

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost VII
10:00 a.m.
July 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 Bill Crile, Dianne Reynolds and Keith Larkins birthdays.
- **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 stand by the bulletin stand. Seve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of July. Still need volunteers. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **July Service Project...**Summer is a hard time for the children of our community. With school out there is no free breakfast and lunches for them. Let us help them out by bringing food items to be donated to the Streetsboro Community Pantry. Monetary donations would be great too. A basket is set up in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!!
- **Council discussed** bringing the service back to its normal service. We will still be offering it through Facebook and the radio. Everything that is decided will take place at our first service in September. If you have any suggestions as to how we should do this please let a council member or pastor know. Council members are Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres and Del Groff.
- **The prayer list** is getting a little long. If there is anyone we can take off with good news, please let Marla know or put a card in the offering plate.
- **The July-September 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 12 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense 320.00

Building Fund 5.00

Benevolence 55.00

Mission 0.00

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Loose 1.00

Total Offering 402.00 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: The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

C: **“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”**

P: Conscious of the warnings of God’s faithful prophets, ancient and modern, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess to You with contrite hearts that we
have sinned.**

**Our thoughts, our words, our deeds condemn us. We have flouted Your authority,
and questioned the wisdom of Your goodness.**

We are doomed to die!

**For the sake of the innocent sufferings and death
of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, we plead for
mercy.**

**Forgive our sins that our ears—and our hearts—
may be open to Your Word.**

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. For the sake of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven, just as God chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in love.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Entrance Hymn “*Rise, O Children of Salvation*” No. 182

The Kyrie pg. 57

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. Holy and merciful God,

C: **give us a clear vision to see what is right and true,
and the courage to live by it, whatever the cost
may be.**

**We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.’”

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm “*My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*” Psalm 85 No. 519

The Second Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. 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 Mark 6:14-29

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

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the many healings], for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl.

Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “Why Is This Story Included?”

Hymn of the Day “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth”

No. 396

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

**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 into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

***The Prayers of the Church**

P: As one people called by God, let us pray.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creator of the world, Sustainer of the church, hear our prayers, accept the praise and thanks of our worship, and grant us that which makes us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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, through Christ our lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with 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 light,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

P: We give You our thanks and praise, O God,
for in Christ You are gathering all things into one
communion and adopting us as Your own beloved children.

Every created thing is Yours,
for You founded the earth
and gave life to all who live on it.

Even before that, You chose us
and planned for our inclusion into Your life
of wholeness, holiness and glorious splendor.

With all wisdom and insight
you made known to Your people the mystery of Your will.

Though tyrants have opposed Your truth,
cutting down Your prophets,
and crucifying Your Son, Jesus Christ,
you have not left us to death's powers.

When You raised Christ from the dead,
You opened the ancient gates to us
and sealed us with Your promised Holy Spirit,
so that we might enter Your resurrection life,
leaping and dancing,
and receive every blessing of heaven.

Therefore, with our voices proclaiming with the
prophets of old we shout aloud the glory of Your Name
giving You thanks always for Your grace and
mercy and sharing Your life-giving Word with the world around us.

C: Amen.

P: On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord
Jesus Christ took bread into his hands, gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to the 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 sin,
Each time you drink of this cup,
Do it in remembrance of Me.”*

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 filled us with your word, O Christ,

C: even as You have filled us with Yourself.

P: Direct us to spread your word throughout the world.

C: For we are Your prophetic people.

P: We bless You now and evermore.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

P: Go out, and live lives that glorify God.

Act with integrity.

Do not sell yourself out to delusions

or give your word deceitfully.

Stand up for the truth and rejoice in the Lord.

God give you all the blessings of heaven;

Christ Jesus gather you into His family;

the Holy Spirit deliver you safely

into the rich destiny prepared for + God's people.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song *“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O
God”* Insert

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
Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength
Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from melanoma
Palagia Hlava—complications from MS
Stephanie Johnson—sprained wrist
Laurene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a preemie
Marla Manijak, daughters and family traveling mercies to PA and back
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
Amy Rohaley—traveling mercies as she vacations in the Carolinas
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.
Alayna—mysterious bug bite—granddaughter of Joyce
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce
Aaron—marriage problems—brother of Joyce
Roger Black—lung cancer trouble breathing—brother-in-law of Deb
Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter
Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle
Lana Carnes—heart attack and stroke—friend of the Wolff's
Chuck—has Covid—coworker of Stephen Nicely
Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's
Leona Corban—pulled muscle in her back—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—back to work—bus driver for Streetsboro
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
Jayne—suffered a stroke—Joyce's son's fiance'
John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce
Sherry Johnson—stroke recovery—grandma of Nicole and Gabe
Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—sister of Marla
Lauren—healing from surgery—step cousin of Diane Lee
Kristina Lonardo—problems with pregnancy—friend of Trudy
Tyler Lutz—hodgkins lymphoma—son of Deb's co-worker
Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin
Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce
Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve's Dad
Mary—wound on ankle that is slow in healing—neighbor of Diane Lee

Samantha—ear barotrauma{swelling} from being hit by a wave in Ocean City--granddaughter of Joyce

Inge Osborne—cancer—doing well—no chemo—friend of St. Thomas

Sandi Platen—health issues—sister of Steve Manijak

Jodie Powers—addiction healing—niece of Steve and Marla

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

Leonard Rohaley—surgery last Tuesday for an aneurysm—uncle of Amy

Leslie Slanina—healing—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

Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's

Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

COVID 19 virus patients