

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church

G E N E S I S 1 5 : 5

so shall your
descendants be



Pentecost XII
10:00 a.m.
August 28, 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 Lori Ludeman, Marcy Harrison and Tracy Fuldauer's birthdays.
- **Call meeting**—Next Sunday following our worship service, we will hold a special congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on a candidate to be called to serve St. Thomas as pastor. The two committees, Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua and our call committee, have jointly decided, after dealing with a list of several pastors, to make a recommendation of calling a pastor. For this vote to take effect, we will need a quorum of at least 12 voting members. In the event that we do not have that quorum on September 4, we will reassemble on September 11.
- **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 sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Diane Lee.**
- **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.
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry of Kent (LCMK)** is seeking people to serve on their board of directors. A variety of experiences and skills are needed in this ministry to college students. Two pressing needs are in publicity/communication and finance. If you are interested in any way, please contact pastor Eric Tritten at pastort@gloriadeihudson.org.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime. Thank you.
- **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 August 14th 14 Adults 2 Children

Confirmation Class Pastor and 2 youth

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	585.00	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00	Mission	5.00
Rental donation	25.00	1 + 1 + 1	12.00
Total Offering	637.00	Weekly need	1,229.52

Attendance last Sunday 16 Adults

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	690.00	Building Fund	0.00
Benevolence	00.00	Mission	5.00

Loose	2.00	1 + 1 + 1	10.00
Total Offering	707.00	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: Our God desires good for us, to lead us at last to our heavenly home.

C: Let us therefore lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

P: Let us confess our sins to almighty God, seeking His forgiveness for the sake of our holy mediator, Jesus Christ, God's Son.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Almighty and most merciful God,

C: We are beset by sin and helpless to overcome it.

Knowing the great mercy You exercised toward those who have gone before us—our ancestors in the faith—we confess our many sins to You.

Forgive us, for we look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

P: For the joy that was set before Him, Jesus Christ endured the cross, disregarding its shame. For His sake your sins are forgiven. Our faith has made you clean.

C: Thanks be to God!

Entrance Hymn *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”* No. 265

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.

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

***The Hymn of Praise—Glory to God pg. 59**

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: Almighty God, give your people hearts of faith—

C: assured of things that only hope can sense.

P: Give Your people eyes of faith—

C: convinced of the reality of things that cannot be seen.

P: For You are near us—

C: ready to hear our every prayer.

P: You are gracious—

C: ready to give more than we would dare to ask.

C: Grant us the Spirit to seek Your forgiveness, to accept Your blessings.

C: Give us faith that looks, without so much as a blink to You.

P: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.”² But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?”³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.”⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.”⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.”⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn “Give Glory to the Lord, Your God” (Psalm 33) Insert

The Second Lesson Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. 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 12:32-40

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

³² Jesus said]: "*Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.* ³³ *Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.* ³⁴ *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

³⁵ "*Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;* ³⁶ *be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.* ³⁷ *Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.* ³⁸ *If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.*

³⁹ "*But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.* ⁴⁰ *You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*" This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon "A Ready Faith"

Hymn of the Day "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

Insert

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God,
who made the world and reaches out to it
with a love fierce and passionate, tender and kind.**

We believe in Jesus the Christ—God revealed in a human life.

**He touched the untouchable,
pardoned the unforgivable and
unmasked the powers that enslave us.**

**In fear and arrogance we cast him, lifeless, into the grave,
and with him went our hopes of salvation.**

**Raised by God, he is parting the sea of evil and despair
and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit—God’s mysterious presence with us—

**who breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions,
awakening courage, humor and hope.**

**We believe that we ourselves are made in the image of
God**

and growing to wholeness in Christ.

**Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a
common life;**

**a life laid open to all;
overflowing with love and mercy;
richer than mind can measure,
but appearing foolish to the world.**

And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser

**than the wisdom of the world,
and that the suffering of God will heal the earth
and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.**

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The Prayers of the Church

P: Mindful of all our needs, mournful of all our faults, and bidden by Your mercy, we come to
You, O Lord, that You may hear our prayers for ourselves, for Your Church, and for all
people everywhere.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Grant to us only those things which are beneficial to us and to our faith, and keep from us all
things harmful, for we trust in Your mercy and we have confidence in Your good and

gracious will. Into Your hands we place ourselves and all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

All present may greet one another with a word and 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: Merciful God, You provide us with every good thing—

C: gifts for today...

P: and so much more—

C: hope for tomorrow...

P: Accept, we pray, these humble gifts—

C: gifts for today...

P: and with them our promise—

C: praise for eternity.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 host 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, 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

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: Lord Jesus Christ, through eyes of faith we gaze upon
this meal and see your presence with us at the heavenly
feast of the Lamb.

**C: Give us, we pray, eyes of faith that will see Your
presence—in faces of the needy, in desires of the
hopeless, in pains of the loveless.**

P: Then our faith will be fully alive. You are the Lord
forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now as those raised with Christ,
Go now like those prepared for the Lord to return.
Cease to do evil, learn to do good;
seek justice, rescue the oppressed.
Give freely to those in need and let your treasure be in
the things of heaven.

God be not ashamed to be called your God;
Christ Jesus find you attentive and well prepared;
the Holy Spirit give you the assurance of all that + has
been promised to you.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” 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—stress test
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
Steffen Nicely—traveling mercies for relocating in Orlando, Florida
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS and comfort on the passing of Steve
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—2nd mom to Joyce and grandma to Trudy
Leona Corban—recovering from leg surgery and dealing with back pain in Maryland—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
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
Daryl Krause—surgery successful—more tests necessary—friend of Diane Lee
Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece
Sue Lubato—sick with Covid—sister of Del
Steve Mamber—complications leukemia treatments—Amy's brother-in-law
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad
Joe Manijak—hip replacement—brother of Steve
Robin Marie family—Robin passed away in a car accident
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—successful surgery Praise God!—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 Valetta—car accident and cerebral aneurism—friend of Robin
Victoria—complications after back surgery—mother of Robin’s friend
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

