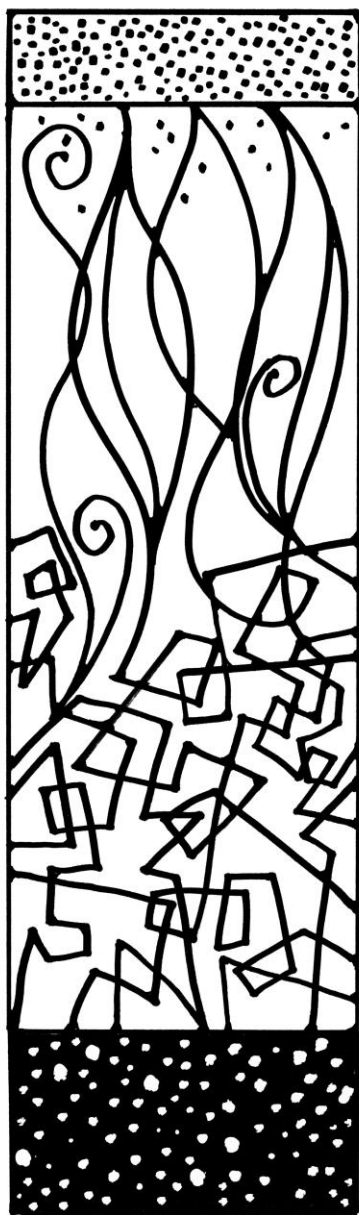


# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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the LORD

JEREMIAH 23:29

Pentecost XIII  
10:00 a.m.  
September 4, 2022

Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor  
St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
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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 Jeanette Doerfler's birthday.
- **Call meeting**—Today 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 a quorum today, 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 signup sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Guy Jeanblanc.**
- **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](mailto: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 last Sunday** 25 Adults 2 Children

**Confirmation** Pastor and 2 students

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1544.38	Building Fund	25.00
Benevolence	15.00	Mission	0.00
Loose	12.00	1 + 1 + 1	19.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>707.00</b>	<b>Weekly need</b>	<b>1,615.38</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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say 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.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn “The Son of God Goes Forth to War”** No. 183

### Dialog

P: When we have doubts and struggle with our spiritual journey:

**C: Let us look to Jesus, the source and goal of our faith.**

P: When we are in emotional, physical, or spiritual pain:

**C: Let us look to Jesus the source and goal of our faith.**

P: When our relationships have been damaged, our truth betrayed, or our sense of community shattered:

**C: Let us look to Jesus, the source and goal of our faith.**

P: When we are anxious about the future, troubled by the past, or fearful of the present:

**C: Let us look to Jesus, the source and goal of our faith.**

P: When we face difficult decisions, and do not know where to turn:

**C: Let us look to Jesus, the source and goal of our faith.**

P: Lord God, keep our eyes ever focused on You and on

Your Son, Jesus.

**C: Make us ever mindful of His power and presence in our lives.**

**Song of Praise “*You Are Everything (Everything I Need)*”**

My soul is yearning for Your living stream

My heart is aching for You

All that I long for is found in Your heart

You are everything I need

You are the thirst

You are the stream

You are the hunger living deep inside of me

You are the food that satisfies

You are provision for the journey of our lives

You are everything You are

**Prayer for the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, ignite the fire of faith in our hearts—  
doubt-destroying faith; hope-distilling faith.

**C: Spark in us true trust in Your promises—promises fulfilled; promises pending.**

P: Then, surrounded by so great a cloud of faithful witnesses,  
we will surely lay aside every weight—

**C: sin’s dreaded millstone, temptation’s heavy ballast,  
Satan’s dead-weighted promises—**

P: and run, with fleet, fiery, Spirit-guided feet the race that  
leads to You.

