

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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Pentecost XIX
10:00 a.m.
October 16, 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 Stephanie Manijak's birthday.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Abigail Ayers and Madelyn Ayers birthdays and Nick Phillips and Steve Hlava baptism birthdays.
- **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**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The October-December 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 last Sunday 17 Adults 2 Youth

Confirmation Pastor and 2 students

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	500.00	Building Fund	10.00
Benevolence	10.00	Mission	5.00
Loose	25.00	1 + 1 + 1	30.00
Total Offering	580.00	Weekly need	1229.52

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: 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 “*With the Lord Begin Your Task*” No. 444

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.**

***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**

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we are like Jacob—

C: we are prone to wrestle with You.

P: And like the widow in Jesus' parable,

C: we cry to You both day and night.

P: Sanctify the desires of Your people, O God.

C: that what we ask of You may be pure and holy.

P: Bend us to Your will, O God,

C: that our will may become Your will.

P: That we will cling to You as we cry,

C: "We will not let go until You bless us!"

P: And, grace of graces, You bless us, O God. You give us a new name.

C: You give us Your name.

P: Through Your Son, Jesus Christ 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 32:22-31

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn "I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills"

The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. 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 18:1-8

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

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, *“In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’”* ⁶And the Lord said, *“Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “Persistence”

Hymn of the Say: “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ” 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: Confident that in the Son's teaching and through the Spirit's leading we shall be heard, let us lift hearts and voices to God.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear these words, O Lord, as You hear and understand the unspoken thoughts of our hearts and minds, and grant their fulfillment through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

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: Let us pray. Almighty God, steadfast Judge, we cry to You for justice...

C: and You provide!

P: Make us persistent in our requests, O God.

C: Make us persistent in our acts of mercy.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, show us how to walk humbly with our God.

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, 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 Prayer

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life.

**C: Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving
and to conform our lives to his.**

P: Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, and continue in what you have learned and believed.

Pray always, and do not lose heart.

Proclaim God's message; endure hostility; carry out your ministry fully.

God be quick to answer your prayers;

Christ Jesus inspire faith within you;

the Holy Spirit tutor your hearts and equip you+ for every good work.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn "*Christians, While on Earth Abiding*" No. 440

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—came back good—heart is good

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Lorene Kozar—strength and peace

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

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, Jacob Zimmerman, Jenna Zimmerman

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

Niklas Bohne—liver transplant, thank you to the donor—friend of Guy

Paul Bower—depression after losing wife--friend of Steve and Marla

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

Leona Corban—continued healing—Marla's mom

Carlton Dorris—broken clavical—grandson of Bob Earle

Dennis Fuldauer—on the wrong path—son of Kathy Brashear

Gidget—making poor choices—niece of Deb and Rory

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

John Johnson—heart issues—friend of Robin

Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce

Laurance Jeanblanc—withstand malignant tumor, anemia and weight loss—brother of Guy

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

Dave Tregoning—stroke—family friend of Amy

Richard Trivisanno—Hillcrest Hospital with multiple health problems—father of Sherry Criles

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

Linda Valetta—large blood clot in left lung and her son-in-law died—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