

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church

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Epiphany VI
10:00 a.m.
February 13, 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 Kristine Just's birthday and Bob Earle'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 February. **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.
- **The January-March Portal of Prayers** is available.
- **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.
- **Please see Deb Wolff** for your Yearly giving records.
- **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 14 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1572.02	Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	13.00	Mission	0.00
1 + 1 + 1	10.00	Loose	5.00
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Total Offering	1,570.02	Meet budget--	\$1,112.21

Family in need—the Austin family lost their home on Stewart Road in a fire in January. They have a go fund me page under Roxanne Austin plus they are in need of clothing. Clothing can be dropped off at 694 Stewart

Rex age 10 is a 10-12, husky or a men's small

Maria is 4 and is a size 4-5T

Dad is an XL

Mom is 3X

Thank you for all you can do!

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: Gracious God, 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 Lord of hosts who calls us is the holy, holy, holy One, and we are people of unclean lips.

(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. Your guilt has

departed and your sin is blotted out.

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 "Arise, My Soul, Arise" 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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Father, Your kingdom is populated with the poor...

C: Bless us in our spiritual poverty, for You are rich.

P: the hungry...

C: Fill our hungry souls, for Your storehouses are vast.

P: the weeping...

C: Ease our broken hearts, for You can give us joy.

P: the hated, excluded, reviled and defamed...

C: Comfort us in our loneliness, for Your presence is our balm.

P: Receive our prayers, Lord. Receive our intentions, too. Help us to know what is right,

C: and to do it.

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 Jeremiah 17:5-10

⁵Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,
whose trust is the LORD.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

¹⁰I the LORD test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “*Blessed Are They*” (Psalm 1)

Refrain

(Blessed are they)

Blessed are they

(who delight in the Lord.)

who delight in the Lord. Repeat

1. (They are like trees)

They are like trees

(growing by the water)

Growing by the water. Refrain

2. (They will bear fruit)

They will bear fruit

(Gifts from God the Father)

Gifts from God the Father. Refrain

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.
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 6:17-26

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

¹⁷ Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

*“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.*

²¹ *“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.*

*“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.*

²² *“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you^[a] on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.*

²⁴ *“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.*

²⁵ *“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.*

*“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.*

²⁶ *“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.*

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon *“Blessings and Curses”*

Hymn of the Day *“I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”* No. 460

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,

**who made the world and reaches out to it
with a love fierce and passionate, tender and kind.**

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God revealed in a human life.

**He touched the untouchable,
pardoned the unforgivable and
unmasked the powers that enslave us.**

**In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the grave,
and with him went our hopes of salvation.**

**Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair
and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit—God’s mysterious presence with us—

**who breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions,
awakening courage, humor and hope.**

**We believe that we ourselves are made in the image of God
and growing to wholeness in Christ.**

**Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a common life;
a life laid open to all;**

**overflowing with love and mercy;
richer than mind can measure,
but appearing foolish to the world.**

**And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser
than the wisdom of the world,**

**and that the suffering of God will heal the earth
and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.**

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The Prayers of the Church

P: With all our heart and our mind let us offer to God our prayers.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Give us, O God, tears of sorrow for this world. May our laughter grow out of trust that You are indeed Lord of heaven and earth. May we leap for joy in You, 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 the 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, 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.”

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 “*Here is Bread*” 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, You have filled Your hungry people with the goodness of Your grace.

C: Now fill our mouths to sing Your praise.

P: so that everyone, everywhere, might join their praise with ours.

C: at the wedding feast of the Lamb.

P: There we shall praise You...there and here and evermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, with your trust in the Lord.

Do not be influenced by the ways of sinners and cynics,
but delight in the Lord's teaching and study it night
and day.

Rejoice in your union with Christ even when people
reject you for it.

be filled with love, for love never ends.

God raise you to new life with Christ.

Christ Jesus heal you of all that troubles you.

The Holy Spirit nourish you from the deep
and keep you fruitful + in all you do.

C: Amen.

Closing Song "*O Christ, Our Hope*" No. 300

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 recovering from surgery

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

Jen Jones—surgery on Friday for endometriosis

Pastor Just—Get well soon!

Lorene Kozar—was moved to an apartment in Mentor—needs peace about the move

Becky Larkins—post strep pneumonia since Christmas

Ken Nicely II—possible kidney failure due to diabetes

Stephen Nicely—In Honduras—traveling mercies for a safe trip back

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, tracheotomy—working on reducing sedation and keeping her calm while trying to wake her up—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—doing well in his new environment in Concord, OH—father of Carol Earle

Russ & Lana Carnes—need assisted living—the Wolffs

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

Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom

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

Louise Jerina—brain aneurysm—healing at home—friend of Deb

Laura—gall bladder surgery—Joyce's sister

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, doing much better—niece of Steve and Marla

Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's

Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy

Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom

Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin

John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy

Deacon Robert Szalai—born at 4 lbs. 11 oz with health problems—stopped breathing twice—may have brain issues—grandnephew of Steve Hlava

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

Danielle Torres—recovery from COVID—Praise God! Daughter-in-law of Joyce

Jay Valetta— advanced bile duct cancer—neighbor of Robin

Linda Veletta—foot surgery—neighbor of Robin

Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolffs

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

Dan Wiley—In remission. Praise God! Prayers for family concerns—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