

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



JAMES 5:16

*The prayer of the righteous  
is powerful and effective.*

**Pentecost XVIII  
10:00 a.m.  
September 26, 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 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 loving memory of Helen Borbely's birthday.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Carole Earle and Anibal Torres' birthdays.
- **Anniversary wishes** go out to Tom & Linda Beuck on the 6<sup>th</sup>, Gilbert & Trudy Ayers on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Bill & Sharon Crile are celebrating theirs today. Happy Anniversary to all these couples.
- **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 October. 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 Robin Hoffman.**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **Pastor Just** has started a Bible Study class at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. It's entitled "**How Do I Know I'm a Christian?**" and will run for 3 weeks. 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.
- **The Church Council and Search Committee** have begun meetings with Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua to see if we can share a pastor. Meetings have been going well. We have been passing information on what each can provide and what each need in a pastor. If you would like to know more please Pastor, council members Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres or Del Groff and our search committee members Gilbert Ayers, Guy Jeanblanc, Diane Pencin and Robin Hoffman.
- **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** 17 Adults 1 Child Bible Study 8

Towards Budget:

|                      |              |                         |            |
|----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Current Expense      | 1359.34      | Building Fund           | 15.00      |
| Benevolence          | 5.00         | 1 + 1 + 1               | 8.00       |
| Mission              | 5.00         | Lutheran relief         | 40.00      |
| <u>Altar Flowers</u> | <u>25.00</u> |                         |            |
| Total Offering       | 1452.34      | Needed 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: "Take heed, lest you stumble," says the Lord,

**C: "or put a stumbling block before one who believes in me."**

P: Lest we lose our reward, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

*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 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Insert**

### **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.

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: Loving Father, You have so generously given us all that we are and all that we call our own.

**C: Help us to serve You by managing our possessions wisely, so that they may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing. 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 Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and

Medad are prophesying in the camp.”<sup>28</sup> And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!”<sup>29</sup> But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!” This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**The Psalm** *“All Things Praise You, Lord Most High”* Psalm 19 Insert

**The Second Lesson James 5:13-20**

<sup>13</sup> Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. <sup>14</sup> Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, <sup>20</sup> you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner’s soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. 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 9:38-50

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

<sup>38</sup> John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “*Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.*” <sup>40</sup> *Whoever is not against us is for us.* <sup>41</sup> *For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.*

<sup>42</sup> *“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.*” <sup>43</sup> *If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.* <sup>45</sup> *And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.* <sup>47</sup> *And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,* <sup>48</sup> *where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.*

<sup>49</sup> *“For everyone will be salted with fire.*” <sup>50</sup> *Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

The Sermon *“Who Gets To?”*

Hymn of the Day *“We Have This Ministry”* Insert

*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 are 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 fulfill our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.

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*\*The Prayers of the Church*

P: We have heard again today of the call to discipleship. That we may be empowered to bear the name of Christ, let us pray for ourselves and for the whole world.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We are thirsty, O merciful God; give us a cup of water to drink. Hear our prayers and answer our cries of need through your Son, 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:** O God, in love and mercy You have rescued us  
from all that would harm us or lead us to  
destruction.

The earth and sky were created by Your hand,  
and the land brings forth its harvest when You say.  
You committed Yourself in love to Your people,  
and saved them from the teeth of their enemies.  
When we wandered into the pathways of death,  
You heard our plea for life  
and came to save us in Your son, Jesus Christ.  
Confronting demonic forces  
and offering Your healing and forgiveness to all,  
He honored as allies all who took the side of life.  
He was killed by those who block the paths of the  
humble, but You raised Him back to life  
and sent Your Spirit to fill us with love, mercy  
and an uncompromising passion for righteousness.

**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 "I Received the Living God" WOV 700**

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, on the night You were betrayed You took the bread...You took the cup—

**C:** **and offered Yourself to all who would follow.**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, on the night You were betrayed You promised to send us aid:

**C:** **Your counselor—the Holy Spirit.**

**P:** Enrich us with Your Holy Spirit.

**C:** **May Your Spirit breathe through this world!**

**P:** You are the Lord forevermore.

**C:** **Amen.**

#### **Sending**

**P:** Go now and celebrate wherever God's name is honored.

When suffering comes, pray in faith.

In times of joy, sing songs of praise.

Persevere in prayer and action to bring the fallen back to the truth.



God save you from all that would harm you;  
Christ Jesus heal you and raise you up;  
the Holy Spirit anoint you and give you peace + with  
one another.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “The Potter’s Hand”** 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  
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  
**Jenna Zimmerman—appendicitis—daughter of Kari Earle**  
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  
**Debbie Conrad—home burned down—co-worker of Amy**  
Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla  
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla’s brother  
**Leona Corban—UTI—Marla’s mom**  
**Family of Idabell Davis—family friend of Amy who passed away**

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  
**Kelly Heritage—severe lack of blood flow to legs—co-worker's husband of Deb Wolff's**  
Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom  
**Bob Hlava—well being during Hospice Care—Steve's dad**  
Charles Hovavetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's  
Debbie Hovavetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck  
Janice—heart problems  
Jayme—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—severe pain after shoulder surgery--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  
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  
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**