

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Easter II
10:00 a.m.
April 11, 2021

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Thank you** everyone for joining us this morning for our worship service. Please join us inside or you can listen to the service on your car radio at 96.9. If you miss the service you can always watch it on our Facebook page. If any problems happen doing the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately. Thank you again!
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Wendy Weber's birthday.
- **Steve will** be watching from the door and will bring out bulletins and communion cups to those who stay in their cars. Those coming inside can pick up your bulletin and communion cup as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the desk by the door. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of January. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is Deb Wolff.**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **St. Joan of Arc** is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, April 19 from 1-7. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment which is highly encouraged. Or you can go to RedCrossBlood.org to register. Thank you! Blood Donations are Essential!
- **My name is Belinda** and I am helping a friend to fill some production positions at a Ravenna plant. There are openings on 1st and 2nd shifts with pay from \$11ish-13ish an hour. The plant works Monday thru Saturday. Please call me at 440-465-0645 for more details and to set up an interview.
- **Contact Person:** Please call Pastor Just at 216-789-6688 or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions. Pastor Just is in the office on Thursdays.

Attendance Maundy Thursday 8 Adults

Attendance Good Friday 13 Adults 2 Children

Attendance last Sunday 30 Adults 4 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1521.18
Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	5.00
Mission	00.00
1 + 1 + 1	12.00
Loose	00.00
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Total Offering	1553.00

Needed each week to meet budget--\$1,112.21

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

C: **We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.**

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, so that we may turn from the darkness of doubt and disbelief, and may walk in the light of the Lord.

Silence for meditation and self-examination.

P: Almighty and all-merciful God,

C: **We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended Your majesty and defied Your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where You once said, "Let there be light." We deserve the doom that You have decreed. We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.**

P: But Christ is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Since we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

C: **For His sake we implore You, O God, forgive our sins, and open our eyes to the reality of the resurrection. Let us be raised with Christ.**

P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name." That word is now proclaimed to you.

C: **We have seen the Lord! Alleluia! Amen.**

Entrance Hymn *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

No. 210

Kyrie

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.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**The Hymn of Praise—This is the feast pg. 60*

People: Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**
- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain**
- 3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**
- 4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**
- 5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain**

The Prayer for the Day

P: We are witnesses, O Father...

C: **“We declare to you what was from the beginning...”**

P: witnesses with John and Peter...

C: **“What we have heard...”**

P: witnesses with Mary Magdalene and Cleopas...

C: **“What we have seen with our eyes...”**

P: witnesses, indeed, even with Thomas...

C: **“What we have looked at and touched with our hands.”**

P: We are witnesses, O Father, of the resurrection of Your Son.

C: **Make us faithful in our witness! Let us shine!**

P: Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: **and forever. Amen.**

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Acts 4:32-35

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Song *“Let Us Praise The Lord, Our God Almighty”*

Psalm 148 Insert

The Second Lesson 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³ we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷ but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one

another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ² and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

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Gospel Verse: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*The Holy Gospel according to John 20:19-31

C: Glory to you, O Lord. Pg. 63

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, *“Peace be with you.”* ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, *“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”* ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, *“Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”*

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, *“We have seen the Lord.”* But he said to them, *“Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”*

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, *“Peace be with you.”* ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, *“Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”* ²⁸ Thomas answered him, *“My Lord and my God!”* ²⁹ Jesus said to him, *“Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”*

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Sermon “And Just What Did You See?”

Hymn of the Day “O Sons and Daughters of the King”

Insert

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,
Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea and sky,
and midwife of every life
that emerges from the womb of the earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ.
Born of the womb of Mary,
He was the first of our race to live fully
the destiny for which we were all created.**

Healing the broken

**and serving the poor,
liberating the burdened
and reconciling heaven and earth;
His every action unmasked the evil
that waits to enslave us all. Hell, wounded at
its heart
and filled with bitterness and rage,
struck back in fury unrestrained.**

**Jesus was condemned by the religious
and crucified by the state.
He died forsaken, a man of sorrows.
No pain in our hearts or in our planet
is unfamiliar to Him
for He was cast into the jaws of death.**

**Redeeming even death,
God raised Jesus from the grave
and with wounded hands He embraces us.
He ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present
and there is now nothing
beyond the reach of His healing touch.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who raises us from the waters of death,
breathes new life into us
and declares us to be God's beloved.**

**And we believe
Christ came that all may have life.
Violence and hatred have done their worst
but Christ's reign of peace will conquer.
All who trust in Christ,
though they die,
shall be lifted to life in all its fullness.
The grip of suffering
will be forever broken,
and death shall have no dominion. Amen.**

**The Prayers of the Church* pg. 65

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

P: Eternally creative God, give us the faith and courage to recreate the world in your image.
We ask this in the name of the risen one, Jesus our Lord and Savior.

C: **Amen.**

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** pg. 68

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

P: It is indeed right to give You thanks and praise,
O God, for You have raised Jesus Christ from the
dead and by Your grace we have life in His name.

From the very beginning, the Word of life was with
You, creating everything in earth and heaven.
You rescued Your people from death and called them
to follow You, walking in the light.

You sent Your Word of Life into the world
your Son, Jesus, shining Your light into our
darkness, that the sins of the world might be
forgiven.

Though He was killed by those who walk in
darkness, You raised Him to resurrection life and
now He lives at Your side forever, advocating
mercy for all who stumble into sin.

