



All Saints Sunday

November 1, 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 +

We gather in stillness to pray and remember. Pictures or mementos of our beloved who have died may be placed on the table near the baptismal font.

P: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

LITANY FOR BIBLICAL SAINTS

A bell tolls, and the choir begins a repeating chant, "By clouds of witnesses, surrounded are we." Gradually, the chant turns into the names of saints from the Bible. Then the leader begins the kyrie:

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the faithful who have gone before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LITANY FOR SAINTS OF THE CHURCH

A bell tolls, and the choir takes up the repeating chant again. Gradually, the chant turns into the names of saints from the Church. Then the leader continues the kyrie:

L: For those renewers of the Church, whose prophetic voices called us together around the gospel of salvation in gratitude let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all our pastors and all servants of the Church and for all people of God let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For our public servants, for our government, and those who protect us in our land, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For those who labor in the cause of justice, healing, and compassion in this and every place let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For all who do good works, those who labor, those who sing, and all people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the forgiveness of our sins, for the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend our sinful lives, and for the faith which trusts the absolution of God let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

LITANY FOR SAINTS KNOWN TO US

A bell tolls, the choir continues the chant, then the leader continues the kyrie:

L: For this Church, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works, those who have toiled, for the gifts given to the whole Church through this congregation, let us give thanks to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

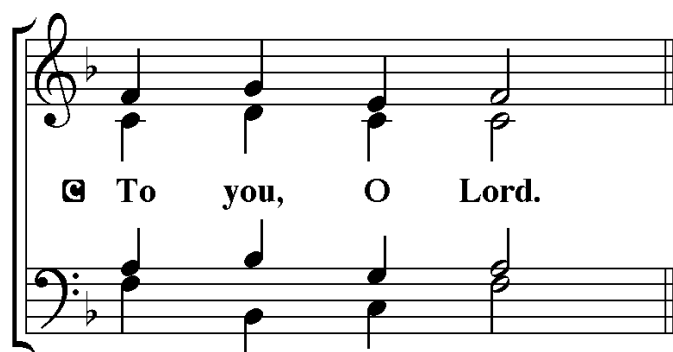
L: For those who teach and learn, those who serve and share the gospel in these days, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

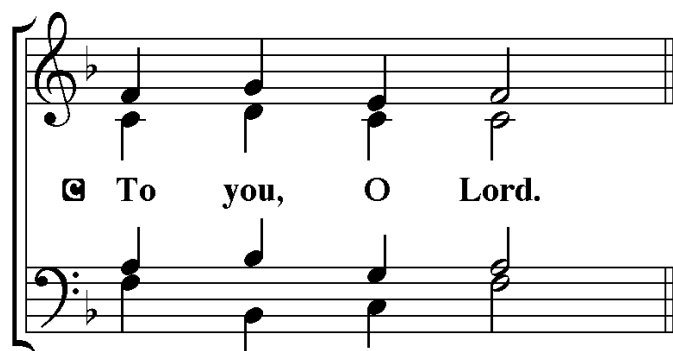
L: For our loved ones, family members, extended family, and friends that have gone before us in the past year, let us give thanks to the Lord.

The names of the saints from St. Thomas who have died this year are read and accompanied by a bell toll, including Jerry Smith.

L: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.



P: Let us pray. Lord, remember Your church throughout the world: make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our sisters and brothers who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of Your presence that in union with all Your saints we may give You glory forever; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



*ENTRANCE HYMN

For All the Saints

ELW#422

verse 5 choir only

During the hymn, you are invited to light candles in memory of your beloved dead. If more time is needed, we will sing "Deep Peace," ACS#1018 and "Christ Our Peace," ACS#1037.



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stanzas 3, 4, and 5 on next page.

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are is the brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Deep Peace

ACS#1018

Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the

flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to

you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.

To repeat *Last time*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The third system has a treble and bass staff, with a repeat sign and a 'Last time' section. The lyrics are: 'Deep peace of the run - ning waves, deep peace of the flow - ing air, deep peace of the shin - ing stars to you, deep peace of the qui - et earth. earth.' The 'To repeat' section is marked with a repeat sign and the 'Last time' section is marked with a repeat sign and a 'Last time' label.

