

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost V
10:00 a.m.
July 10, 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 loving memory of Ruth Manijak, Steve's mom.
- **Happy Birthday** to Steve Crile, Bill Crile, Diane Reynolds and Keith Larkins who will be celebrating their birthdays this week.
- **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 Steve Manijak.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **We have** returned to the practice of gathering the offering during our worship service. The Peace will be shared after the Prayer for the Church, followed by the Offering, the Offertory, and the Offering Prayer.
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry to help those in Haiti and Ukraine. Please make check donation made out to St. Thomas.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime. This is a 5 week month and we have chosen this organization to help out this month.
- 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>.
- **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 potential candidates. 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 2 Children

Bible Study Attendance 5 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1105.00	Building Fund	10.00
Benevolence	5.00	Mission	5.00
Loose	00.00	1 + 1 + 1	27.00
Total Offering	1152.00	Weekly need	1,229.52

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Lord of the ages, in our busy lives, we do not always make time to love, to pray, or to sing Your praises.

**C: We want to be strong, yet we often feel out of control:
buffeted by the winds of change,
rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships,
burned by the fires of doubt.**

P: Forgetting what we cannot see, we ask, “Why have You forgotten me?”

**C: Help us trust Your presence,
even when we feel utterly alone,
trapped in our dark night of the soul.
With the promise of Christ as our hope,
lead us from our own wilderness wanderings
into the well-tended garden of Your love.**

P: The steadfast love of God is with you—yesterday, today, and tomorrow.
Whether you turn away or doubt,
whether you follow timidly or joyfully,
you are loved + and forgiven in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Entrance Hymn *“Dearest Jesus, at Your Word”* No. 248

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

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Strengthen our faith, Lord,

C: so that we do not set our hearts on earthly things, but love the things of heaven. As we are surrounded by things that are passing away, help us to cling to those that will last forever. We ask this 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 Isaiah 65:1-9

The Lord says through Isaiah:] I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there. This is the Word of the

Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn “All You That Fear God’s Holy Name” (Psalm 22) Insert

The Second Lesson Galatians 3:23-29

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise. 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 Luke 8:26-39

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

²⁶ Then [Jesus and the disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me,” ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, “*What is your name?*” He said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “*Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.*” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*Reaction*”

Hymn of the Day “*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*” No. 506

Affirmation of Faith **The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day He rose again In fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray that God pour out on us a spirit of grace and petition, as on Jerusalem of old, and
hear us as we pray

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, our Father, deepen our trust in You. Watch over us day and night, and protect us from
harm’s way. Let us guard one another, that none may be excluded from our circle, embraced
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Him we pray.

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 or 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: Loving heavenly Father,

C: You have made us Yours and set us free to serve You. Teach us to give of ourselves out of thankfulness for all you have done. In Jesus' name. 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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.”

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, with these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy; and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be

sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and 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: At Your table, Lord, we have encountered You once again.

C: You graciously feed us as You forgive us. Now empower us to live Your new life.

P: Like the man possessed, we long to stay with You.

C: Send us, as You sent him, back to our daily lives to reflect all that You have given us.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, proclaiming to all how much Jesus has done for you.

Be as one with each other in Christ.

Wait for the Lord, and be ready to hear God's voice,
even in the sounds of sheer silence.

God be your fortress;

Christ Jesus release you from all that torments you;

the Holy Spirit give you light and truth to sustain you + day and night.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn “*On Our Way Rejoicing*” No. 260

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 at home doing well

Bill & Sharon Crile—Bill recovering from surgery

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

Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly and new foster child

The Nicely/Ayers/Torres families on the passing of Ken Nicely II

Stephen Nicely—safe travels while in Honduras

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain

Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Grace Rohaley

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.

Patty Abramovich—metastatic lung cancer—friend of Deb Wolff

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

Nick Bohan—in hospital again—friend of Guy

Peggy Bower—cancer—in Cleveland Clinic—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

Daryl, brother of Larry—pancreatic cancer opting for surgery—friend of Diane Lee

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—Streetsboro friend of many

Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb

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

Steve Mamber—complications leukemia treatments—Amy's brother-in-law

Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad

Joe Manijak—hip replacement—brother of Steve

Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law

Kathy Peters—breast cancer—friend of St. Thomas and Choir

Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs

Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert's mom

Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin

MaryLou Snider—upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff's

John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy

Deacon Robert Szalai—born prematurely—home 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

Darcy Wood—lymphoma diagnosis—cousin of Joyce

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

