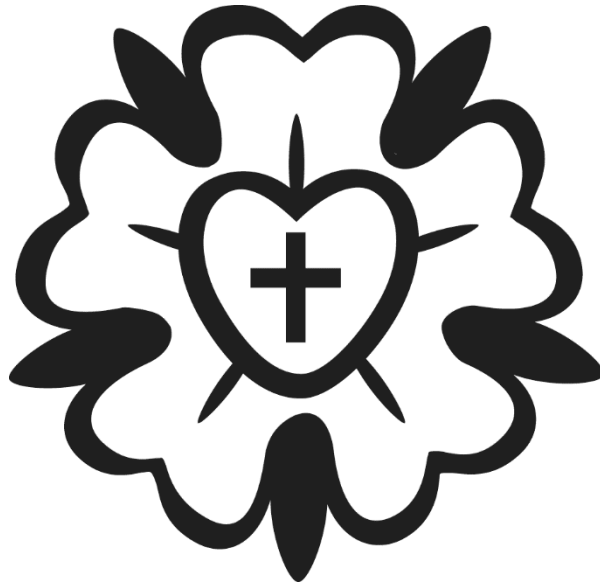




**Reformation Sunday**

**October 25, 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

A Mighty Fortress

Georg Telemann  
arr. Donald Rotermund

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. By ✝ God's unconditional love, our sins are forgiven, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\*ENTRANCE HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW #504

*During the processional, the congregation turns to face the cross as it passes.*

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

\*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

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**+WORD+**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Stewart

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

“Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

“You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a

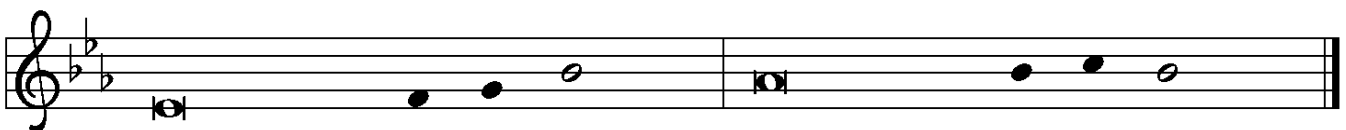
slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.

“You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 46



God is our ref- | uge and strength,  
a very present | help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the |  
earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the  
depths | of the sea;**

though its waters | rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble | with its  
tumult.

**There is a river whose streams make glad  
the cit- | y of God,  
the holy habitation of | the Most High.**

God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be  
shaken;

God shall help it at the | break of day.

**The nations rage, and the | shake;  
God speaks, and the earth | melts away.**

The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

**Come now, regard the works | of the  
LORD,**

**what desolations God has brought up- |  
on the earth;**

behold the one who makes war to cease in | all  
the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the | shields with fire.

**"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I  
will be exalted | in the earth."**

The LORD of | hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, my siblings, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia.      Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*HOLY GOSPEL**

# Matthew 22:34-46

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



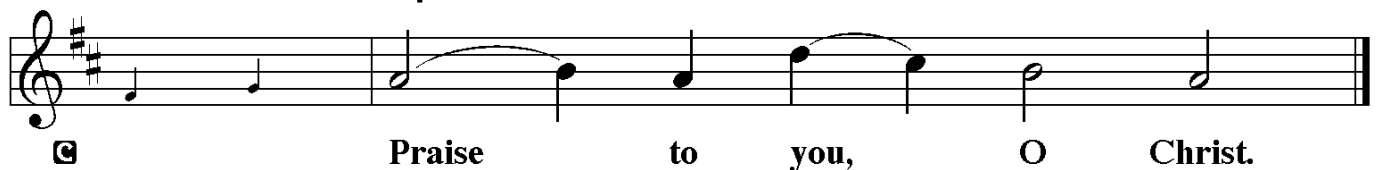
**G**lo - ry to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,  
    'The Lord said to my Lord,  
    "Sit at my right hand,  
        until I put your enemies under your feet" '?  
"If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord.



SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

# \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## Thy Strong Word

ELW#511



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we  
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -  
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing thy glory,  
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
 throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 mouths to speak thy holy name.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 May the light which thou dost send  
 fill our songs with alleluias,  
 alleluias without end!

6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 to thee laud and honor be.  
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 glory, glory be to thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 praise the holy Trinity!

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-1976

Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869-1944

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## AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM BY THE ASSEMBLY

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism as we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

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?

