

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost XXIV
10:00 a.m.
November 14, 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.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Grace Rohaley's birthday and Jarid Phillips'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 November. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up for November. **Our lay reader today is Steve Manijak.**
- **Usher Steve Manijak**
- **Pastor Just** has started a Bible Study class at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. It's entitled "**The Third Peacock**". It's not too late to join the group. Please join us next Sunday!
- **Our annual congregational meeting** will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5 after the worship service. Lunch will be served. Mark your calendars!
- **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.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime.
- **The Church Council and Call Committee** have been meeting with Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua to work on a plan to share a pastor. Meetings have been going well. We are hoping to start meeting with new pastor candidates in the new year. If you would like to know more, please talk to Pastor, Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres, Del Groff, Gilbert Ayers, Guy Jeanblanc, Diane Pencin or 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 23 Adults 2 Child Bible Study 10 Adults 2 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	923.00	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	13.00	Mission	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	5.00	Lutheran relief	0.00
<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>25.00</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>10.00</u>

Total Offering 986.00 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.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: In this world of plenty, O God, we too often choose to live lives of poverty, forsaking the profound blessings realized only in You:

We hoard our blessings, and desire to keep more than our share of abundance, causing others to know the hard reality of need and want;

C: Please, forgive us, Gracious God.

P: We fail to care adequately for the world's abundant resources, bringing scarcity and pain to our planet;

C: Please, forgive us, Gracious God.

P: We have denied the goodness that we enjoy, and have forgotten how to be grateful, making ourselves miserable and hurting others;

C: Please, forgive us, Gracious God.

P: Remind us, O Lord, of all the good things that we have received.

C: Remind us how to enjoy the blessings we experience.

P: Remind us that giving is a source of pleasure and plenty.

C: Remind us that there is more than enough to go around.

P: Then teach us to follow Christ in the ways of love, self-giving, and compassion;

C: even as You have forgiven us in Christ. Amen.

P: The God of love and power forgive you and free you from you sins, heal and strengthen you by His Spirit, and raise you to new life in + Christ Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen!

Entrance Hymn *"Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice"* No. 146

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—This is the feast pg. 60*

C: 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: Let us pray. Lord, we come before You, not alone, but in the company of one another.

C: We share our happiness with each other—and it becomes greater.

P: We share our troubles with each other—and they become smaller.

C: We share one another's griefs and burdens and their weight becomes possible to bear.

P: May we never be too mean to give, nor too proud to receive.

C: For in giving and receiving we learn to love and be loved; we encounter the meaning of life, the mystery of existence—and discover You.

P: As a widow's hands once mixed flour with oil, O God,

C: preparing a meal for Your holy prophet;

P: as a widow's hands once groped through her pocket, O God,

C: digging up her only coins;

P: so stir up our hearts, O God—

C: the hearts of Your people...the hearts of Your children.

P: Move us, O God, to feed the world's hungry—hungry in body...hungry in Spirit.

C: Move us, O God, to give as You have given to us.

P: Stir up our hearts, O God, to serve. 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 1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as

he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah. This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm “I’ll Praise My Maker While I’ve Breath” (Psalm 146) Insert

The Second Lesson Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. 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 12:38-44

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

³⁸ As Jesus taught, he said, “*Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.*”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “*Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “A Widow’s Mite”

Hymn of the Day “O Jesus, I Have Promised” No. 503

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: For the widow and her son, the jar of flour did not go empty, nor did the jug of oil run dry.
Through a year of drought, God provided for their needs until the rains came. Mindful of
our own hunger and thirst, let us pray God to give us those blessings which will sustain us.
(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, giver of life, nurture us in body and spirit so that, trusting in Your mercy, we
may generously respond to whatever You ask of us. We pray in the name of Jesus, Your
Son, who gave His life for our salvation.

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 to give You our thanks and praise, O God, for Your love has embraced all people and You are coming to save all who eagerly await You.

In the beginning You founded the world, and nourished all life upon it,

You filled men and women with Your creative love and blessed them with children.

Whenever our work has been at odds with your plans You have provided a path to forgiveness and reconciliation.

You came among us in Your child, Jesus Christ, exposing the hypocrisy of the proud and honoring the generosity of the humble.

The powers of evil had Him killed, but in His sacrificial death he removed our sins.

You raised Him to new life and made Him the high priest who appears on our behalf in

Your Holy Place, as He prepares to return in glory bring Your salvation to all the world.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we praise and glorify Your name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty. All space and all time show forth Your glory now and always. Amen.

P: 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."*

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 “All Who Gather” Insert

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: Lord Jesus Christ, even as the widow’s jar of meal was not emptied,

C: and the jug of oil did not fail,

P: so Your body is always present for us in this place,

C: so the healing power of this meal shall not fail.

P: Enrich us at this table, O Christ.

C: Make us rich...so that we may give it all away.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go out and share God’s love with all.

Do not slave for things that are not life-giving,
but trust in God’s provision,
and give generously of all you have.

God watch over you and provide for you;
Christ Jesus be to you a restorer of life;
the Holy Spirit lead you in the ways + of humble generosity.

C: Amen.

Closing Song “Take My Life, that I May Be” No. 406

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 vacationing in Honduras

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

Tim & Kathy Borbely—safe travel home from Florida—Diane Lee

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

Sue Ellinwood's family—passed away—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

Pastor Paul Frerich's Father—in hospice care—Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran

Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many
Patty & Kenny Hansen—many mechanical problems with their home—friend of Amy Rohaley
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 Hovanvets—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's
Debbie Hovanvets-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
Larry Kraus—safe travel to Duluth—friend of Diane Lee
Mike Latham—shoulder surgery--brother-in-law of Marla and Steve
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
Dolores Moncheck family—passed away—family friend of Amy
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
Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy
Kathi Rohrer—healing from back surgery—co-worker of Joyce
Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory
Jim Shuster—hospitalized for several strokes—friend of Amy
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom
Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin
Joe Svidron—health issues—husband of co-worker of Joyce
Ed Szumski—medical problems—leader of Streetsboro Alumni Association and friend of Amy
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Linda Veletta and family—family issues—friend of Robin
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s
Dan Wiley—undergoing radiation therapy—friend of Diane Lee
Donny 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
The missionaries that were kidnapped in Haiti
The Haitian earthquake survivors, the survivors of Hurricane Ida and
survivors from the wildfires and all other natural disasters
Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence
COVID 19 virus patients