

Tyler—dealing with depression—14 year old grandson of Joyce's friend
Linda Valetta—fibro muscular dysplasia/dissected aneurysm, low blood
pressure and dizziness—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

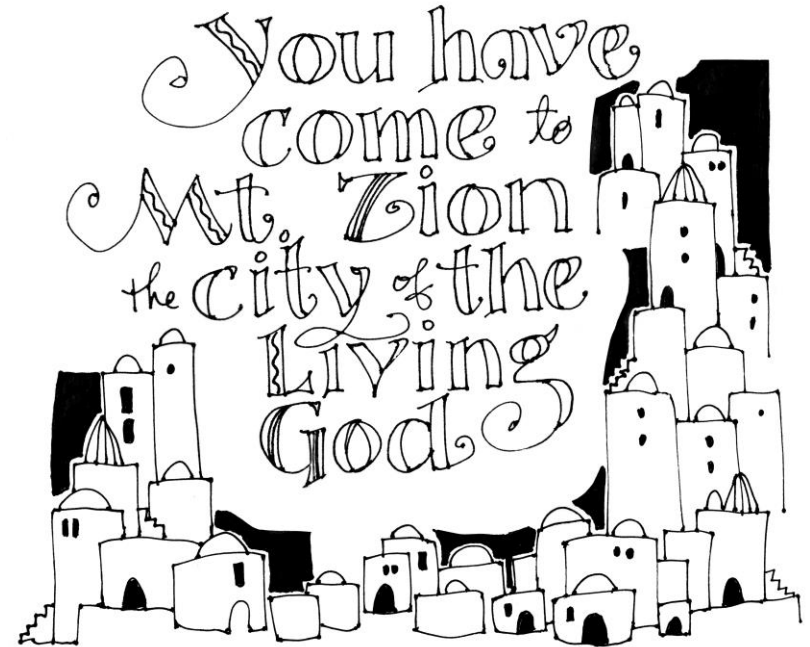
Donny Wood—healing from cancer—friend of Joyce

Ukraine refugees

All natural disasters victims

COVID 19 virus patients

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



H E B R E W S 1 2 : 2 2

Pentecost XIV

10:00 a.m.

September 11, 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 Amanda Nicely and Steve Hlava's birthdays.
- **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 sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is**
- **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.

Please remember these members in your prayers

Aggie Blankenship—stress test
Palagia Hlava—complications from MS
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
Jenna and Jacob Zimmerman—new college students
The Ayers family on the passing of Ken Nicely II
Steffen Nicely—traveling mercies for relocating in Orlando, Florida
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
Our military member—Troy Roman

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
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce
Ally-Marriage struggles—friend of Joyce
Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle
Paul Bower—depression after losing wife—friend of Steve and Marla
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
Carlton Dorris—broken clavical—grandson of Bob Earle
Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb
Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce
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
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law
Kathy Peters—breast cancer, dealing with chemo—friend of Marla and Deb
Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert's mom
Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin
John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy
Deacon Robert Szalai—born prematurely—home may have brain issues—grandnephew of Steve Hlava

Sending

P: Go now to speak the words God gives you
to all those to whom God sends you.
Offer your worship to God with thanksgiving
and with works of freedom and mercy.

God be your shelter to keep you safe;
Christ Jesus set you free from all that cripples you;
the Holy Spirit be with you to deliver you
and to make you perfect + with all God's faithful
ones.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn "Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng"

No. 553

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- **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 last Sunday 24 Adults 2 Children

Confirmation Pastor and 2 students

Church Mtg 21 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1374.19	Building Fund	10.00
Benevolence	8.00	Mission	0.00
Loose	3.00	1 + 1 + 1	16.00
Total Offering	707.00	Weekly need	1,615.38

**Our Worship is Ended—
Now Our Service Begins!**

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: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness.

We have turned away from each other in our thinking, speaking, and doing.

We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand.

We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins.

Have mercy on us, kind Father, because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Forgive us all that is past, and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to serve You faithfully.

Set our feet upon the new path of life, and build Your kingdom here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him.

May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn “Thy Holy Wings” WOV No. 741

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

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.
Each time You drink of this cup,
do it in remembrance of me.”*

When we eat of this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord until he comes, 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.