**C: Looking to Christ, our faith’s source...our faith’s goal.**

P: Through the same Jesus Christ, our 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 Jeremiah 23:23-29**

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, “I have dreamed! I have dreamed!” <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the

prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup> Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces? This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm Hymn “Hear Us, Lord”** (Psalm 80) Insert

**The Second Lesson Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

<sup>29</sup> By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup> By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup> By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup> And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, <sup>33</sup> who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death; they were sawn in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

**12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. 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 12:49-56

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

<sup>49</sup> Jesus said]: *“I have come to cast fire upon the earth, and how I wish it were already ablaze! <sup>50</sup> I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup> Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup> From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup> they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”*

<sup>54</sup> He also said to the crowds, “*When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain,’ and so it happens.*” <sup>55</sup> *And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens.* <sup>56</sup> *You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Sermon “What Better Example?”**

**Hymn of the Day “God, Whose Purpose Is to Kindle”** Insert

**Affirmation of Faith 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  
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: As we seek to follow the example of our Lord Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, let us, with Him, approach our heavenly Father, in full confidence that, in His love for us, He desires to hear and respond to our prayers.

*(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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 “We Give Thee But Thine Own”** No. 410 (st. 1,2)

**Offering Prayer**

P: Merciful God, Your Word, like fire, burns in our hearts.

**C: Faith, like fire, is kindled in Your world.**

P: For the gift of Your Word—printed in Bibles, shared among us, made man in Christ—

**C: and for all Your good and gracious gifts, we thank You now.**

P: Accept the gifts we bring this day.

**C: They are products of our faith’s burning fire.**

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 to give You our thanks and praise, O God, for You are our rock and haven;  
the tower of strength to whom we can always turn.

You created the heavens and earth,  
and the sound of Your voice shakes all things.

You put Your words in the mouths of the prophets  
to destroy wickedness and overthrow the ruthless,  
and to build justice and plant righteousness.

Your child, Jesus Christ, came among us  
with words of freedom, hope and healing  
which so scandalized the powerful that they crucified  
Him,

But You raised Him to new life  
and appointed Him as the mediator of a new covenant.

Before we were formed in the womb, You knew us  
and now You are bringing us into Your holy city  
with the angels and saints and the faithful of every age  
to rejoice together at the wonderful things You are  
doing.

Therefore we praise Your Majesty, almighty God, with  
all Your faithful people; therefore we bow before You

and adore You with the words;

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of all living. Earth and heaven are filled with Your glory. We bless Your name. Blessed is he who comes in the midst of His people.**

P: Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate now with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end.

### **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 Prayer**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, today You lay before us a feast that will one day be celebrated in heaven's glory.

**C: there people will come from east and from west, from north and from south to eat in the kingdom of God.**

P: We celebrate that day, today.

**C: Open the boundaries of Your kingdom.**

P: We bless You now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: Go now with your eyes on Jesus, the Source and Goal of our faith.

Lay aside the ways of sin,  
bring forth a harvest of justice and righteousness,  
and run with perseverance the race that is set before



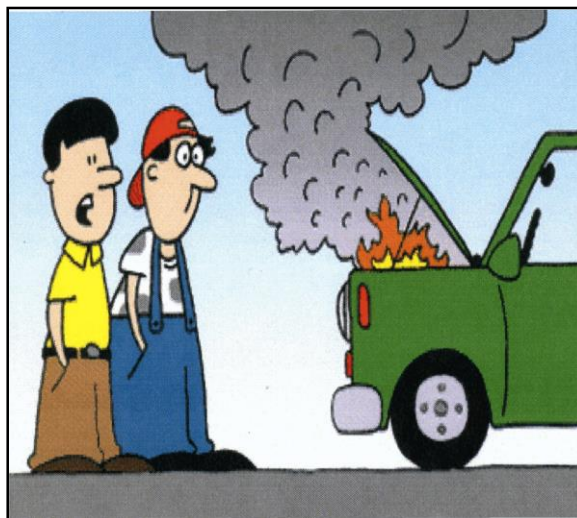
us.

God turn to you and cherish you;  
Christ Jesus surround you with the light of His presence;  
The Holy Spirit give you + life and strength.

**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—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

**Marla Manijak—safe travels to Maryland, while there and back again**

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 palsy—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

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

**Mike Latham—skin cancer—brother-in-law of Marla**

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**