

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Easter VI
10:00 a.m.
May 22, 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 Deb Earle's birthday and Tim Nicely and Jen Jones baptism birthdays.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Guy & Judith Jeanblanc.
- **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 Marla Manijak.**
- **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 17 Adults 1 Children

Attendance Bible Study 5 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1034.34	Building Fund	25.00
Benevolence	10.00	Mission	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	14.00	Altar Flowers	25.00
Total Offering	1113.34	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: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

C: Seeing that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:14,16)

P: Since we are assembled here to hear God's Word, to call upon Him in prayer, and to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, let us think on our unworthiness, confess before God that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and realize also that by our own strength we cannot free ourselves from our sinful nature. Here we take refuge in His infinite mercy, seeking and imploring His grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: God, be merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. May almighty God have mercy on us all, forgive us our sins, and lead us to life everlasting. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16). **Grant this, Lord, to us all. Amen.**

P: Come now, let every tongue proclaim the glory of Christ, our Lord and Savior!

C: People in every corner of the world must hear the Good News of Christ.

P: For unless they hear, how will they know the joy of the Lord?

C: We are each called by the Lord to share the Gospel we have been given.

P: Then let us share the Good News this day in our songs and praise!

C: Blessed be the name of the Lord! Amen.

Entrance Hymn *"Christ Is the World's Light?"* Insert

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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Jesus, our loving friend and Savior,

C: You have promised to give us your Spirit to be with us forever. Stay within our hearts, so that we love one another as you have loved us. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."¹⁰ When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis,¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days.¹³ On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.¹⁴ A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.¹⁵ When she and her

household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “You Answer Us with Awesome Deeds” (Psalm 65) Insert

The Second Lesson Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

¹⁰ In the spirit [on of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God...²² I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³ And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴ The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵ Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶ People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷ But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

22 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴ they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. 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 14:23-29

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

²³ Jesus answered him, “*Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.*” ²⁴ *Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.*

²⁵ “*I have said these things to you while I am still with you.*” ²⁶ *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you.* ²⁷ *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.* ²⁸ *You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I.* ²⁹ *And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*A Simple Act of Hospitality*”

Hymn of the Day “*The Vision of a Dying World*” Insert

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,

**Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea and sky,
and midwife of every life that emerges from the womb
of the earth.**

We believe in Jesus Christ.

**Born of the womb of Mary, he was the first of our race to
live fully the destiny for which we were all created.**

Healing the broken and serving the poor,

**liberating the burdened and reconciling heaven and
earth;**

**His every action unmasked the evil that waits to
enslave us all.**

**Hell, wounded at its heart and filled with bitterness and
rage, struck back in fury unrestrained.**

**Jesus was condemned by the religious and crucified by
the state.**

He died forsaken, a man of sorrows.

**No pain in our hearts or in our planet is unfamiliar to
Him for He was cast into the jaws of death.**

**Redeeming even death, God raised Jesus from the grave
and with wounded hands He embraces us.**

**He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present
and there is now nothing beyond the reach of His
healing touch.**

**We believe in the Holy spirit, who raises us from the
waters of death, breathes new life into us and
declares us to be God’s beloved.**

And we believe Christ came that all may have life.

**Violence and hatred have done their worst
but Christ’s reign of peace will conquer.**

**All who trust in Christ, though they die,
shall be lifted to life in all its fullness.**

**The grip of suffering will be forever broken,
and death shall have no dominion. 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.

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: Lord, you have made us yours and have given us your Spirit to live in us.

C: Help us to live as your people.

Use us and what you have given us to do your work among others.

In Jesus' Name we ask it. 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: Let us pray. What a blessing You provide, O Christ—that even in Your absence,

C: you are here.

P: Encourage us by Your presence in this meal to bring Your presence—

C: to all the world.

P: We bless You now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now and walk in the light of God's glory.
Love Christ and keep His word.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
But lead others to the waters of life.

God's face shine on you with favor;
Christ Jesus mark you out as His own;
the Holy Spirit lead you into all truth + and peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn *“May God's Love Be Fixed above You”*

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

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
Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle
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
Victoria Crawford—bypass surgery-friend of Robin
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
Ken 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