

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost XII
10:00 a.m.
August 15, 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 to the Glory of God.
- **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. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of August. 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 Marla Manijak.**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **August 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 continue this service project through August and 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 waiting for your donations. Thank you!!
- **Church Council will be meeting** today after the worship service.
- **Council had their** meeting on July 18 and have decided to not make any changes at this time because of the uptick in the CoVid 19 new variants. Mask wearing is not required by is still an excellent idea. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as seem appropriate. Any suggestions please let Pastor or council members Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres or Del Groff know.
- **The prayer list** is getting a little long. I will not remove anyone unless I'm told to. 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 14 Adults 0 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	530.00	<u>Loose</u>	0.00
Building Fund	15.00	Total Offering	562.00
Benevolence	5.00		
Mission	00.00		
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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: O God, You search us out and know us,
and all that we are is open to You.

We confess that we have sinned.

C: **In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P: When we use our power to dominate
and our weaknesses to manipulate:

C: **In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P: When we evade responsibility and fail to confront evil:

C: **In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P: When we are seduced by fashionable dreams
and pursue our desires at the expense of others:

C: **In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P: When we despair of changing the world
and neglect to change even ourselves:

C: **In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P: When we fail to integrate spirit and flesh
and forfeit our wholeness and dignity:

C: **In Your mercy, Lord, forgive us and heal us.**

P: We turn to You, O God of infinite mercy;

C: **We renounce evil; we claim Your love; we seek to be made whole.**

P: If the Lord recorded our sins, no one could survive,
but God's capacity for forgiveness is extraordinary.

The Lord will bring mercy and grant full pardon.

Sisters and Brothers, your sins are forgiven;
be at peace.

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

Entrance Hymn "*Let the Whole Creation Cry*" No. 242

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.**

**The Hymn of Praise—pg. 58*

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

C: **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: Your promises are precious, O God—given as thoughtful gifts, valued by Your people.

C: **Give us faith, O God—perfect faith, in this imperfect world.**

P: For we have received Your Son's precious promise: "My flesh is true food and my blood is true drink."

C: **We have heard Your Son's ironclad assurance: "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life."**

P: And because we put our faith in them...because we regard them as precious,

C: **We rejoice in His promise: "I will raise them up on the last day!"**

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 Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

²She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴"You that are simple, turn in here!"
To those without sense she says,

⁵"Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight."

This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm *“I Will Praise You, Lord”* Psalm 111 Insert

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:15-20

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰ giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 6:51-58

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

⁵¹ Jesus said]: *“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”* ⁵² *The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”* ⁵³ *So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵ for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon *“Power Food—Part II”*

Hymn of the Day *“O Bread of Life from Heaven”*

No. 222

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,

**who made the world and reaches out to it
with a love fierce and passionate, tender and kind.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ—God revealed in a
human life.**

**He touched the untouchable,
pardoned the unforgivable and
unmasked the powers that enslave us.**

In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the

grave,
and with him went our hopes of salvation.
Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair
and leading us across into the land of freedom and
promise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit—God’s mysterious
presence with us—
whose breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions,
awakening courage, humor and hope.

We believe that we ourselves are made in the image of
God and growing to wholeness in Christ.

Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a
common life:

a life laid open to all;
overflowing with love and mercy;
richer than mind can measure,
but appearing foolish to the world.

And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser
than the wisdom of the world,
and that the suffering of God will heal the earth
and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.

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**The Prayers of the Church*

P: As a mother setting food before her hungry children, God satisfies our most basic needs
and our deepest longings. Confident that we have a solicitous God, we pray now for our
church and our world.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All loving God, the source of all good gifts, we praise and thank You for Your provident
care. Hear the prayers we have made in faith. As a gracious mother, feed us with the
bread of life so we might abide with You forever. We make this prayer as always
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: Gracious God, You created the heavens and the earth,
And all Your creatures draw their life from You.
Even when we have rebelled against You,
You have never left us hanging in fear
or crying from the depths.

In love and mercy You hear our yearning prayers
and mark us out for the day of redemption.

You sent to us Your Son, Jesus Christ,
the bread of life for our deepest hunger,
and You drew us to him that we might learn from
Him.

When the world turned against Him,
He gave Himself up, in the fullness of love,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to You
for the life of the whole world,
so that we and all who trust Him
might feed on Him and have life without limit.

Therefore, filled with the bounty that comes from
Your hand
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.**

Song for the Eucharist “Eat This Bread” WOV 709

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 fed us, O Christ, as You fed Your first
disciples.
You have fed us with that soul-food which nurtures
enough love within us to outstrip the fears and
enmity that ties the world up in knots.**

You have fed us with that spiritual bread which
strengthens our hands for service those broken and
lost people whom this world deems a waste of
space.

You have fed us, so that we may be fulfilled with
some of that joy which the universe cannot contain.
For your love's sake.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go out, nourished by the bread of heaven,
and take care to walk in the ways of wisdom.
Discern carefully between right and wrong.
Understand what the will of the Lord is.
Feed on Christ and be filled with the Spirit.

God give you a wise and discerning mind;
Christ Jesus fill you with life in all its fullness;
the Holy Spirit overflow in you
in songs of joy and praise + forever.

C: Amen.

Closing Song *“Let All Things Now Living”*

No. 557

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

Laurene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery

Becky Larkins—fostering Holly—possible adoption

Marla Manijak—hip and leg pain—doing better

Steve & Marla Manijak—traveling mercies as we vacation in Kentucky

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—new job situation

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.

Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce

Aaron—marriage problems—brother of Joyce

Roger Black—lung cancer--hospitalized—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

Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's

Bryan Corban—G.I.S.T. tumor on stomach—Marla's brother

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—back & hip pain—sister of Diane Lee

Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's

Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin

George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds

Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim

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

Jeff Hunter—hospitalized for tests—cousin of Amy

Janice—heart problems

Jayne—suffered a stroke—Joyce's son's fiance

John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce

Julie—reaction to Parkinson's medicine—friend of Diane Lee

Steve Kolar family—passed away—friend of Streetsboro

Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—sister of Marla

Laura—family relationship problems—Joyce's sister

Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin

Kevin Lesoveo—COVID in ICU—friend of Rory & Deb

Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce

Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve’s Dad

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

Leo Rohaley—declining health—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 Veletta and family—family issues—friend of Robin

Jay Veletta—head injury—neighbor of Robin

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

Dan Wiley—diagnosed with lymphoma—friend of Diane Lee

Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

Doris Zimmerman—newly diagnosed lung cancer—friend of the Wolff’s

Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence

COVID 19 virus patients