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

P: People of God, do you promise to support  
and pray for one another in your 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.**

## 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: As we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we remember the witness of Martin Luther and the reformers of the church in every generation. Empower us to continue the work of reform and renewal in our own day. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for the healing of natural places despoiled by pollution and human greed. Give all living creatures access to safe land, water, and air. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for our criminal justice systems and all those whose lives are affected by them. Give wisdom and discernment to police, probation officers, judges, and attorneys; give courage and peace to prisoners and the formerly incarcerated. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We ask your blessing upon all people who have been harmed by the church and its leaders, that the truth may make them free. We pray for the relief of all those who are sick or suffering especially Kathleen, Doug, Drew, Del, Kristin, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for those exploring or returning to a life of faith. Encourage and guide them, that they may find their hope in you. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: With gratitude, we remember those disciples who paved the way for us and all of our beloved dead. 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](http://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.*

# CHORAL ANTHEM

## God's Son Has Made Me Free

Edvard Grieg, arr. Oscar R. Overby

### \*OFFERTORY HYMN

#### Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word ELW#517

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

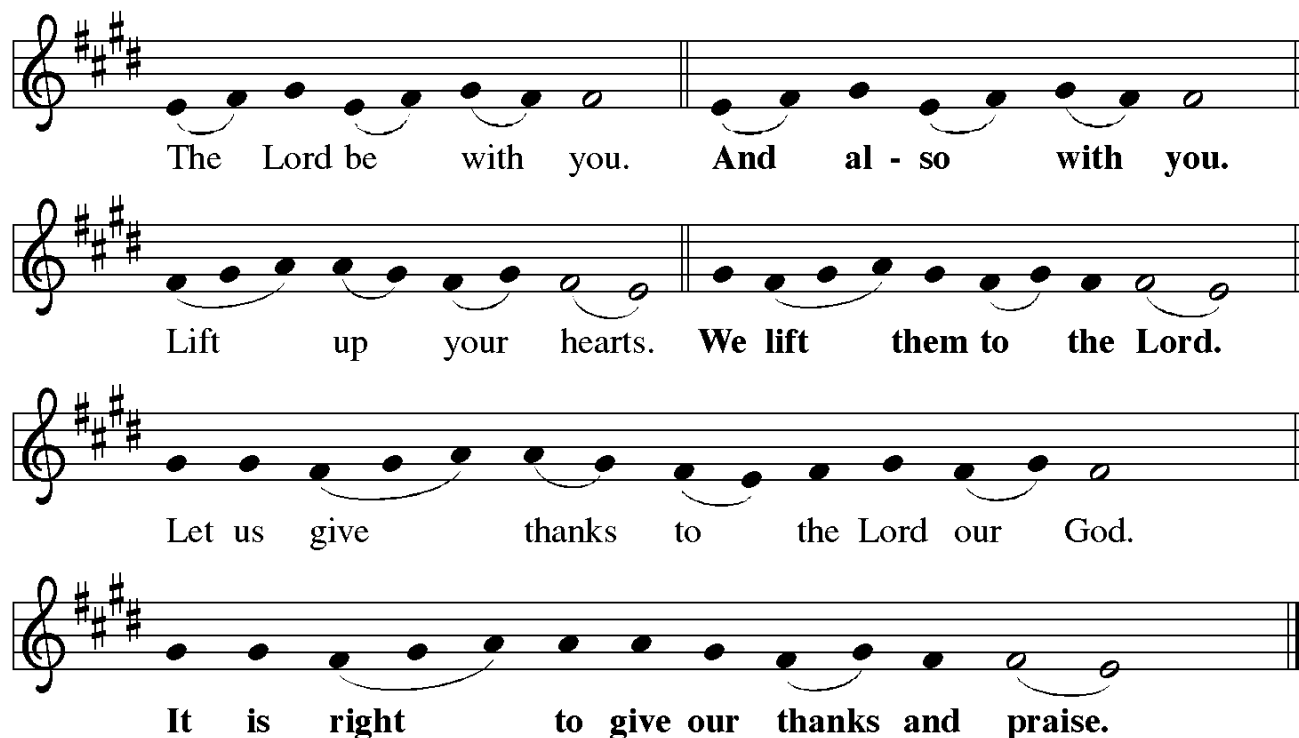
## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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 is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

