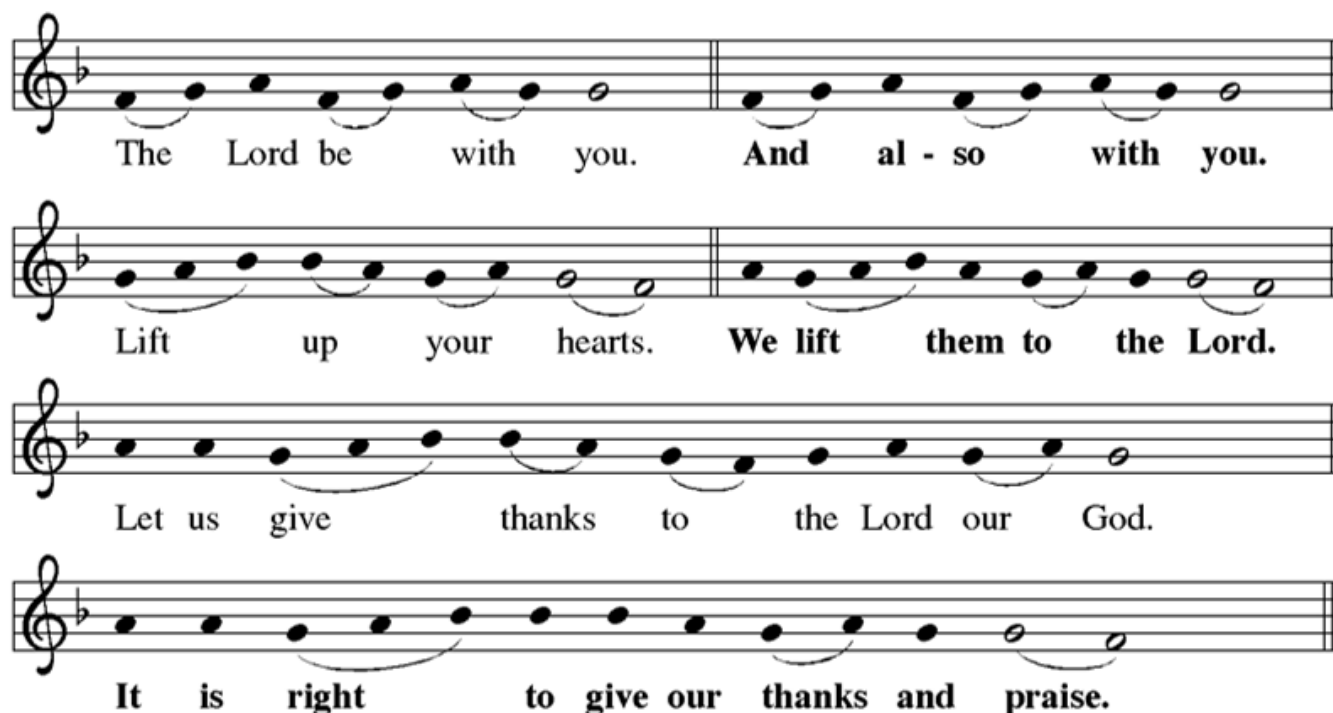
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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:

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. Kreyòl Ayisyen 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.**

Papa nou ki nan syèl la,
Nou mande pou yo toujou respekte
non ou.
Vin tabli gouvènman ou,
pou yo fè volonte ou sou latè, tankou
yo fè li nan syèl la.
Pen nou bezwen an, ban nou li jòdi a.
Padonnen tou sa nou fè ki mal,
menm jan nou padonnen moun ki fè nou mal.
Pa kite nou nan pozisyon pou nou
tonbe nan tantasyon,
men, delivre nou anba Satan.
Paske, se pou ou tout otorite, tout
pouvwa ak tout louwanj, depi
tout tan ak pou tout tan. Amèn.

*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

Commonwealth Is God's Commandment

ACS#1036



1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar-ing lav-ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen-ders, rac-es, tribes, and na-tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta-bles set and doors wide o-pen wel-come an-gels un-a-ware.
stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man-y folds.
bid-ding all to work to-gether, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Refrain



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.