Text: Celtic traditional; adapt. Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: DEEP PEACE, Ray Makeever
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Christ Our Peace

ACS# 1037

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass, in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the Treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the Bass staff. The lyrics are written below the Treble staff.

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di - vide us;

Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: CHRIST, OUR PEACE, Marty Haugen
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*GREETING

P: Beloved of God, called to be saints:
Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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

Gerhard Glomm

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne
and around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces before
the throne and worshiped God, singing,
 “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
 and thanksgiving and honor
 and power and might
 be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
“Who are these, robed in white, and where
have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you
are the one who knows.” Then he said to me,
“These are they who have come out of the
great ordeal; they have washed their robes
and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne
of God

 and worship God day and night within the
temple,

 and the one who is seated on the throne
will shelter them.

They will hunger no more and thirst no
more;

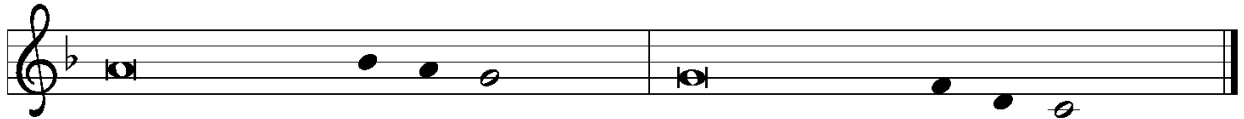
 the sun will not strike them,
 nor any scorching heat,

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will
be their shepherd,
and will guide them to springs of the
water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22



I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my
mouth.

**I will glory | in the Lord;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together.

**I sought the Lord, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.**

Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

**I called in my affliction,
and | the Lord heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those
who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.

**Taste and see that the | Lord is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in
God!**

Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.

**The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack
nothing | that is good.**

O Lord, you redeem the life | of your
servants,
and those who put their trust in you
will | not be punished.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

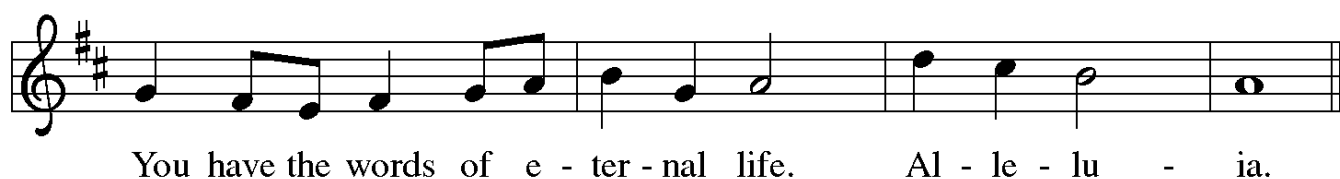
See what love the Father has given us, that
we should be called children of God, and that
is what we are. The reason the world does not
know us is that it did not know God. Beloved,
we are God's children now; what we will be

has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as Christ is pure.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Death Be Never Last

ACS# 1030



1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing



bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low



morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.



Refrain
Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,



saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever

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***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: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways, including the Ohio River, the White River, and the Wabash River. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply to the needs of their communities. Be close to all those civil servants whose jobs require patience and cooperation under stressful circumstances. Surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness especially Kathleen, Drew, Del, Kristin, Helen, Bob, Leslie, Dallis, Doug, Yvonne, Kent, and Mark. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors, including Jerry Smith. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
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.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Children of the Heavenly Father

arr. James Melby



Honoring the Composers of
African American Spirituals
royalties paid to Sphinx Organization