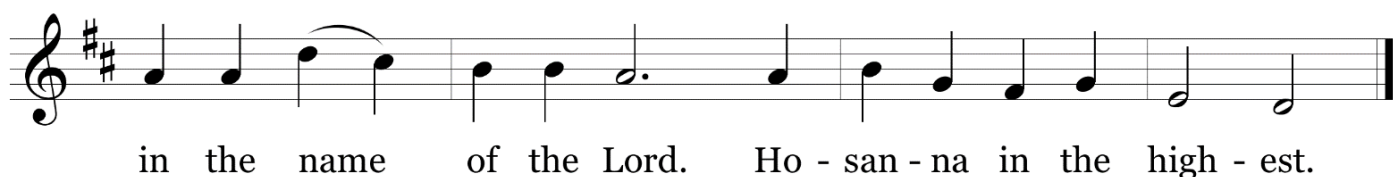
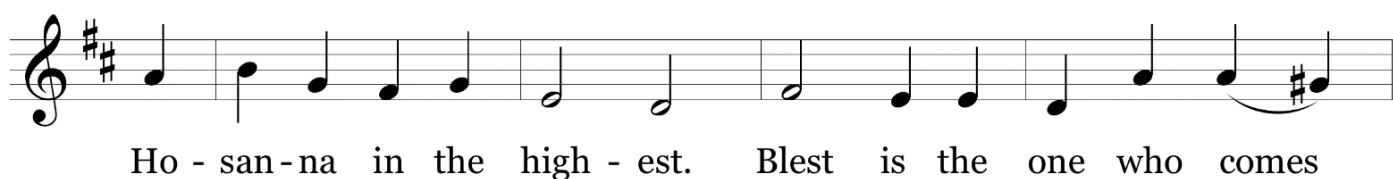
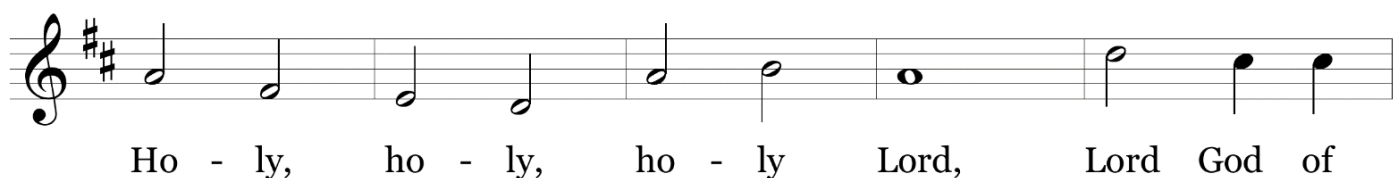
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Lord God, we praise you, bless you, and adore you. In thanksgiving we bow before you. O loving Father! You have created all, and you care for your children day and night.

Hallelujah!

**C: Hallelujah!**

P: You sent your Son to bring us your salvation. Christ is the source of every grace and blessing, the true paschal lamb and bread of heaven, the very joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us. Hallelujah!

**C: Hallelujah!**

P: On the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: We remember Jesus, your Word made flesh, our elder brother, dying on the accursed tree, crushing the power of hell, and rising again victorious from the grave. Hallelujah!

**C: Hallelujah!**

P: Send your Spirit on this holy feast. Nourish and heal us with the body and blood of our Savior. Bestow on your church your sweetest love, your transcendent comfort, your unity and peace. Hallelujah!

**C: Hallelujah!**

P: To you, the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we give our thanks and praise, joining now and forever in loud songs of Hallelujah!

**C: Hallelujah! Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu nombre.  
Venga tu reino.  
Hágase tu voluntad  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas  
como también nosotros  
perdonamos a los  
que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es  
el poder y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y siempre. Amén.

**\*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

## Built on a Rock

ELW #652

1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

# 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.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

**\*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.**

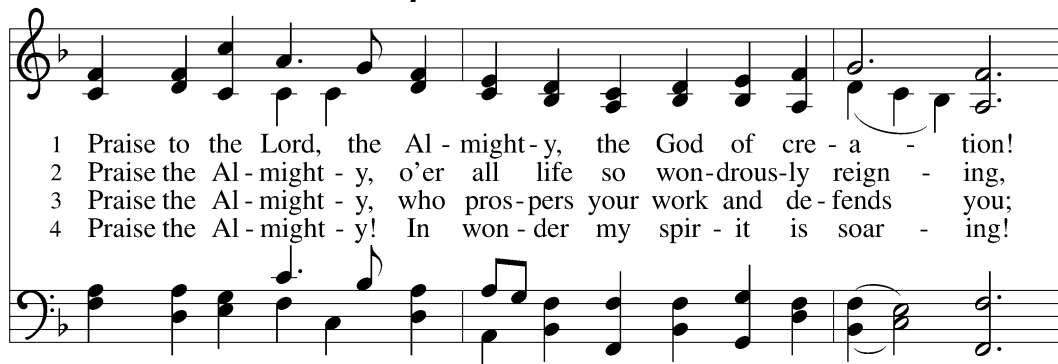
P: The God of grace ✠ bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

