

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



The Holy Trinity
10:00 a.m.
May 30, 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 loving memory of our loved ones who have gone before us and all our military members who served this country and gave their all.
- **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 June. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is Diane Lee.**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **For the month of May** we will be collecting items for the Pregnancy Center of Akron. Needed are baby clothes up to 5T, baby bottles, diapers, formula, Wipes, Maternity clothing, layettes and other baby items. Please bring in your items any Sunday in May and Robin will make sure they get to the Center the first week of June. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **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 last Sunday 14 Adults 0 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	470.00
Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	5.00
Mission	0.00
1 + 1 + 1	15.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>00.00</u>
Total Offering	505.00

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

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Absolution

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Entrance Hymn *“All Glory Be to God on High”* No. 166

The 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.**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

***The Hymn of Praise—Glory to God pg. 59**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by Your eternal Spirit, and revealing Your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship You, with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said:

“Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm *“Ascribe to the Lord Our God”* Psalm 29 Insert

The Second Lesson Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Verse

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

*The Holy Gospel John 3:1-17

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “*Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.*” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “*Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.*” ⁶*What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.* ⁷*Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’* ⁸*The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.*” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “*Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?*

¹¹*“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.*” ¹²*If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?* ¹³*No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.* ¹⁴*And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,* ¹⁵*that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

¹⁶*“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*

¹⁷*“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Music for Reflection *“You are Everything
(Everything I Need)*

My Soul is yearning for Your living stream
My heart is aching for You
All that I long for is found in Your heart
You are everything I need

You are the thirst
You are the stream
You are the hunger living deep inside of me
You are the food that satisfies
You are provision for the journey of our lives
You are everything You are.

The Sermon “*Can You Explain It?*”

Hymn of the Day “*I Bind unto Myself Today*” No. 188

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***The Prayers of the Church**

P: Inspired by the Spirit, we now offer our prayers to God our Father in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Almighty God, with tender love we call you our Abba. Answer the prayers of Your children gathered here, for we rely on You and have confidence in You. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up our 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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and the Holy Spirit; three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord—God of power and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

In great love You sent to us Jesus, Your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor, and
who, on the cross, opened His arms to all.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord
Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and
gave it to the disciples, saying:

*Take and eat; this is My body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of Me.”*

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.”*

Remembering, therefore, His death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await His coming glory.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit,

That by this Holy Communion we may know
the unity we share with all Your people in the
body of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. 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: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

A Responsive Prayer for Memorial Day

P: Lord God, You have sustained our nation in the past and continue to bless us. We recall how so many have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Men and women continue to sacrifice and serve in the Armed Forces. Today we pause to reflect on and honor those who gave, and continue to give, their lives.

C: **We remember the great courage and selfless service of so many throughout history. We remember their honorable sacrifice for the freedom of others. Comfort the families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Comfort those who suffer permanent injuries as a result of their service to our nation.**

P: We remember with thankfulness the millions of Americans who give so generously of their life and labor in times of national conflict, particularly the family members of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen.

C: **We are grateful for the devotion and sacrifices of military families. Grant us the resources and willing hearts to support them in their needs.**

P: Lord, You prayed earnestly for Your disciples, that they would be kept in Your Name, filled with joy and sanctified in Your Word.

C: **Keep our chaplains in Your Name. Fill them with the joy that comes from knowing You have defeated sin and death. Sanctify their ministry in Your Word of truth.**

P: Gracious Lord, we ask for Your strength for our chaplains who serve in the Veterans Administration hospitals as they provide pastoral care to hurting and wounded veterans.

C: **Lord, mend the wounds of all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Grant their physicians knowledge and wisdom as they seek the best treatment for patients' suffering.**

P: God of mercy, grant patience and insight to our chaplains who serve all branches of our Armed Forces, the Veterans Administration hospitals, federal prisons, and the Civil Air Patrol. Only through Your sustaining love can they move out daily with confidence and joy. These and all things we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go out and in all of life, worship the Lord.
Entrust yourself to the winds of God's Spirit;
put to death selfish desires,
and offer yourself for God's mission in the world.

God the Father give strength to you and to all;
Christ Jesus the Son bless you with peace;
The Holy Spirit, whispering within your hearts,
give you assurance that you are + God's children.

C: Amen.

Closing Song *"Holy, Holy, Holy"* No. 165

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 & Sharon Crile—recovery from hospital stay and illness
Jim Doerfler—serious mouth surgery—continued healing
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
Lorene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery
Joanna Nicely--migraines
Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes
Kenny Nicely III-shoulder pain—healing from surgery
Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy
Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies to work in Normal, Illinois for 2 months
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS
Diane Seman—searching for job
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a preemie
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.

Rick Arman—knee replacement recovery—brother of Joyce
Alice Artman—in pain for needed knee replacement—sister-in-law of Joyce
Barbara's daughter delivered twins--in NICU—co-worker of Joyce
Roger Black—lung cancer is back—brother-in-law of Deb
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
Chuck—has Covid—coworker of Stephen Nicely
Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's
Leona Corban—shingles—Marla's mom
Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother
Deb Defer—eye problems—sister of Diane Lee
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
Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom
Charles Hovavetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's
Debbie Hovavetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems
John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce
Sherry Johnson—stroke recovery—grandma of Nicole and Gabe
Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce

Brad Kozar—suffering from propsychotic depression—son of Lorene
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 of Deb’s
Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve’s Dad
Mary—wound on ankle that is slow in healing—neighbor of Diane Lee

Nadine Nicely—passed away May 21—Joyce’s sister-in-law

Samantha Nicely—migraines—granddaughter of Joyce
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—starting to take steps—co-worker’s son of Amy

Latesha Ragland—learning how to care for Valonte

Jessica Reker—job searching—friend of Amy

John Rutherford—covid—friend of Joyce
Leslie Slanina—continued heling—Gilbert’s mom
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck
Linda Valetta and family—family issues—friend of Robin
Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce
Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder
Zack—life problems—Joyce’s friend’s son

COVID 19 virus patients