Shan-ti, pax, sha-lom, mas-la-ha: com-mon good is ho-ly ground.



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: RESTORATION, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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We Give Thee But Thine Own

ELW #686

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear harmonic structure. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with line numbers 1-4 corresponding to the four parts. The score concludes with a final cadence in the bass line.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.

Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

*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.



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*SENDING HYMN

Lift Every Voice and Sing ELW #841

1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,

ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;

Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
 lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;

fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
 out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
 shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,

let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
 where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938
 Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

*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 October 18

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
11 a.m. Worship
12:15 p.m. Council Meeting

Monday October 19

9:45 a.m. Worship at Bell Trace
1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
7:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting

Tuesday October 20

7 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 21

Office Closing Early

Thursday October 22

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday October 23

3 p.m. 60+ Group Event: IU Field Hockey
8 p.m. Pipes Spooktacular

Saturday October 24

10 a.m. Property Committee Work Day

Sunday October 25

Wear Red for Reformation

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
9:45 a.m. Protein for Pantries
11 a.m. Worship
3 p.m. Stewardship Pie

Announcements

No Sunday School today

There is no Sunday School today when many families are traveling for fall break.

Thanksgiving Collection for Pantry 279 starts today

Let's prepare to *mash* our last record and gather boxes of instant mashed potatoes and packets of turkey gravy mix for the annual Pantry 279 Thanksgiving baskets. Collections begin today.

Protein for Pantries Project on Reformation Sunday

On **Sunday, October 25, between the services** we will come together to pack TVP, which is Textured Vegetable Protein, into family sized packets. These packages will then go to our local area food pantries for our neighbors. TVP can be used as a meat substitute in things like chili, spaghetti sauce and such. Our Mission Endowment Fund offered a grant of \$1,200 to purchase the TVP and supplies so that we might be able to bless our community. We will need many hands, so please plan to lend a pair for this fun project. Children under 12 will be

decorating bags for our Welcome Table Lunches, due to the age level requirement for participating in the packing.

Stewardship Pie Social, Sunday, October 25 at 3 p.m.

St. Thomas has much to celebrate this year, from our first junior high servant camp, to the sixteen international scholarship students we support in Guatemala and Lebanon, to our worship with Pantry279's summer feeding program, and every worship service, soup supper, and trivia night in between! Join us on **Sunday, October 25 at 3 p.m.** for a pie social to celebrate our ministry, thank our donors, and prepare for the year ahead. **Please RSVP to the office by returning the postcard you receive in the mail this month** or e-mailing the church office at parishadmin@stlconline.org. Childcare will be provided.

All Saints Sunday

On **November 1**, we celebrate All Saints Sunday. We will read the names of saints including saints from the Bible, saints from history, and saints from St. Thomas who have died since last All Saints Sunday. The area

around the baptismal font will be reserved for the saints you would like to remember including saints from history and friends and family members who have died at any time. Bring in a picture or memento to place on the table, and spend time as you enter worship on this day remembering all the saints.

60+ Group Event

IU Field Hockey, Friday, October 23 at 3 p.m.

The team plays at Deborah Tobias Field, 1606 N. Fee Lane. No sign-up needed; no ticket to purchase. Just come and cheer for student athletes in the beautiful fall weather!

Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

Kathleen Boggess, Doug Arnold, 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 Kris Stewart in celebration
of her daughter Sarah's baptismal birthday.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Charlene Braun, Nancy Nye

Bread & Wine: Charlene Braun

Prayer Writer: Pamela Smith

Flowers: Gail Seegert

Coffee Crew: Casey Main, Marcus Hershberger,
Matt Meier

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Robin Hershberger

Lectors: Eliot Smith, Pamela Smith

Ushers: Susan Kinzer, Spencer Anspach

Communion Stewards: David Ellies,
Ashley Ahlbrand

Greeter: Mary Sasse

Council Coordinator: Carol Seaman

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Arno Risner

Lectors: Debbie Witt, Sharon Fawbush

Ushers: Scott & Audra Miller

Communion Steward: Ashley Ahlbrand,
Mike Witt

Greeters: Tim & Jennifer Garl

Council Coordinator: Mike Witt

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