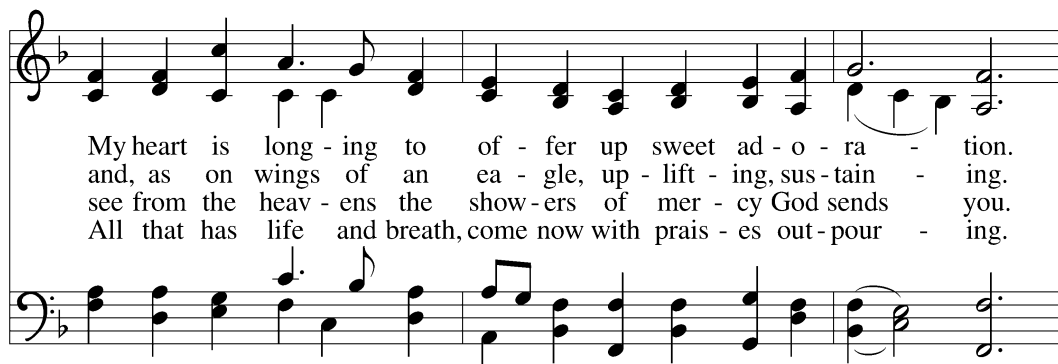
## \*SENDING HYMN

Praise, to the Lord, the Almighty ELW #859

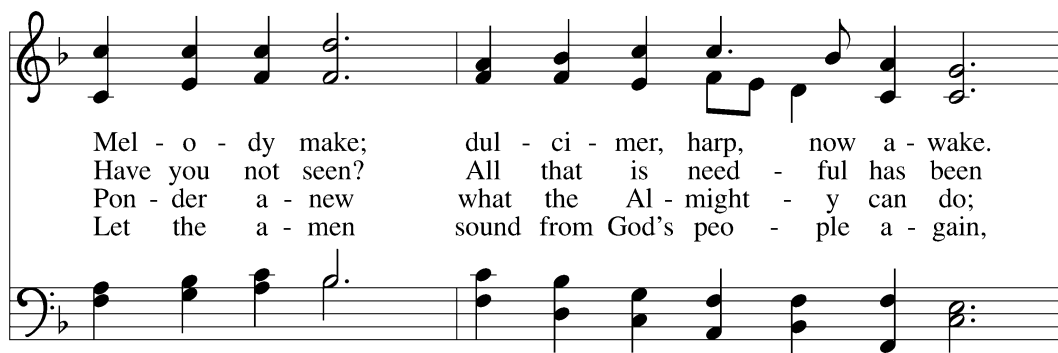
*During the recessional, the congregation turns to face the cross as it passes.*



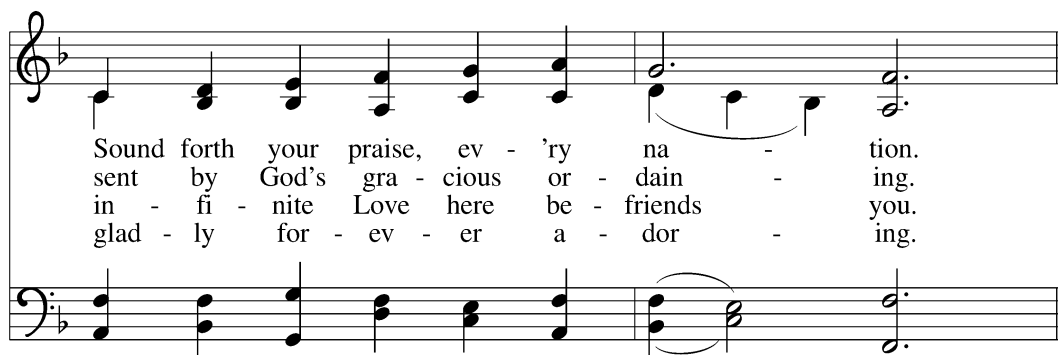
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre - a - tion!  
2 Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won - drous - ly reign - ing,  
3 Praise the Al - might - y, who pros - pers your work and de - fends you;  
4 Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is soar - ing!



My heart is long - ing to of - fer up sweet ad - o - ra - tion.  
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
see from the heav - ens the show - ers of mer - cy God sends you.  
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es out - pour - ing.



Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer, harp, now a - wake.  
Have you not seen? All that is need - ful has been  
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do;  
Let the a - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,



Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.  
sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.  
in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.  
glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing.

