

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Epiphany II
10:00 a.m.
January 16, 2022

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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 during the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately.
- **We are asking** that masks be worn again in the building since we have had a surge in the Covid virus. Thank you!
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Nicole Johnson's 16th birthday and Sam Nicely's birthday.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the choir stand by the bulletin stand. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of January. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up for January. **Our lay reader today is Diane Lee.**
- **Usher Steve Manijak**
- **This morning** Pastor will be started a new bible study on the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians at 9:00 a.m. Please join us next Sunday.
- **Our fifth Sunday offering** for the month of January will be going to Family & Community Services, Inc. in Ravenna. Please consider remembering them on January 30.
- **The January-March Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Church Council** will be meeting today after the worship service at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Service Projects...**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 and we are ready to start interviewing potential candidates in the new year when the Synod sends us a list. 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.
- **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 9 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	970.00	Building Fund	20.00
Benevolence	10.00	1 + 1 + 1	19.00
Loose	00.00	Comm. pantry	00.00

Total Offering 1019.00 Needed to meet budget--\$1,112.21

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Christ Candle

The Christ Candle had been left unlit throughout the Advent season, reflecting our anticipation of the coming Savior. In the Epiphany season, we make it a point to light this candle to reflect the announcement of Isaiah, “Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.” (Isaiah 60:1)

P: The promise You made, the work You have done, is fulfilled; we have seen it.

C: Your rescue, Your salvation, Your coming into our world, and switching on the lights, so we can see where to go, and how best to live.

P: The way You have chosen us, filled us with Your Spirit, with Your presence, with Your wisdom, the way you allow Your goodness and compassion and grace to peek through our brokenness—

C: these are gifts beyond measure, these are what make life truly alive; and so we praise You, and celebrate You, Christ, Child of God, Light to the nations, and the Glory of Your people. Amen.

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The Song: “*Christ Be Our Light*” Insert

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: God is light; in Him there is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin.

P: Our Lord blesses us with wondrous gifts, so that we may believe...and obey.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty God,

C: You dwell in light unapproachable. Unprotected, we perish in Your presence. For our hearts are darkened, our minds beclouded; we have loved darkness rather than the light.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

C: For His sake we beg forgiveness.

P: For His sake God hears your prayer. In Christ Jesus our Lord we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in Him.

C: We have seen the Lord’s glory; we have heard the Lord’s voice.

P: Walk, then, as children of light, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn “*Jesus Come! For We Invite You*” 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 of the Day

P: Almighty God, Jesus’ Father and ours as well, Your Holy Spirit opened the prophet’s eyes to see a wedding—the marriage of your chosen people.

C: We thank You, God, for Christ, our Bridegroom.

P: The joy of Cana was made manifest in the miracle of Christ, Your Son.

C: Fill us with such happy, Spirit-driven joy.

P: Give us joy,

C: that conquers sadness.

P: Give us peace,

C: that crushes all warfare.

P: And lead us, Lord, by Your powerful Spirit, to carry Your message to the world:

C: “There is going to be a wedding! Christ, our Bridegroom, draws near!”

P: Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 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 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “Your Mercy, Lord, Is in the Heavens” (Psalm 36) Insert

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. 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 John 2:1-11

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

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶ Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷ Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹ When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon *"Is This Really Necessary?"*

Hymn of the Day *"Come, Join in Cana's Feast"* Insert

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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: God's chosen and priestly people, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, lover of the human family and helper of all in need, hear the prayers we offer in faith, and strengthen us in Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your 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. Sharing our life he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so with the Church on earth and hosts 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: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to reveal to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you.

Through him you created all things and in him you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot

and was shown forth as your Son,

born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will

and won for you a holy people;

he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to

free from suffering those who trust you.

It is he, who handed over to a death he freely accepted,

in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one to crush hell underfoot, to

give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth his resurrection,

taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

"Take and eat; this is My body, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave

it for all to drink, saying

“This is my blood poured out for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,

we lift this bread and cup before you,

giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;

gather into one all who share this bread and wine;

fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish of faith in truth,

that we may praise and glorify you through your son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church both now and 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.

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 “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” WOV 722

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord of all glory, you have made us, wondrous thought, family.

C: Baptized and adopted, we are invited to the family table,

P: Empower us, by this gift, to invite others along,

C: that all people might join the eternal wedding feast!

P: You, our Bridegroom, are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, with your trust in Christ,
who has quenched your thirst with the wine of God’s
love.

Do not be silent about God’s faithful love,
but shelter in the warmth of God’s wings
and keep your hearts honest.

God rejoice over you and call you “My Delight”;
Christ Jesus bring out the best in you, to His glory;
the Holy Spirit, who has equipped each of you with
gifts for the common good, use you powerfully + to touch the lives of many.

C: Amen.

Closing Song “There Are Many Ways of Sharing” 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

Stephanie Johnson—still struggling with a cough

Lorene Kozar—has moved to Mentor assisted living

Becky Larkins—post strep pneumonia since Christmas

Steve Manijak—healing for his finger
Ken Nicely II—possible kidney failure due to diabetes
Kenny Nicely III-shoulder surgery
Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy
Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies for work in Normal, Illinois
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Amy Rohaley—still under the weather

Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain
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.

Alayna—has covid—granddaughter of Joyce
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce
Alice Artman—Bell's Palsy—sister-in-law of Joyce
Aaron—marriage problems—brother of Joyce
Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb
Nickoles Bohne—dying from liver failure—in-law of Guy
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—pneumonia, doing better—Marla's mom
David Defer—safe travels from Japan—nephew of Diane Lee
Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin
George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim
Ava Gillum—15 year old with soft tissue cancer—friend of Robin
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
Evan Hlava—recovering from heart inflammation—nephew of Steve Hlava
Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's
Debbie Hovanvetz-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
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
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
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

All natural disasters victims

COVID 19 virus patients