

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**Pentecost XXI
10:00 a.m.
October 17, 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 celebration of Abigail Ayers and Madelyn Ayers birthdays and Nick Phillips 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 and the month of November. 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**
- **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 "**The Third Peacock**". This study just started this week. 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 talk to 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 4 Children

Bible Study 11 + 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1085.00		
Building Fund	25.00	Benevolence	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	16.00	Mission	5.00
Lutheran relief	00.00	Altar Flowers	25.00
Loose	0.00		
Total Offering	1161.00	Needed 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: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father,

C: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things**

Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness.

We have turned away from each other

in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

We have done the evil You forbid

and have not done the good You demand.

We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins.

Have mercy on us, kind Father,

because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of Your Holy Spirit

move us to serve You faithfully.

Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"* Insert

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. Lord, keep Your family, the Church, faithful to You.

C: **Protect us from all evil, so that we may serve You by doing good, to the glory of Your name. 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 Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴ Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are
healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its
shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸ By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his
future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the
transgression of my people.

⁹ They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and
shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his
knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the
spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was
numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made
intercession for the transgressors.

This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm “*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*” Psalm 104 Insert

The Second Lesson Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 10:35-45

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

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “*What is it you want me to do for you?*” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “*You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?*” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “*The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;* ⁴⁰*but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.*”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “*You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.* ⁴³*But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,* ⁴⁴*and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.* ⁴⁵*For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*The Marks of a Servant*”

Hymn of the Day “*Beauty for Brokenness*” Insert

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: We are called to serve the needs of all those God places in our path, but we require God’s assistance. Let us turn our hearts to God, asking for His help in time of need.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of justice, Lord of love, send Your Spirit to dwell within us, sustaining our efforts of service;

C: We ask this in Jesus’ Name, who lives forever and ever. Amen.

****The Great Thanksgiving***

P: Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord that when He was at table with the disciples at Emmaus, He took bread and blessed, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. This is Christ’s table. Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared.

Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to us, and God will be glorified.

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: We thank You, almighty Lord, that You are a God of all humanity,
that You are not ashamed to be called our God,
that You know us by our name,
that You keep the world in Your hands.

For you have made us and called us in this life to be united to You,
to be Your people on this earth.

Blessed are You, Maker of all exists.

Blessed are You, who have given us space and time in which to live.

Blessed are You for the light of our eyes and the air we breathe.

We thank You for the whole of creation, for all the works of Your hands,
for all You have done in our midst, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Therefore we praise Your Majesty, almighty God, with all Your faithful
people;

therefore we bow before You and adore You with the words:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of all living.
Earth and heaven are filled with Your glory.
We bless Your name.**

Blessed is he who comes in the midst of his people.

P: Blessed are You, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Blessed are You.

Before the foundation of the world You chose us to be Your children.

You have liberated us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son,
the very image and reflection of Your glory.

For Him the universe was made.

In Him we have redemption and forgiveness of sins.

On the night when He was betrayed He took bread into His hands,
gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his 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 sins,
Each time you drink of this cup, do it in remembrance of Me."*

When we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the death of our Lord until He comes.

Therefore, Lord our God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and

die,
but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead,
the firstborn of the whole creation;
that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf;
and that He will come to judge the living and the dead
on the day which You have appointed.

We pray, Lord our God, send us Your Holy Spirit,
the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ.
We pray that we may surrender ourselves completely to Your service,
and that, in the midst of this world,
and before the eyes of all Your people,
we may live Your Gospel and be the sign of Your peace;
that we may support and serve each other in love;
that our hearts may be opened to the poor, the sick, and the dying,
and to all who are in need,
that so we may be the Church of Jesus Christ,
united with all faithful people everywhere.

Through Him and with Him and in Him You are blessed and praised,
Lord our God, almighty Father,
in union with the Holy Spirit, today and all days, forever.

C: 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.**

Song for the Eucharist "As the Grains of Wheat" WOV No. 705

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: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church.

C: **We ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Sending

P: Go now with the words of your high priest in your ears:

“You are a forgiven people.”

Christ has welcomed you into his embrace:

do not lord it over others.

Strive not to be served, but to serve,

and pray, with cries and tears, for the salvation of all.

God be present to you in times of trial;

Christ Jesus pray for you and secure your forgiveness;

the Holy Spirit fill you with hope + and humility.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” No. 433

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
Lorene Kozar—lonely—possibly moving to Mentor assisted living
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly—possible adoption
Ken Nicely II—possible kidney failure due to diabetes
Kenny Nicely III—shoulder 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

Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain

Jenna Zimmerman—appendicitis—daughter of Kari Earle
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely, Thomas Ayers
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—transition from Memory Care to move to Concord, OH—father of Carol Earle
Debbie Conrad—home burned down—co-worker of Amy
Leona Corban—UTI—Marla's mom
Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother
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
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—medication change helping w/hallucination—friend of Diane Lee
Levi Just—hiking the White Mountains in New Hampshire—son of Pastor and Kristine
Larry Kraus—safe travel to Duluth—friend of Diane Lee
Mike Latham—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—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—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
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
Terri Zeigler—broken arm—on chronic dialysis—friend of the Wolffs’s
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