Kyrie

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.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Isaiah 58:9b-14

- ⁹ If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually
and satisfy your needs in parched places
and make your bones strong,
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³ If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the Sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn “Bless the Lord, O My Soul” (Psalm 103) Insert

The Second Lesson Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be

the world in Your hands. For You have made us and called us in this life to be united to You, to be Your people on this earth.

Blessed are You, Maker of all that exists.

Blessed are You, who have given us space and time in which to live.

Blessed are You for the light of our eyes and the air we breathe.

We thank You for the whole of creation, for all the works of Your hands, for all You have done in our midst, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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: Blessed are You, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world You chose us to be Your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him the universe was made. In Him we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins,

On the night when He was betrayed He 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.”*

P: Lord, You listen, to the prayers of those who trust in You.
 Help us to remember with You the least of our brothers
 and sisters. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

The Invitation

P: Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord that when He was at table with the disciples at Emmaus, He took bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared. Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to us, and God will be glorified. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ reign in your hearts.

C: Amen.

All present may greet one another with a word and gesture of peace.

Offering and Offertory

C: 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.

***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: We thank You, almighty Lord, that You are a God of all mankind, that You are not ashamed to be called our God, that You know us by our name, that You keep

stoned to death.”²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering,²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect,²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven!²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe,²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire. 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 13:10-17

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

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “*Woman, you are set free from your ailment.*” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “*You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water?*” ¹⁶And ought not this

woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty, Ever-living God, Your voice, ringing through time's vaults, has called our names—

C: and we have listened. We have come.

P: Yet, we come not to something that can be touched—

C: the wicked curl of altar's smoke, the bleating of the beast, the flash of the knife, the stench of the sacrifice.

P: No. We have come to Mount Zion—to the city of the living God—

C: to the heavenly Jerusalem.

P: Here innumerable angels gather.

C: Here the spirits of the righteous are made perfect.

P: Here You call all peoples and nations—

C: Here we are bold to confess the mediator of a new covenant—Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

P: He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

The Sermon "Causes for Rejoicing"

Hymn of the Day "We Give God Thanks for Those Who Knew" Insert

Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed pg 64

**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 those who are the last and the last in the eyes of people, be first
in our prayers to the Father.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Our Worship is Ended— Now Our Service Begins!

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.**

Kyrie

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.

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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.

**The Hymn of Praise—This is the feast pg. 60*

**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***

Pg. 62 Gospel Verse: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Canticle

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.

**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.**

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 Apostles Creed pg.65***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He
was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born
of the virgin Mary. He 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.**

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and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your
goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them
we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives
to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for
the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

**Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word
has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people: A
light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your
people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to
the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will
be forever. Amen.**

**The Nicene Creed pg. 64*

**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
became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made
man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he
rose again in accordance with 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.**

Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed

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the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,**

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He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the virgin Mary, and was made 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.
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for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come. Amen.

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—whose 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 are 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 fulfill our hopes of justice
and peace. Amen.

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Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,
creator and lover of the earth,
origin and destiny of us all.

We believe in Jesus the Christ
--God coming to us in the fragile promise
of a baby yet unborn—
who emerges as the herald of hope,
God's laughter in the face of despair.
Plunged into death and hell,
He broke free the captives,
and is leading the way
to the land of promise

where justice and peace will flourish.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who implants the seed of truth,
brings us to birth as the body of Christ,
and empowers us to confront and transform
all that is corrupt, degrading and deceitful.
We believe in the coming reign of God.
Announced by the Baptist,
it has drawn near to us in Jesus,
and will be consummated
in the glorious marriage of earth and heaven,
when all who have passed through the world's deep
sorrow
will be raised from the waters, robed in
righteousness,
and gathered into the joyous fulfilment
of God's desire.
For the coming of that day on this day,
we work and pray:
Come, Lord Jesus, Come! Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,
Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea and sky,
and midwife of every life that emerges from the womb
of the earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ.

Born of the womb of Mary, he was the first of our race to
live fully the destiny for which we were all created.
Healing the broken and serving the poor,
liberating the burdened and reconciling heaven and
earth;
His every action unmasked the evil that waits to
enslave us all.

