

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Epiphany VII
10:00 a.m.
February 20, 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. Thank you!
- **The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Alex Borbely.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Marla Manijak’s baptism birthday.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the choir stand by the bulletin stand.
- **Our deepest sympathy** and prayers to the Nicely/Ayers families on the passing of Ken Nicely, dad and grandfather, on Thursday.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of February. **Our lay reader today is Diane Lee.**
- **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 0 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	602.00	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00	Mission	0.00
1 + 1 + 1	11.50	Loose	0.00
Total Offering	623.50	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: Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed:

C: We have not loved you with all our heart or served you with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another.

In your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve you with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

P: “When you were dead in trespasses, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross.”

[Colossians 2:13-14]

Hear then the word of grace and the assurance of pardon:

Your sins are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God.

Entrance Hymn “Bring Forth the Kingdom” 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. Heavenly Father, you have made us family.
Help us to live as one—

C: true to you, true to each other.

P: Unify us by our love. Strengthen our union in your command to us:

C: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P: Equip us to lean on you and rest in the knowledge that we lean on something substantial indeed—

C: the very power, the very source, the very strength of love itself.

P: Open our minds to the wondrous understanding of that love...your love...is a verb.

C: Help us, Father, 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 Genesis 45:3-15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “O My Soul, Bless God the Father” (Psalm 103)

Insert

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. 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 6:27-38

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

²⁷ Jesus taught them]: *“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.*

³² *“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.*

³⁷ *“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon *“Measure for Measure”*

Hymn of the Day *“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”* 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: That we may see God's presence in the lives of even the enemy, let us offer to God the needs of the whole world.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, who formed humanity from the dust of the earth, reform us into the likeness of Christ. May your mercy pour into our laps. May we see ourselves as one with those we accuse and so know the joy of forgiveness given and received; 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.**

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 “*I Received the Living God*”

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Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you urge those who follow you to do for others...

C: and then you do everything for us.

P: Inspire us by your generosity, evident at this table, to follow your example.

C: Inspire us, Lord, to love as you have loved us.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now and give your life to the Lord.

Trust in God and do good.

Love and bless everyone, even your enemies.

Do not judge others, but be merciful and generous to all.

Treat others as you would have them treat you.

God be quick to act on your behalf;

Christ Jesus raise you to new and everlasting life;

the Holy Spirit go before you to prepare a place

for you + and provide for you.

C: Amen.

Closing Song “*Every Morning is Easter Morning*”

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—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—had surgery on Friday for endometriosis

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

Becky Larkins—post strep pneumonia since Christmas

Ken Nicely II—passed away on Thursday

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 family—passed away on Tuesday—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—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

Bob Langham family—Bob, former service director for Streetsboro, passed away last week

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