

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost XX
10:00 a.m.
October 10, 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 Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Stephanie Johnson's birthday.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Joanna Nicely, Gilbert Ayers and Thomas Ayers baptism 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 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 Marla Manijak.** Need one for next Sunday.
- **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 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 16 Adults 2 Children
Bible Study 12

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	385.00	Building Fund	25.00
Benevolence	5.00	1 + 1 + 1	12.00
Mission	0.00	Lutheran relief	20.00
Loose	0.00		
Total Offering	447.00	Needed to meet budget--	\$1,112.21

Welcome and Announcements

A Song for Meditation “You Have Been So Good”

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

C: **Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned, both in our actions and in our failure to act.**

A brief silence for individual prayer and reflection.

P: Our desire to be measured by our deeds, not our faith, we confess to the Lord;

C: **forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our lack of insight into where God is doing good, we confess to the Lord;

C: **forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our failure to confess Christ boldly and freely, we confess to the Lord;

C: **forgive us, Lord.**

P: The many times we have allowed evil to defeat us, we confess to the Lord;

C: **forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our reluctance and our fear to take up the cross of Christ, we confess to the Lord.

C: **forgive us, Lord.**

After the final bidding the prayer of confession concludes:

P: Merciful Father, give us pardon and peace and free us from our sin for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen**

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 “Son of God, Eternal Savior” No. 364

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. Lord, you have called us to open our hands so that You might fill them.

C: **Open not only our hands, but our hearts also, so that we recognize Your goodness, count all things loss in comparison with you, and desire to be made like you. 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 5:6-7

⁶ Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷ Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm “Lord, through All the Generations” Psalm 90 Insert

The Second Lesson Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. 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 10:17-31

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

¹⁷ As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “*Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.*” ¹⁹ *You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’*” ²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “*You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.*” ²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “*How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!*” ²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “*Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!*” ²⁵ *It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.*” ²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “*For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.*”

²⁸ Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹ Jesus said, “*Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,*” ³⁰ *who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.*” ³¹ *But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*What Is Good?*”

Hymn of the Day “*Thee Will I Love, My Strength*”

No. 502

Affirmation of Faith

**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 challenges our comforts and complacencies. Let us turn to him in our need, asking for God's intervention in our world.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: God, source of life and fountain of mercy, all things are possible with you. Grant us a share in your eternal life. We ask this 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 host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

P: You have suffered with us, Lord, God,
and tasted despair that we might taste mercy and grace.
Your living and active word created all things;
and everything lies exposed before Your eyes.
When our forebears put their trust in You
You rescued them, for all things are possible for You.
You sent Your Son, Jesus, into the world,
preaching Your message and calling everyone to follow.
His word cuts to the core of all things,
exposing the addictions that bind us and blind us
and hold us back from investing all we have in serving You.
When Jesus was brought down to the dust of death,
dying in the horror of abandonment,
You raised him to life again,
and through Him we have the confidence
to come into Your presence
and look to Your grace for our life.

On the night when He was betrayed He 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 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” WOV No. 711

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 enriched us, O Christ—

C: **enriched us through this meal’s healing power.**

P: Continue to lead us, O Christ.

C: **Continue to remind us that all riches come from You.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

P: Go now in the confidence of people who have found mercy,
Follow Jesus,
keeping the commandments,
letting go of all that binds you to the ways of this world,
and investing everything in God’s realm.

God come close to you and keep you safe;
Christ Jesus reward your faithfulness a hundredfold;
the Holy Spirit be your help + in time of need.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn “When It’s All Been Said and Done” 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

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

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

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

Jayne—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

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

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