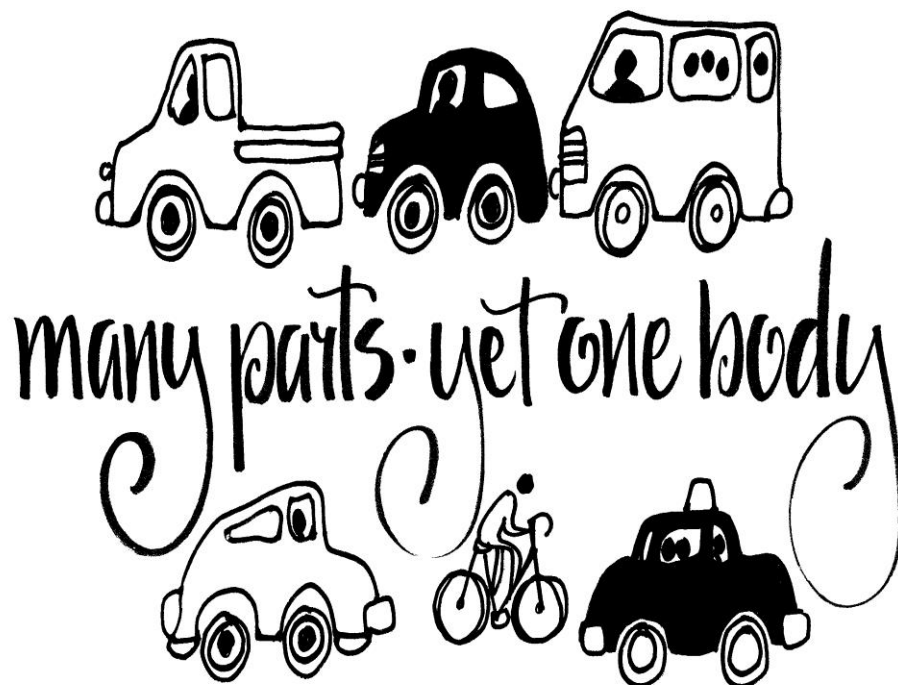


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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Epiphany III
10:00 a.m.
January 23, 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 Rory Wolff's Birthday and Grace Rohaley's baptism birthday.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the choir stand by the bulletin stand.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of January. We still need someone for January 30. **Our lay reader today is Robin Hoffman.**
- **Usher Steve Manijak**
- **Please join us on Sunday mornings** for a new bible study on the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians at 9:00 a.m.
- **Our fifth Sunday offering for January 30** will be going to Family & Community Services, Inc. in Ravenna.
- **The January-March Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Service Projects...**the Lutheran World Relief is always in need for natural disasters relief. 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.
- **Wouldn't it be** wonderful if we all had beautiful voices and sang in the choir? Wouldn't it be great if each one of us had the ability to stand up in the front of the congregation and preach a powerful sermon? Wouldn't it be terrific if all the men were ushers and all the women were on Altar Guild? Oh, wait a minute, maybe not! Who would sit in the pews and listen to the sermon and hear the music? God has given each of us gifts and abilities that we can use to serve Him. Some of us are better at planning a fellowship event than washing dishes, and some of us are better at unloading folding chairs than counting the offering. Yet together we are able to make the church run smoothly, to spread the gospel in our communities and throughout the world.
- **The Church Council and Call Committee** have been meeting with Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua to work on a plan to share a pastor. We are in the process of meeting with candidates in the next coming months. If you would like to know more, please talk to 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 15 Adults 2 Children

Current Expense	643.00	Building Fund	6005.00	Benevolence	515.00
Mission	10.00	1 + 1 + 1	12.00	Candles	1000.00
Loose	20.00	TOPS	50.00		
Total Offering	8,255.00	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: The Spirit of the Lord anointed Jesus of Nazareth to bring good news to those who need it.
(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 “*Come Down, O Love Divine*” No. 508

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: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, as Your Son was empowered by the Holy Spirit, send Your Spirit to us today.

C: Motivate us to bring good news to the poor!

P: Send us to proclaim release to the captives.

C: Empower us to open the eyes of the blind.

P: Drive us to free those who are oppressed.

C: fill us with the joyful good news, “This is the year of the Lord’s favor!”

P: So shall we be Christ in this world.

C: So shall the Scriptures be fulfilled in our hearing!

P: Through Your Son, 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 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.” This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “*Holy Majesty, before You*” (Psalm 19) No. 247

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²² On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴ whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵ that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But strive for the greater gifts. 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 Luke 4:14-21

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

¹⁴ Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵ He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ Then he began to say to them, “*Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*That Same Spirit on Me, Please*”

Hymn of the Day “*God Has Spoken by His Prophets*” 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: We have heard God’s Word in faith. Let us now respond in prayer for all the world.
(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, we come as Your beloved children, presenting the needs and concerns of our hearts. Listen to our prayers, and lead us in Your pathways, for we come to You through the Bridegroom, 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: On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

which is shed for you

and for all for the forgiveness of sins.”

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.**

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 “Spirit of the Living God” Insert

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to Nazareth's synagogue, proclaiming your mission for all to hear,

C: You have come to us now in this meal, in this gift.

P: Grant us the confidence of your presence,

C: and clarify our mission.

P: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now to live as one body in Christ.

Be at peace, and care for one another;

Suffer with one another and rejoice with one another.

Give your attention to the Word of God

and proclaim the good news of freedom to all.

God delight your heart and sharpen your vision;

Christ Jesus keep you, thought and word, in his grace;

the Holy Spirit be the fountain that sustains you all

and binds you together + as one.

C: Amen.

Closing Song "God of Grace and God of Glory" No. 415

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—Bill had surgery on Tuesday

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

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain

Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, 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

Ruth Bennett—pneumonia & Covid, on bypass machine—cousin of Marla

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

Russ & Lana Carnes—thankful for recovery—need assisted living—the Wolffs

Debbie Conrad—home burned down—co-worker of Amy

Leona Corban—pneumonia, doing better—Marla's mom

David Defer—thankful for safe return to Japan—nephew of Diane Lee

Deb Defer—hoping for successful outcome of eye procedure—sister 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

Karl Hlava—prayers for comfort & strength in loss of wife—brother of Steve Hlava

Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's

Debbie Hovanvetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck

Janice—heart problems

Laura—gall bladder surgery—Joyce's sister

Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin

Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece

Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad

Joe Manijak—complications after back surgery—brother of Steve

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

Family of June Schindler

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

Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile

Jay Valetta—cancer & testing—neighbor of Robin

Linda Veletta—foot surgery—neighbor of Robin

Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's

Benny & Mary Rose Wegener—Covid in California—friend of the Wolffs

Dan Wiley—undergoing radiation therapy—friend of Diane Lee

Donny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

All natural disasters victims
COVID 19 virus patients