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

ELW #439



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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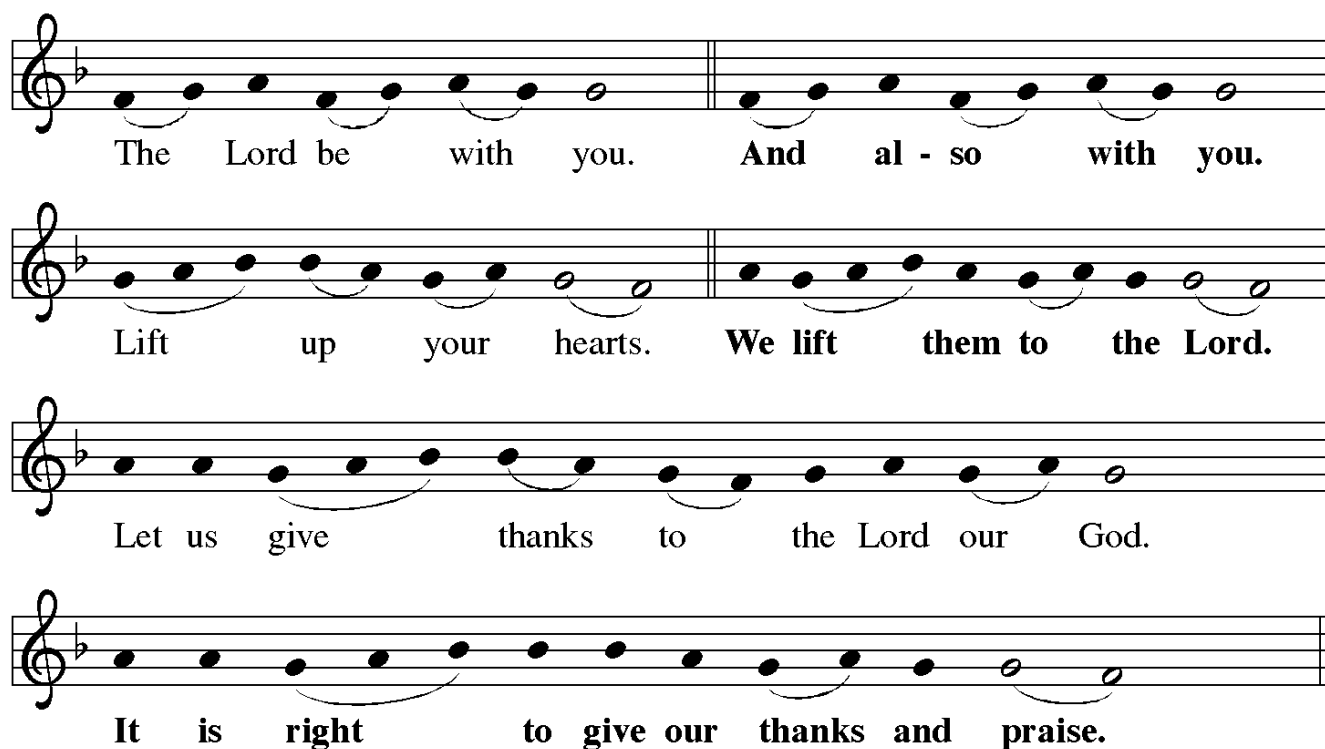
*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, and the lyrics are written below the staves. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

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.
By the witness of your saints you show us the
hope of our calling and strengthen us to run
the race set before us, that we may delight in
your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.
And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of
angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise
your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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



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

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: All creation sings your praise. Sun, moon, and stars reflect your glory. Mountains, lakes, and forests declare your wonders.

P: With Sarah and Abraham we go out in faith, trusting your promise. With Miriam and Moses we celebrate our deliverance from bondage. With Naomi and Ruth we bind ourselves together in covenant love. With Jonathan and David we delight in the gift of deep and abiding friendship. With Mary and Elizabeth we welcome your presence in the birth of Jesus, the Holy One.

P: With Lazarus, Martha, and Mary we give thanks for the blessings of family. With disciples and followers we marvel at the reign of God come near. With saints through the ages we ponder the mystery of Christ's dying and rising.

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: With hearts full of memories and hopes, we break this bread and share this cup, remembering the death and resurrection of Christ, and his promise to be with us always as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

P: O Divine Lover, you are the breath within us. You are our heart's desire. You are our priceless treasure. You are the garden of paradise.

