

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Easter III
10:00 a.m.
May 1, 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 Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Leona Corban's 90th birthday. Leona is Marla's mom.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Lorene Kozar's birthday and Deb Wolff's baptism birthdays.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Steve and Marla Manijak celebrating 46 years today.
- **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 signup sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Steve 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.
- **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 20 Adults 2 Children

Attendance Bible Study 5 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense 322.00 Building Fund 5.00

Benevolence 5.00 Mission 20.00

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Total Offering 367.00 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 *"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"* 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.

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: Heavenly Father, Your Son was made low,

C: that we might be raised.

P: Humiliated for our sakes,

C: He has lifted this world to new heights.

P: Now raise our eyes,

C: to see heaven's joy.

P: Now raise our voices,

C: to sing Your eternal praise.

P: Raise our lives

C: to new heights of holiness.

P: Even as we raise our hearts,

C: in joy, to You.

P: Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. He 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 Acts 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;¹⁴ and here

he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.”¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”²¹ All who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?”²² Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (Psalm 33) Insert

The Second Lesson Revelation 5.11-14

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped. 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 21-1-19

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

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, “*Children, you have no fish, have you?*” They answered him, “No.” ⁶ He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, “*Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.*” ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “*Come and have breakfast.*” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “*Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?*” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “*Feed my lambs.*” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “*Simon son of John, do you love me?*” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “*Tend my sheep.*” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “*Simon son of John, do you love me?*” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “*Feed my sheep.*” ¹⁸ *Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.*” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “*Follow me.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*Willingness to Obey*”

Hymn of the Day “*Not unto Us*” Insert

**We believe in Jesus Christ the Lord,
Who was promised to the people of Israel,
Who came in the flesh to dwell among us,
Who announced the coming of the rule of God,
Who gathered disciples and taught them,
Who died on the cross to free us from sin,
Who rose from the dead to give us life and hope,
Who reigns in heaven at the right hand of God,
Who comes to judge and bring justice to victory.**

**We believe in God His Father,
Who raised Him from the dead,**

**Who created and sustains the universe,
Who acts to deliver His people in times of need,
Who desires all people everywhere to be saved,
Who rules over the destinies of people and nations,
Who continues to love people even when they reject Him.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,.

**Who is the form of God present in the church,
Who moves us to faith and obedience,
Who is the guarantee of our deliverance,
Who leads us to find God's will in the Word,
Who assists those whom He renews in prayer,
Who guides us in discernment,
Who implies us to act together.**

We believe God has made us His people,

**To invite others to follow Christ,
To encourage one another to deeper commitment,
To proclaim forgiveness of sins and hope,
To reconcile all people to God through word and deed,
To bear witness to the power of love over hate,
To proclaim Jesus the Lord over all,
To meet the daily tasks of life with purpose,
To suffer joyfully for the cause of right,
To the ends of the earth,
To the end of the age,
To the praise of His glory. 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: 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.

***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.

Communion Hymn: “Lamb of God”

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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: Your presence, O Christ, excites us.

C: This meal, O Savior, nourishes us.

P: Continue to feed our excitement and our encouragement,

C: both here and in the world.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now and follow the risen Christ.

Love God and nourish the faith of God's little ones.

Make Christ known to all people for God has chosen you as an instrument
to lead others into the way of mercy and love.

God change your anguish into a joyful dance;

Christ Jesus lead you from betrayal to mission;

the Holy Spirit fill you with light and love + and purpose.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” 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 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
Kaylee Hlad—appendectomy—doing well—friend of Nicole
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 & 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