## \*DISMISSAL

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott

Max Reger

*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 25 Reformation Sunday**

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Protein for Pantries

11 a.m. Worship

3 p.m. Pie Social

**Monday October 26**

1 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study

**Thursday October 30**

6 p.m. Young Professionals/Grad Students  
Group

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday November 1 All Saints Sunday**

***Daylight Saving Time Ends***

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. MEF meeting

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Adult Forum

11 a.m. Worship

## **Announcements**

### **Seeking Coffee Volunteers**

Our small crew of coffee volunteers needs you! Several of our dedicated volunteers are on medical leave or facing coffee crew retirement: please volunteer to help make and clean up coffee. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

### **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.

## **The Annual Budget Meeting**

The Annual Budget Meeting of St. Thomas Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, November 15, 2026, following the 11 a.m. service (the meeting will begin around 12:15 p.m.)**. A budget packet will be emailed to members the week of November 1; paper copies will be available in the office.

## **Advent Devotions**

St. Paul writes, "Rejoice always!" But how do we make joy an ongoing reality in our lives? This Advent we'll explore joy: joy that tells the truth, joy that holds on to hope, joy that is a discipline, joy that trusts God in all things. Help our congregation explore joy by providing a brief devotion (200-300 words) about joy: a joyful memory, a practice, a longing for joy in your life. We're not looking for something fancy or heavily researched—just a simple reflections or stories from our members' and friends' walk with Christ. **Please sign up on the Welcome Desk or let the Church office know November 4 if you plan to write a devotion and submit them by November 15.**

## **Student Recital**

Our **Adult Choir Director, Ben Wegner**, is directing on a recital featuring University Chorale and Conductors Orchestra. The performance will include Beethoven's Choral Fantasy and Mendelssohn's Die erste Walpurgisnacht. Please attend on **Tuesday, October 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Auer Hall.**

## **Thanksgiving Collection for Pantry 279**

We are collecting instant mashed potatoes and packets of turkey or chicken gravy mix for the Pantry 279 Thanksgiving baskets. Help us collect items to fill 2500 holiday meal boxes for families in Monroe and surrounding counties. We will be collecting through **Sunday, November 15.** Stay tuned in November for opportunities to help assemble or deliver the boxes the week before Thanksgiving.

## **Every Odd Month: Game Night**

Bring a snack or drink to share and a fun spirit for game night on **Friday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. in Community Hall.** If you have a board or card game you'd like to play with others, bring that, too!

## **Card Ministry Seeking Donations**

The Card Ministry is looking for blank cards to send to members. If any of you have some that you are willing to donate, leave them in the church office in the basket on the Parish Administrator's desk.

## **High School Youth Progressive Lunch on Tuesday, November 3**

A progressive lunch is a lunch in multiple places! Think appetizers in one home, a main course somewhere else, and finish with Bruster's Ice Cream! **Meet at St. Thomas at 10:45 to carpool. Sign up at the Welcome Desk.**

## **5th-8th Grade Lock-In starts Friday, November 6**

Stay overnight at St. Thomas for fun and games, snacks, and a movie—and maybe a *little bit* of sleep! **Arrive at 7 p.m. for pizza, leave after pancakes around 8 a.m. Students and chaperones sign up at the Welcome Desk.**

## **60+ Group Event: IU Cinema**

Buy your tickets online or at the door for *Mary Oliver: Saved by the Beauty of the World* on Tuesday, November 3 at 7 p.m.

## **Prayers for those with health and safety concerns**

Kathleen Boggess, 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](mailto:skcolston@aol.com) to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer,

**The altar flowers this week are given**  
by Stephanie Abel in celebration  
of her wife Stevie's birthday  
and by Debbie Selk in celebration  
of Reformation Sunday.

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar Care: Spencer Anspach, Rebekah Arnold,  
Lydia Arnold

Bread/Wine: Allison Ward

Coffee Crew: Casey Main, Marcus Hershberger,  
Kathleen Boggess

Flowers: Carol Seaman

Prayer Writer: Gretchen Moehlmann

A/V Tech: Andrew Rhoda

Brass Players: Hsin-Yu Chen, Sean Kobayashi,  
trumpets; Kari Esarey, horn; Eli Brauner, trombone

## **8:30 a.m. service**

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Sowinski

Lectors: Kari Esarey, Anna Harner

Crucifer: Stephanie Abel

Ushers: Frank & Mary Lou Nierzwicki

Communion Stewards: Carol Seaman, Kris Stewart

Greeters: Dan & Linda McNabb

Council Coordinator: Greg Valenta

## **11 a.m. service**

Assisting Minister: Kathleen Boggess

Lector: Chris Martz, Susan Colston

Crucifer: Dean Arnold

Acolyte: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Brock DeMark & Savannah Hadley-DeMark

Communion Steward: Barb Unger

Greeters: Randy & Nancy Nye

Council Coordinator: Dean Arnold

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