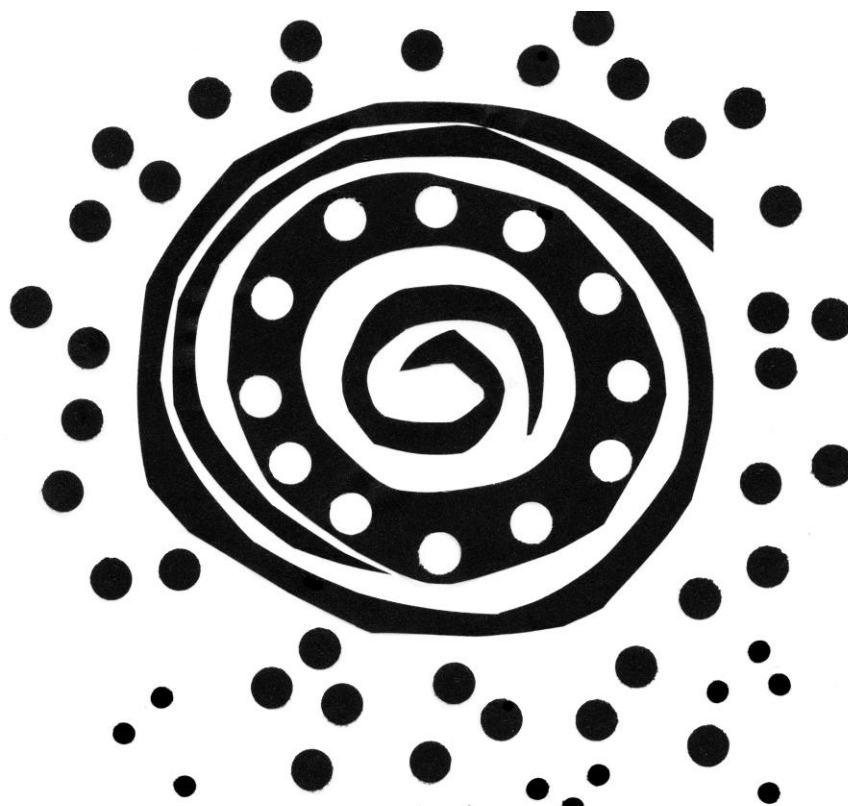


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



I AM
the BRIGHT
MORNING
STAR

REVELATION 22:16

Easter VII
10:00 a.m.
May 29, 2022

Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor
St. Thomas Lutheran Church
9042 S.R. 43, P.O. Box 2247
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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 loving memory of all our military heroes and fallen saints.
- **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 Robin Hoffman.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Next Sunday** we will be celebrating our 60th anniversary as a congregation with a picnic after the worship service. Main dish will be provided. There is a sign up sheet for sides and desserts in the Narthex for you to fill out. We will be having Amanda Hall entertaining with her music. We hope to see all of you there!
- **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 15 Adults 2 Children

Attendance Bible Study 5 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense 340.00 Building Fund 10.00

Benevolence 5.00 Mission 5.00

World relief 100.00

1 + 1 + 1 9.00 Pantry 50.00

Total Offering 519.00 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: 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 "Thine is the Glory" No. 145

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. King of glory,

C: Lord of heaven's angel armies,

P: You leapt to heaven's heights,

C: You ascended, triumphant.

P: Now, we pray, be true to your word. Do not leave us alone—

C: orphans in this world.

P: But send your Father's true Spirit,

C: as you have promised.

P: Then your Father's love for you

C: will live in our hearts, as well.

P: You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Acts 16:16-34

¹⁶One day as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a female slave who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had

brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men, these Jews, are disturbing our city²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us, being Romans, to adopt or observe.”²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods.²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely.²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped.²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”³¹ They answered, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “Sing Praise, Sing Praise!” (Psalm 47) Insert

The Second Lesson Revelation 22:12-17, 20

¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work.¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.”

¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.¹⁵ Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

¹⁶ “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things say, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! 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 17:12-17

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

¹² Jesus prayed]: “While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled.¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in

the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “...Nor Iron Bars a Cage”

Hymn of the Day “*Oh Christ’s Ascension I Now Build*” Insert

Affirmation of Faith **The Apostles Creed* pg.65

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and 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: Almighty God, because you have committed to your people the ministry of intercession, hear us as we pray for others, and grant that our hearts may be filled with peace and love.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear we give you hearty thanks, and we pray you to give us grace to follow them as they followed Christ. Bring us, with them, to those things which eye has not seen, nor ear heard, through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 Canticle

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. Lord Jesus, we were hungry,

C: and so we came to Your table.

P: We were thirsty,

C: and so we drank of Your blood.

P: Thus refreshed, we look to the day when we will eat from the tree of life,

C: and drink from the stream of life's water.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Memorial Day

P: Dear God, we thank you for the freedom you have

given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free.

C: We remember today the cost of it all, the great sacrifice for freedom.

P: We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation.

C: We ask for your covering and blessing over them and their families.

P: We pray that you would be gracious and encircle them with your peace.

C: We pray for your great favor and goodness to be evident in their lives.

P: Please be with all those who wear the uniform, who serve our communities and nation every single day.

C: We ask that you provide your protection, that you would be their guiding force who leads the way, and their rear guard who keeps them safe from behind.

P: We ask that you would draw them to yourself amidst the dangers they face in a dark world, for you are the Truth, you are the Way, you are the Light.

C: O Lord, we weep with those who weep and mourn with those who mourn.

P: Comfort as only You can the mothers and fathers, children, spouses, and siblings, who have lost a loved one in service.

C: You have collected all their tears in Your heart. Help them feel Your strong presence, see Your tender hand all around them, and hear Your voice directing them in these dark circumstances.

P: Draw them daily to Your Word to process their pain and grieve with hope.

C: Spur us, the body of Christ around them, to be your hands and feet and to meet their practical needs.

P: Thank you, Lord, that You are the defender of widows and father to the fatherless.

C: Bind up their wounds and heal their broken hearts.

P: You are good and You do good and we pray that even in their pain they will see Your goodness sustaining them through pain.

C: Restore to them the joy of your salvation and sing over them a new song. Amen.

Music: “Hymn for the Fallen”

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Sending

P: Go now, rejoicing in God.

Love the Lord, resist evil.

Be as one with one another, just as God is one.

Let all the world see the love of God at work within
you and among you.

God shield your faithful lives with love;

Christ Jesus give you the water of life as a gift;

the Holy Spirit break you free + from all captivity.

C: Amen.

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