Hell, wounded at its heart and filled with bitterness and
rage, struck back in fury unrestrained.
Jesus was condemned by the religious and crucified by
the state.
He died forsaken, a man of sorrows.
No pain in our hearts or in our planet is unfamiliar to
Him for He was cast into the jaws of death.
Redeeming even death, God raised Jesus from the grave
and with wounded hands He embraces us.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present
and there is now nothing beyond the reach of His
healing touch.
We believe in the Holy spirit, who raises us from the
waters of death, breathes new life into us and
declares us to be God's beloved.
And we believe Christ came that all may have life.
Violence and hatred have done their worst
but Christ's reign of peace will conquer.
All who trust in Christ, though they die,
shall be lifted to life in all its fullness.
The grip of suffering will be forever broken,
and death shall have no dominion. Amen.

Gospel Verse: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.
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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.

Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Luther's Explanations to the Creed

I believe that God has created me
and all that exists;
He has given me and still sustains
my body and soul,
all my limbs and senses,
my reason and all the faculties of my mind,
together with food and clothing,
house and home, family and property;
that he provides me daily and abundantly with all the
necessities of life,
protects me from all danger, and preserves me from
all evil.
All this he does out of his pure, fatherly,
and divine goodness and mercy,
without any merit or worthiness on my part.
For all of this I am bound to thank, praise, serve, and
obey him.
This is most certainly true.

I believe that Jesus Christ —
true God, begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary —
is my Lord,
who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned
creature,
delivered me and freed me from all sins,
from death, and from the power of the devil,
not with silver and gold but with His holy and
precious blood
and with His innocent sufferings and death,
in order that I may be His own,

live under him in his kingdom, Amen.

He is united because God has taken humanity into himself;
he does not transform deity into humanity.

He is completely one in the unity of his person,
without confusing his natures.

For as the rational soul and body are one person,
so the one Christ is God and man.

He suffered death for our salvation.

He descended into hell and rose again from the dead.

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.

At his coming all people shall rise bodily
to give an account of their own deeds.

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

This is the catholic faith.

One cannot be saved without believing this
firmly and faithfully.

The Athanasian Creed

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the Catholic faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith:

We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son;

almighty is the Spirit;

And yet there are not three almighty beings,

but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God;

the Holy Spirit is God.

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord;

The Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct

person as God and lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten;

the Son was neither made nor created,

but was alone begotten of the Father;

the Spirit was neither made nor created,

but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;

One Son, not three sons;

one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,

greater or less than the other;

but all three persons are in themselves,

coeternal and coequal;

and so we must worship the Trinity in unity

and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:

That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.

He is God, begotten before all worlds

from the being of the Father,

and he is man, born in the world

from the being of his mother—

existing fully as God, and fully as man

with a rational soul and a human body;

equal to the Father in divinity,

subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man, he is not divided,

but is one Christ.

Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck’s
Debbie Hovanvetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems

**Geoffrey Johnson—4-wheeler accident—spinal and lung injury
surgery—friend of Joyce**

Kathy—2 weeks of COVID—co-worker of Joyce

Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy’s niece
Holly Lyon—abdominal problems, upcoming surgery—friend of the
Wolff’s

Steve Mamber—treatment for leukemia—brother-in-law of Amy

Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve’s Dad
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy’s sister-in-law
Larry—family concerns—discord between his brothers—friend of Diane
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

Ken 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

Darcy Wood—cancer in throat and under arm—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

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 St. Thomas' 60th Anniversary.
- **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 Deb Wolff.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Please stay** after the worship service to help us celebrate our 60th anniversary as a congregation with a picnic.
- **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.
- 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>.
- **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	17 Adults	2 Children
Attendance Bible Study	5 Adults	2 Child
Towards Budget:		
Current Expense	929.34	Building Fund 15.00
Benevolence	5.00	Mission 5.00
5 th Sunday	450.00	
<u>1 + 1 + 1</u>	<u>15.00</u>	<u>Loose 20.00</u>
Total Offering	1439.34	Weekly need 1,229.52

Please remember these members in your prayers

Aggie Blankenship—congestive heart and pneumonia
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
Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle
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—dizzy spells—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
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
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