

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**Pentecost XVII**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**September 19, 2021**

**Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor**  
**St. Thomas Lutheran Church**  
**9042 S.R. 43, P.O. Box 2247**  
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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 or 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 Jillian Earle, Jarid Phillips and Patty Phillips birthdays and Corey Hautmann's baptism 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 stand by the bulletin stand. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of October. September is filled. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up for October. **Our lay reader today is Joyce Torres.**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **Pastor Just** started a Bible Study this morning at 9:00 a.m.. It's not too late to join the group. Please join us next Sunday!
- **Service Project...**We are helping out the Lutheran World Relief with the earthquake in Haiti and the hurricane Ida destruction in Louisiana and the northeast portion of our country. Please make check out to the church and place it in the offering plate.
- **Church Council** will be meeting this morning after the worship service.
- **Council had their** meeting on August 22 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 October-December 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** 15 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	660.00		
Building Fund	5.00		
Benevolence	5.00	1 + 1 + 1	13.00
Mission	5.00	Lutheran relief	00.00
Loose	0.00		
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>688.00</b>	<b>Needed to meet budget--</b>	<b>\$1,112.21</b>

## 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: The Lord of hosts judges righteously.

C: **He tests the heart and the mind.**

P: Submit yourselves therefore to God. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: O God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift,

C: **we confess that we are imperfect.**

**Our minds are filled with hate and prejudice;  
our tongues are uncontrolled;  
our deeds do not bear witness to our faith.**

**As sinners we stand condemned.**

**We plead the merits of Your perfect Son, Jesus  
Christ, who willed and spoke and did what You  
command.**

**For our sakes He obeyed;  
for His sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: The will of God is your redemption.

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.

who was betrayed into human hands and killed;  
and on the third day rose again.

In His name and for His sake, I declare to you the  
full forgiveness of all your sins

C: **Lord, make us instruments of Your peace! Amen.**

### Entrance Hymn “*Salvation Unto Us Has Come*” No. 297

#### 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—This is the feast pg. 60**

**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: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: How tempting it is, O God. How tempting to argue with one another:**

**C: “Who among us is the greatest?”**

**P: Yet Your way is a different way, O God—**

**C: “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him.”**

**P: Your idea of who is greatest is different, indeed—**

**C: “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”**

**P: Grant us the grace to resist temptation, O God.**

**C: Teach us to be servants...servants of ALL.**

**P: Then we will welcome children in Your Son’s name.**

**C: Then we will welcome You!**

**P: Even as we will one day be welcomed**

**C: into heaven’s glory.**

**P: Through 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>18</sup> It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds.

<sup>19</sup> But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!”<sup>20</sup> But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **The Psalm “Father, Hear the Prayer We Offer”**

Psalm 54 Insert

### **The Second Lesson James 3:13-4:10**

<sup>13</sup> Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. <sup>15</sup> Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

**4** Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? <sup>2</sup> You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, “God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup> But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says,

“God opposes the proud,  
but gives grace to the humble.”

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you. 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 9:30-37

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

<sup>30</sup> Jesus and His disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; <sup>31</sup> for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “*The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.*” <sup>32</sup> But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup> Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “*What were you arguing about on the way?*” <sup>34</sup> But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. <sup>35</sup> He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “*Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.*” <sup>36</sup> Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup> “*Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63**

**The Sermon** “Define ‘Great’”

**Hymn of the Day “*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*”**

**No. 423**

**Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
In fulfillment of the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and  
glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***\*The Prayers of the Church***

P: Christ calls us to a life of peace and humility in service. Let us pray for strength to live this baptized life.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Receive us, O God, as You received the child in Capernaum, for we yearn for Your mercy, through Your Son, 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 praise and thank You, O God,  
For Your wisdom and humility are the source of  
true greatness and You draw near to all who draw  
near to You.

Like a woman planting a garden,  
You set out and tended the newborn earth,  
And like one who sets food before her family,  
You nourish us with the fruits of the earth  
and the wise teachings of Your Word.  
In every age You have revealed Your wisdom  
to the humble and insignificant ones  
and hidden it from the arrogant and violent.  
In Your Son, Jesus, You showed us  
that true greatness is known in servanthood,  
and that the way of wisdom is found in childlike  
simplicity.  
Betrayed into hostile hands and killed,  
He rose again and called us to follow Him,  
putting aside selfish ambitions  
and walking in the ways of peace, mercy and  
humility.

**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.**

**Song for the Eucharist “Christ Be Our Light” Insert**



### **Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, You who were first—God’s only begotten Son—became last...and the servant of all.

**C: Nourish us for lives of service.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: Go out, clothed in strength and dignity.

Submit yourselves to God and resist the devil.

Delight in the Lord’s teaching,

open your hands to the poor,

and let your actions arise from the wisdom of God.

God draw near to you and strengthen you;

Christ Jesus teach you the ways of simplicity;

the Holy Spirit fill you with wisdom

and make you fruitful in peace + and

righteousness.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** *“Lord Christ, When First you Came to  
Earth” No. 421*

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  
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  
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely  
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

**Alice Artman—Bell's Palsy—sister-in-law of Joyce**

Aaron—marriage problems—brother of Joyce

Jim Barnes—healing—7 broken ribs—cousin of Diane Lee

Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb

Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter

Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle

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

Bob Hlava—recovering at skilled nursing facility—Steve's dad

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

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

Larry Kraus—safe travel to Duluth—friend of Diane Lee

**Mike Latham—carpal tunnel surgery went well now having shoulder surgery on Thursday—  
brother-in-law of Marla**

**Suzanne Latham—strength to take care of Mike—sister of Marla**

Laura—family relationship problems—Joyce's sister

Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin

Lexi—Biopsy and surgery to determine if cancer—Trudy's niece

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

Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad

Joe Manijak—complications after back surgery—brother of Steve  
Samantha—ear barotrauma{swelling}--granddaughter of Joyce  
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy’s sister-in-law  
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  
Jessica Reker—job searching—friend of Amy  
Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy  
Kathi Rohrer—healing from back surgery—co-worker of Joyce  
Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory  
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom  
Ruth Svidron—COVID—co-worker of Joyce  
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—undergoing chemo treatments—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

**Americans still in Afghanistan and those still trying to leave from the terror of the Taliban**  
**The Haitian earthquake survivors, the survivors of Hurricane Ida and all those in harms way from the wildfires and all other natural disasters**  
**Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence**  
**COVID 19 virus patients**