

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church

LUKE 10 : 36

Which of these was a neighbor?



a.



b.



c.

Pentecost VIII  
10:00 a.m.  
July 31, 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 Rory and Deb Wolff's wedding anniversary.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given to the Glory of our Risen Lord.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Tom and Jen Jones and Kenny and Amanda Nicely. They are both on August 2.
- **With sadness we had** to say goodbye to Steve Poston. Steve passed away on Monday. His services were held yesterday. Please keep Carol and Heather in your prayers.
- **On Sunday, Aug. 21** we will be having an informal session to look ahead and begin to shape some ideas for the future of our congregation after the worship service from 11-1. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime. **Today is our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** We are remembering this organization. Please place your donations in the offering plate. Thank you.
- **Ravenna Community Choir** will be performing today at 3:00 p.m at the Ravenna Assembly of God on S.R. 14. Deb Wolff and Marla Manijak are members of this group. We are performing music from the 40's. We would love to see you there!
- **The Prayer book** is on the music stand by the door.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of August. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Marla Manijak.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry to help those in Haiti and Ukraine. Please make your check donation made out to St. Thomas.
- **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** 16 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1446.38	Building Fund	40.00
Benevolence	10.00	Mission	0.00
Loose	00.00	1 + 1 + 1	31.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>1527.38</b>	<b>Weekly need</b>	<b>1,229.52</b>

## 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 from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Compassionate Christ, You have shown Your love in works of healing, forgiveness, and justice, and by giving Yourself to us and for us, in Your death and resurrection.

**C: Yet we are slow to love and to serve:**

**We seek to have our own needs met  
before caring for the needs of others;**

**We fail to give ourselves,  
and choose instead to preserve our safety,  
our comfort and our privilege.**

**Forgive us, heal us, and teach us to live  
lives of compassion following Your example.**

P: Jesus, in extravagant compassion,  
has already secured our forgiveness,  
and calls us to live as those  
who are renewed and thankful.

Receive this grace, and share it.

**C: We are so grateful; we will go and live differently  
because of what You, Jesus, have done for us.**

**Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn “*Splendor and Honor*”**    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**

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. Almighty and merciful God,

**C: You have planted in us the seed of Your word. Help us by Your Holy Spirit to receive it with joy and live according to it, so that we may grow in faith, hope, and love. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

### **The First Lesson Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, <sup>10</sup>when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

<sup>11</sup>“Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. <sup>12</sup>It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>13</sup>Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ <sup>14</sup>No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe. This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm Hymn “*Show Me Your Way, O Lord*” (Psalm 25) Insert**

### **The Second Lesson Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,<sup>2</sup>To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, <sup>5</sup>because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. <sup>7</sup>This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, <sup>10</sup>so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. <sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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 10:25-37

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

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "*What is written in the law? What do you read there?*" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "*You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.*"

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "*A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.'*" <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "*Go and do likewise.*" This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63**

**The Sermon** "*Right Answer! Right Understanding?*"

**Affirmation of Faith**

**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  
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. Many people’s needs press upon our daily lives and fill our daily news. That we may respond as neighbors, let us ask the Lord for help.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Lord God, You formed us in love; You command us to live in Your love. Hear the prayers we make in the name of the Son You sent to dwell among us, the neighbor who is attentive to all our needs, 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 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: We offer these gifts, O God, in response to Your great love for us.

**C: We offer our lives because we love You with all our heart, all our soul, all our strength, and all our mind.**

P: As we go from here to love our neighbor as ourselves,

**C: may we go in the power of Your Spirit to love as Jesus loved and to serve as He served.**

P: This we pray in His name.

**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; 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 ay 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 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. O Lord, You neither passed us by nor refused to offer us aid.

**C: Indeed, You invited us to Your table. You fed us with Your holy food.**

P: Open our eyes through this gift of love. Help us to see, in each of our neighbors,

**C: a brother and sister in You.**

P: We bless you now evermore.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: Go now and live lives worthy of the Lord.

Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength  
and bear fruit in every good work,  
putting love and mercy into action for others  
just as you would for yourselves.

God's glorious power make you strong;  
Christ Jesus fill you with wisdom and understanding.  
the Holy Spirit prepare you for the hope  
that is laid up for you + in heaven.

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn "Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go" No. 505**

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—doing well

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

Lorene Kozar—strength and peace

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

## **Steve Poston family—passing of Steve on Monday**

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

Ally-Marriage struggles—friend of Joyce

Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle

Barb—heart attack and complications—cousin of Joyce

Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb

## **Nick Bohne—dialysis at Cleveland Clinic—friend of Guy**

Peggy Bower family—passed away June 17--friend of Steve and Marla

Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter

Russ & Lana Carnes—need assisted living—the Wolff's

Margaret Carr family—passed away at 99—2<sup>nd</sup> mom to Joyce and grandma to Trudy

Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom

Ted & Aliza Cowling—married June 16<sup>th</sup>—nephew of Amy

Victoria Crawford—bypass surgery-friend of Robin

Aida Donohue—severe congested heart defects—baby daughter of friend of Deb Wolff

Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin

Daryl, brother of Larry—pancreatic cancer 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 family—Nancy passed away July 5<sup>th</sup>—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

Joyce's supervisor's dad—hospitalized on life support

Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce

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

**Mary—recovering from oral surgery—friend of Diane**

**Bill Murphy—hip surgery and emergency bowel surgery—friend of Deb and Rory**

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

Debbie Rohaley—death of her mother Maxine Lusky—cousin of Amy

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

Tyler—dealing with depression—14 year old grandson of Joyce's friend

Linda Veletta—loss of husband Jay—neighbor of Robin

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

Whiteleather Dairy Farm—loss of barns and livestock due to fire

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**