Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Epiphany V 10:00 a.m. February 6, 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 to the Glory of God.
- **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 Guy Jeanblanc.
- 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 last Sunday** was going to Family & Community Services, Inc. in Ravenna. It's not too late to donate to this great cause.
- 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 13 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:			
Current Expense	307.00	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00	5 th Sunday	189.00
1 + 1 + 1	32.00	Loose	00.00
Total Offering	563.00	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: 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

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- L: 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.
- L: The Lord of hosts who calls us in the holy, holy, holy One, and we are people of unclean lips.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- L: 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.
- L: Jesus Christ is the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.
- C: For His sake we beg forgiveness.
- L: 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.
- L: 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 *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* WOV 649

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

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- L: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we are individuals of unclean lips.
- **C:** We live among a people of unclean lips.
- L: Yet, You have sanctified us by the saving work of Jesus Christ.
- C: You have cleansed our lips, our hearts, our lives.
- L: Motivate us by Your Holy Spirit to continue the work begun by our Lord.
- C: "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing."
- L: Strengthen us when our mission seems hopeless.
- C: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."
- L: And fill us with Your Holy Spirit.
- C: "Here we are, Lord; send us!"
- L: 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 lessons from NRSV version)

THE FIRST LESSON A reading from Isaiah 6:1-13

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six

wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!" ⁹And he said, "Go and say to this people:

'Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.'

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,

and stop their ears,

and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes,

and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds,

and turn and be healed."

¹¹ Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said:

"Until cities lie waste

without inhabitant,

and houses without people,

and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³Even if a tenth part remain in it,

it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak

whose stump remains standing

when it is felled."

The holy seed is its stump.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm for the Day *"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"* No. 535

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was

raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred

brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 5:1-11

C: Glory to you, O Lord

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ!

The Sermon "In the Presence..."

***The Hymn of the Day** *"Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult"* No. 494

Affirmation of Faith The 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 in to 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 Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church

L: Taught by God's word we pray for the church and the world.

(After each petition)

- L: Lord, in your mercy
- C: hear our prayer.
- L: God of wisdom and love, hear the prayers of Your beloved children in this community of faith. Bring Your help to all in need, granting our prayer through Christ our Lord.
- 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.

Sending

L: Go now, and forsaking everything else, follow Christ. By the grace of God, be all you have been called to be, and cast wide the net of God's love.

> Remind one another of the good news, And hold firmly to faith that is saving you.

God give you a vision of glory; Christ Jesus touch you with the fire of mercy; the Holy Spirit hear your prayers and + renew your strength.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn "How Great Thou Art" No. 532

- 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

Abigail Avers-migraines and arthritis in her hands Trudy Ayers—pinched nerve in neck Bill Crile—recovery from surgery Deb Earle-health issues Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength Linda Hautmann-Strength and healing for Lupus and from melanoma Palagia Hlava—complications from MS Pastor Just-Carpal tunnel surgery-doing well Lorene Kozar—healing from cancer, Developed neuropathy Joe Lenno-in remission-Praise God! Joanna Nicely--migraines Ken Nicely II-complications from diabetes Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy Carol & Heather Poston-strength and healing from MS Amy Rohaley—back pain Ron Stenglein-strength and renewed health Rory Wolff-problems with his eye Our College Students-Grace Rohaley, Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers-that they may deal with the struggles to discern who they truly are amidst difficult academic studies

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. Barbara Alcorn-Muscular Dystrophy and other medical issues Roger Black-cancer treatments-brother-in-law of Deb Wolff Michael Brooks-healing from surgery, friend of Joyce Peggy Campano-stroke-friend of the Wolff's Jeremy Campbell-deployment Afghanistan—cousin of Carol Earle Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle Joyce Cavanaugh-kidney and bladder surgery-friend of Diane Lee Franklin Conn-esophagus surgery-Amy's cousin Scott Corban-Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—brother of Marla Toni Corban-lung and heart problems-aunt of Marla Christine Combs—severe migraines—friend of the Ayers family Dan Crile—stent removed—son of Sherry Cole 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 Dave Lauver family—Dave passed away—cousin of the Wolffs 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

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 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