Through His great grace we are able to live in
fellowship with You and in peace with one another,
in one heart and mind.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the
company of heaven, we praise and glorify Your
name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty.
All space and all time show forth Your glory
now and always. Amen.**

P: On the night when He was betrayed our Lord Jesus
took bread into His hands, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples with the
words,

*“Take and eat; this is My Body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way He took the cup, spoke a prayer of thanks over it and said,

*“This cup is the new covenant in My blood,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Each time you drink of this cup,
do it in remembrance of me*

Therefore, Lord, our God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation; that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf; and that He will come to judge the living and the dead on the day which You have appointed.

We pray, Lord our God, send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ.

We pray that we may surrender ourselves completely to Your service, and that, in the midst of this world, and before the eyes of all Your people, we may live Your Gospel and be the sign of Your peace; that we may support and serve each other in love; that our hearts may be opened to the poor, the sick, and the dying, and to all who are in need, that so we may be the Church of Jesus Christ, united with all faithful people everywhere.

Through Him and with Him and in Him You are blessed and praised, Lord our God, almighty Father, in union with the Holy Spirit, today and all days, forever.

C: Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**C: 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.

Communion

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very Body and Blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may honor His sacrifice by continuing His mission in the world.

All are invited to take the communion packet that was provided as you came to worship this morning.

P: Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, broken for you to be made whole.

All are invited to open the larger cup from the communion packet and partake of the wafer therein.

P: Take, drink, the Blood of Christ, poured out for you to be filled with His endless life.
Please open the smaller cup to consume the wine.

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: You have given us Your peace, O Christ:

C: **Peace be with You."**

P: You have given us direction O Christ:

C: **"As the Father has sent me, so I send you."**

P: Breathe Your Spirit upon us. You are the Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

P: Go now, sent by the One who was sent by God.

Walk in the light;

Testify to the resurrection of Christ; forgive the sins

Of all, and live at peace with one another.

God bless you with life forever;

Christ Jesus breathe His Spirit and peace into you;

the Holy Spirit lead you into the life and light + of

God.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song *"Christ Is Arisen, Alleluia"*

With One Voice No. 678

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED—NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS!

Please remember these members in your prayers

Bill Crile—recovering from surgery
Jim Doerfler—serious mouth surgery
Carol Earle—immediate family for peace and comfort
Deb Earle—health issues
Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength and loss of Grandpa Ron
Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from
 melanoma and loss of her dad Ron Stenglein
Palagia Hlava—complications from MS
Nicole Johnson—healing from side pain—still running tests
Lorene Kozar—recovering from high blood pressure
Joanna Nicely--migraines
Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes
Kenny Nicely III-shoulder pain
Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy
Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies to work in Normal, Illinois for 2 months
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS
Amy Rohaley—recovering from surgery. Glad you are here!
Diane Seman—searching for job
Joyce Torres—healing of her foot after fall
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a new preemie—2 month old
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely, Grace Rohaley
Troy Roman—joined the Marines

Remember in prayer these friends of the congregation

For our Bishop, Jamison Hardy, and the congregations and pastors of the English District and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.
Debbie Anderson--multiple myeloma—friend of Deb Wolff
Rick & Alice Artman—both in pain for needed knee replacement—
 brother & sister-in-law of Joyce
Roger Black—lung cancer is back—brother-in-law of Deb
Avis Blowers—praise of thanksgiving—chemo worked—friend of Guy
Ed Boland-COVID19-recovering at home—Praise God!--Pastor's
 son-in-law's brother
Tim Borbely—neck surgery—brother of Diane Lee
Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter
John Butterbaugh—spot on his lung—friend of Joyce
Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle
Jerry Chapala—heart attack—Amy's uncle
Leona Corban—shingles—Marla's mom
Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother
Laura Dean—Praise God for healing from covid—sister of Joyce
Sommer & Mark Dunlevy-family concerns-friend of the Wolff's
Jamie Dunn—battling cancer—bus driver for Streetsboro
Earle Family—family member seeking to purchase new home
Bill Earle—underwent heart bypass—continued healing—brother of Bob
Billy Earle Jr.—diabetes, leg amputation—in rehab
Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's
George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim
Bridget Gehri—medical issues—friend of Trudy Ayers
Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many
Lisa Hlava—in hospital with a blood infection—sister-in-law of Steve
Debbie Hovanetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems
John—massive heart attach—pray for kidneys to work—neighbor of Joyce
 Torres
Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce
Brad Kozar—suffering from propsychotic depression—son of Lorene
Matt Langsten and other peace officers—nephew of Amy
Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—homesick—sister of Marla
Lauren—healing from surgery—step cousin of Diane Lee

Kristina Lonardo—problems with pregnancy—friend of Trudy
Tyler Llutz—hodgekins lymphoma—son of Deb’s co-worker
Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff’s cousin
Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce
Anne Mack—in hospice for breast cancer—dear neighbor and mentor
growing up of Deb’s
Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve’s Dad
Nadine Nicely—in tremendous pain from cancer in her lungs & nerves—
Joyce’s sister-in-law
Samantha Nicely—migraines—granddaughter of Joyce
James Olsen—healing from seizures—friend of Amy
Inge Osborne—battling cancer—past member and friend
Sandi & Ron Platen—health issues—family of Steve Manijak
Karen Power—healing from back fusions—friend of the Earle’s
Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle’s
Valonte Ragland—paralyzed from car accident—co-worker’s son of Amy
Latesha Ragland—learning how to care for Valonte
Art Robinson—relief from pain—co-worker of Steve Hlava
Agnes Rovison—stroke—friend of Amy
John Rutherford—covid—friend of Joyce
Leslie Slanina—continued heling—Gilbert’s mom
Mary Small—psoriasis issues—co-worker of Steve Hlava
Thelma—her daughter’s issues—friend of Robin
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck
Zack—life problems—Joyce’s friend’s son
Tim Wheeler—bladder cancer surgery—friend of Amy
COVID 19 virus patients