P: Come down, O Love divine. Come among us, O passionate Fire. Come within us, O Spirit of unity. Come, Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty. Bless our table and the feast we share. Bless us with gladness of heart. Come, Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: At this table make us your body. Form us to be people of justice and peace. Fill us with gratitude and generosity that we may bear the fruit of love in word and deed. Come, Holy Spirit.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Praise to you, Author of creation. Praise to you, O Beloved One. Praise to you, O Giver of all good things. Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

Ogidoda galvladi hehi.
Galvquodiyu gesesdi detsadovi.
Tsagvwiyuhi gesv wigananugoi.
Ani elohi winigalisda hadanvdisgvi.
Nasgiya ganulvdi tsinigalisdiha.
Nidadodatlusv ogalisdayvdi sgivsi gohi iga.
Digesgivsiquono desgidugvi nasgiya tsidigayotsineho
tsotsidugi.
Ale tlasdi udagoliyediyi gesv widisgiyatinvstanvgi.
Sgiyudalesgesdiquosgini uyo gesvi.
Tsatseligayeno tsagvwiyuhi gesvi.
Ale tsalinigidiyi gesvi.
Ale etsalvquodiyu gesv nigohilvi.
Emenv.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: There is a place for you at the table of God. Come, receive the food that does not perish, a taste of life eternal.

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



Let the bro - ken ones be healed. Let the



lost be found and fed. Let the grace of God roll on, roll on.



Let the ri - ver rise and spread. Step in - to the stream with me! Let God's

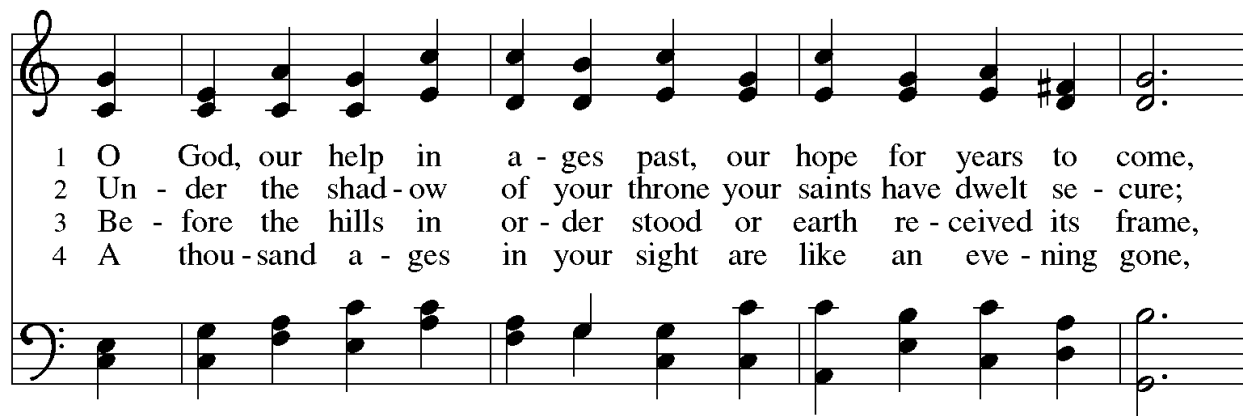


gra - cious pur-pose be. Let God's gra - cious pur-pose be. Let the be.

