

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



I SAW the HOLY CITY COMING
DOWN FROM GOD OUT of HEAVEN
It was a glorious sight
REV. 21:2

Easter V
10:00 a.m.
May 15, 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. If you miss the service you can always watch it on our Facebook page. If any problems happen during the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately. Thank you again!
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Frank Manijak's 92nd birthday, father of Steve.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Del & Donna Groff on the 18th.
- **Prayer book** is on the music stand by the door.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of April. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Diane Lee.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Mark your calendars...**We will be celebrating our 60th anniversary as a congregation on Sunday June 5th with a picnic after the worship service. Main dish will be provided. There will be a sign up sheet for sides and desserts.
- **Service Projects...**the Lutheran World Relief is always in need for natural disasters relief. They are helping the Ukrainian refugees at this time. Please make check out to the church and place it in the offering plate.
- The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod celebrates its 175th Anniversary this year. We invite you to listen to the sermon by Synodical President Matthew C. Harrison on the theme, "Only Jesus." You can access the sermon by going to <https://resources.lcms.org/175-years>.
- **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. We are in the process of meeting with 4 candidates this month for zoom interviews. 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 19 Adults 2 Children

Attendance Bible Study 5 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense 857.00 Building Fund 10.00

Benevolence 10.00 Mission 5.00

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Total Offering 896.00 Weekly need 1,229.52

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God so that he may turn us from our sinful ways to follow Christ in true obedience.

Silence for meditation and self-examination.

P: Almighty and all-merciful God,

C: We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended Your majesty and defied Your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where you once said, "Let there be light!" We deserve the doom that You have decreed. We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.

P: But Christ is risen.

C: He is risen indeed!

P: Since we have been united with Him in a death like his,

C: we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, we implore you: forgive our sins, and re-direct our lives according to Your purpose. Let us be raised with Christ.

P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name." That Word is now proclaimed to you.

C: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!

Entrance Hymn "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love for Me" No. 336

The Kyrie pg. 57

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.

**The Hymn of Praise—This is the Feast* pg. 60

C: Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain**
- 2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain**
- 3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**
- 4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain**
- 5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain**

The Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. O God,

C: form the minds of Your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what You command and desire what You promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.” This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “Before You, Lord, We Bow” (Psalm 148) No. 401

The Second Lesson Revelation 21:1-7

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. ⁷ Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.

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 13:31-35

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

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “*Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Sermon Song “*You Are Everything (Everything I Need)*”

Words and music written and performed by Brian Doerksen

The Sermon “*Moved by a Vision*”

Hymn of the Day “*Good Friends, Rejoice, Be Glad and Sing!*” Insert

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed

**The Apostles Creed pg.65*

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary.
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: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit. [Jude 20]

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
[Jude 21]

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**C: everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!** [2 Corinthians 5:17]

P: God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. [2 Corinthians 13:11]

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All those present greet one another with a word and gesture of peace.

Offering and Offertory pg. 67

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. O Father in heaven, Your graciousness in the past...

C: creation, salvation, continued care,

P: is matched only by your promises for the future...

C: the new Jerusalem, the water of life.

P: Accept our humble gifts, we pray. We offer them with thankfulness.

C: We offer them with hope.

P: Through Jesus 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.

Post-Communion Cantic

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we come to Your table, receiving more than a meal.

C: We receive a vision of heaven's high and holy feast.

P: Inspire us, by this vision, to live lives of service...

C: to live lives of love.

P: We bless You now and evermore.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

P: Go now, wherever the Spirit of God leads you.

Do not reject anything that God has accepted.

Show all people that you are Christ's disciples

by loving one another

just as He has loved you.

God be your beginning and your end;

Christ Jesus make His home among you;

the Holy Spirit give you a vision

of the all-embracing love and goodness + of God.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn *"Life High the Cross"* No. 377

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

Aggie Blankenship—congestive heart and pneumonia
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 and a fall, broke leg
Lorene Kozar—was moved to an apartment in Mentor—needs peace about the move
Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly
The Nicely/Ayers/Torres families on the passing of Ken Nicely II
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.
David Adkins—bells palsey—friend of Joyce
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce
Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb
Nickoles Bohne—dying from liver failure—in-law of Guy
Peggy Bower—starting chemo—friend of Steve and Marla
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 Wolff's
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
Nancy Granville—pancreatic cancer surgery after chemo—Streetsboro friend of many
Patty & Kenny Hansen—many problems with their home—friend of Amy's
Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb
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
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece
Holly Lyon—abdominal problems, upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff's
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law
Larry—family concerns—discord between his brothers—friend of Diane
Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs
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
Ven Schweitzer—BIL-in hospital for chest surgery—Wolff's
Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom

Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin

MaryLou Snider—abdominal problems, upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff’s

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

Linda Veletta—loss of husband Jay—neighbor of Robin

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

Donny Wood—healing from cancer—friend of Joyce

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

Ukraine refugees

All natural disasters victims

COVID 19 virus patients