

# THE FEAST OF ST. THOMAS

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## OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—Missouri Synod

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✠ Hymns ✠  
724  
517:1, 6, 3  
719

**Visitors, welcome to Our Savior!** We follow a traditional Lutheran order of service, which is based on Holy Scripture and historical practice. The order of service in this bulletin is taken from *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB) Divine Service Setting Three. Please feel free to ask any member of the congregation for help if this is new to you.

### **This evening we will celebrate Holy Communion**

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Lord's Body and Blood. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.

Individuals needing pastoral care can contact **Pastor Jonathan McCall** at (216) 618-1811 or [rev.mccall@pm.me](mailto:rev.mccall@pm.me)



## ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

6:00pm

### THE PRELUDE

*The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.*

*Please STAND and face the Procession (beginning at the rear of the nave).*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

724 *If God Himself Be for Me*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

*KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.** PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,  
**and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** PSALM 32:5

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...*

Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**Amen.**

ST. MARK 16:16; ST. JOHN 1:12

STAND

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

2 TIMOTHY 2:12B, 4:8B, [ST. MATTHEW 5:10-11]; PSALM 27:1A, 6B



|The Spir-| it of Truth will guide you / into all truth:  
for He shall / glorify Me.—

**Ye shall / be my witnesses:**

**because ye have been with Me / from the beginning.**

Blessed are ye when ye are persecute- / ed for My sake:  
for the kingdom of / heaven is yours.—

**The LORD is my Light and / my Salvation:**

**I will sing, yea, I will sing praises / unto the LORD.—**

***Glory be to the Fa- / ther and to the Son  
and to / the Holy Spirit;***

**As it was in / the beginning,**

**is now, and will be / forever. Amen.**

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THE NINE-FOLD KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47

*“Kyrie eleison” (KIH-ree-ay eh-LAY-ee-sohn); “Christe” (KRIS-tay)*



1 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.  
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.  
3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

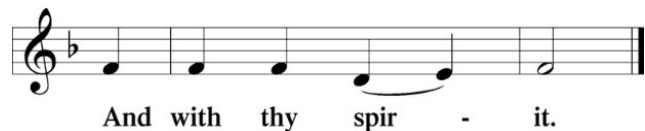


Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.  
Chris - te e - le - - - i - son.  
Ky - ri - e e - le - - - i - son.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You strengthened Your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in the resurrection of Your Son. Grant us such faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that we may never be found wanting in Your sight; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



SIT

THE OLD TESTAMENT

JUDGES 6:36-40

In those days: Gideon said to God, “If You will save Israel by my hand as You have said—look, I shall put a fleece of wool on the threshing floor; if there is dew on the fleece only, and it is dry on all the ground, then I shall know that You will save Israel by my hand, as You have said.” And it was so. When he rose early the next morning and squeezed the fleece together, he wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowlful of water. Then Gideon said to God, “Do not be angry with me, but let me speak just once more: Let me test, I pray, just once more with the fleece; let it now be dry only on the fleece, but on all the ground let there be dew.” And God did so that night. It was dry on the fleece only, but there was dew on all the ground.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 19:4, 1



Their sound is gone out / into all the earth: and their words to / the end of heaven.

The heavens declare the glor- / y of Gôd: and the firmament show- / eth forth His handiwork.

THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 10:10-18

Brethren: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace which He made to abound toward us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

ST. JOHN 15:16

Cantor chants the verse; congregation sings the Alleluia.



Alleluia. I have chosen you out of the world that ye / should bring forth fruit: and your / fruit should remain.—

Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

ST. MATTHEW 4:18-22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time,* Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven *and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man*; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the ✠ life of the world to come. Amen.**

*SIT*

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY 517:1, 6, 3** *By All Your Saints in Warfare*

**THE SERMON**

*STAND*

## THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12

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 Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*SIT*

## THE OFFERING

*Jesus Sat with His Disciples*

*STAND*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

*After each bid:* Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*At the conclusion:* O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

### THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]

We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]

It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

### THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,

bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

*KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

Our Father who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be Thy name,  
 Thy kingdom come,  
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
 give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver ☩ us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
 forever and ever. Amen.

**THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT**

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ☩ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY ☩ BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

**THE PAX DOMINI**

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ☩ peace of the Lord be with you always.

A - men.

**THE AGNUS DEI**

ST. JOHN 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*SIT*

**THE COMMUNION HYMN**

*719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction*

*STAND*





## THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32

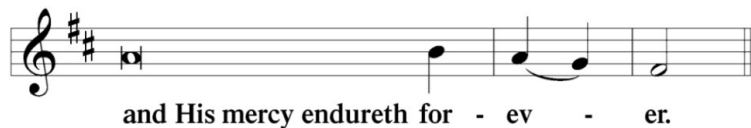


Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

## THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

## THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



Thanks be to God.

*KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE*

## THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

STAND

## THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

*Please face the Procession as it passes your pew.*

*Once the Retiring Procession reaches the narthex, depart in ☩ peace.*