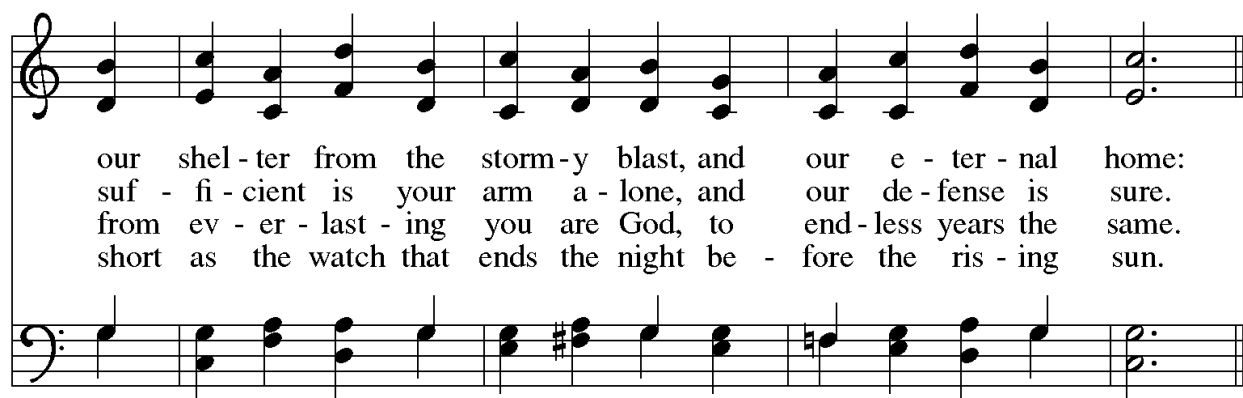
COMMUNION HYMNS

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

ELW#632



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

Give Thanks for Saints

ELW #428



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
 2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
 3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
 4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
 mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
 pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
 live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962

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

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*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. God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: Amen.

+ SENDING +

*BENEDICTION

P: Looking to Jesus and surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, may we live forgiven, running the race God has set before us both now and to eternity, in the name of the Father, and of ✠ the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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*SENDING HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

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1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version

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*DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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.

At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas

Sunday November 1

All Saints Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:30 a.m. MEF meeting
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Worship

Monday November 2

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

Tuesday November 3

- 11 a.m. High School Progressive Lunch
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting
- 7 p.m. 60+ Group Event: IU Cinema

Wednesday November 4

- 12 p.m. Prayer at Noon on Zoom

Thursday November 5

- 7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday November 6

- 6 p.m. 5th – 8th grade lock-in

Sunday November 8

- 8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship
- 9:30 a.m. LuMin Grab & Go Lunch
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Forum
- 11 a.m. Worship
- 12 p.m. LuMin Grab & Go Lunch
- 2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Project

Condolences

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to Jim & Marti Doering on the death of their son, Mychal, which occurred on Saturday, October 24. Rest eternal grant him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.

Announcements

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.

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.

Prayer at Noon on Zoom

Join Pr. Adrienne for Prayer at Noon on Zoom on **Wednesday, November 4** for a quiet twenty minutes of prayer and support. Link here: <https://bit.ly/3jVA3k0>

LuMin Lunch Cart, next Sunday, November 8

The sign-up for hosts and donations is on the Welcome Desk. The food that students take home often goes in their backpacks during the week; we hope it also reminds them of how much our congregation cares about them. Hosting the cart is a great way to meet the students who worship with us. Easy-to-follow instructions are available (contact committee chair Dawn Bakken).

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!

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.**

Seeking a Caroling Coordinator

Caroling to our members who are homebound or who living in a facility is a meaningful holiday tradition at St. Thomas. This year, we are seeking a volunteer coordinator to set the date and coordinate the route(s) for caroling. If you are interested in helping keep this tradition alive, please contact Pr. Adrienne.

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.

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 on Tuesday, November 3

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.**

60+ Group Event: Bloomington Chamber Singers "Bach and Roll" Saturday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the door. If you'd like to carpool to the Unitarian Universalist Church for the concert, please sign up on our bulletin board no later than **Sunday, November 1 and arrive at the STLC parking lot no later than 7 p.m. on the night of the concert.**

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 to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

The altar flowers this week are given
by Judy Louise
in memory of her mother Carol Little.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Sacha Arterberry, Shirley Mingee,
Susan Colston

Bread & Wine: Haley Hatton

Coffee Crew: Larry & Mary Moore, Matt Meier

Flowers: Jan Sinn

Prayer Writer: Janine Drake

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

8:30 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Robin Hershberger

Lectors: Kris Stewart, David Ellies

Ushers: Sacha Arterberry, Carol Seaman

Communion Stewards: Jaydene Laros,
Ian Bensberg

Greeters: Mike & Jaydene Laros

Council Coordinator: Johnathan Frank

11 a.m. Service

Assisting Minister: Carolyn Sowinski

Lectors: Chris Ogan, Vicki Polansky

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Stewards: Susan Colston,
Debbie Witt

Greeters: Mike & Debbie Witt

Council Coordinator: Randy Arnold

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