

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost XX
10:00 a.m.
October 23, 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 Linda Beuck and Linda Hautmann's 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.
- **Next Sunday is our 5th Sunday offering.** Please think about an extra offering to be given to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry. Thank you.
- **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 18 Adults 1 Youth

Confirmation No class today

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	840.00	Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	5.00	Altar Flowers	25.00
Loose	00.00	1 + 1 + 1	12.00
Total Offering	897.00	Weekly need	1229.52

Welcome and Announcements

Dialog

P: No matter how many times a day we pray, praying will not get us into heaven.

C: For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith, and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

P: No matter how many times we go to church, going to church will not get us into heaven.

C: For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith, and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

P: No matter how much money we put in the offering plate, giving money to the church will not get us into heaven.

C: For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith, and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

P: No matter how nice we are to people, being nice will not get us into heaven.

C: For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith, and this is not from ourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.

P: Only by believing in Jesus and putting all of our trust in him

C: will we be given the gift of eternal life. Alleluia! Amen.

Entrance Hymn “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” WOV No. 747

Prayer for the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty Lord, our ears are open to Your Word.

C: Our eyes are open to Your presence.

P: For the promises made through Your prophet Jeremiah are certain and sure: “This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them...”

C: ...Your Word is planted in us, Lord.

P: “...and I will write it on their hearts...”

C: ...Your Word thumps in the hollow of our chests, fills the arteries of our bodies, courses through our veins.

P: “...and I will be their God...”

C: “...and they will be my people.”

P: Your Word is alive for us, Lord.

C: Your Word is alive IN us, Lord.

P: and we are alive for You. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

Song for the Day “Not Unto Us” Insert

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will

make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (Psalm 46) No. 229

The Second Lesson Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. 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 John 8:31-36

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹ Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “*Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*” This is the Word of the Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ

The Sermon “Freeing Truth”

Hymn of the Day: “You Are Mine”

Insert

Affirmation of Faith

Luther's Explanations to the Apostles' Creed

I believe that God has created me and all that exists.

**He has given me and still preserves my body and soul
with all their powers.**

**He provides me with food and clothing, home and
family, daily work, and all I need from day to day.**

**God also protects me in time of danger and guards me
from every evil.**

**All this He does out of fatherly and divine goodness
and mercy, though I do not deserve it.**

**Therefore I surely ought to thank and praise, serve
and obey Him.**

This is most certainly true.

**I believe that Jesus Christ—true God, Son of the Father
from eternity, and true man, born of the Virgin**

Mary—is my Lord.

**At great cost he has saved and redeemed me, a lost
and condemned person.**

**He has freed me from sin, death, and the power of the
devil—not with silver or gold, but with His holy and
precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.**

**All this He has done that I may be His own, live under
Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting
righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He
is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally.**

This is most certainly true.

**I believe that I cannot by my own understanding or
effort believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to
Him.**

**But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel,
enlightened me with His gifts, and sanctified and
kept me in true faith.**

**In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and
sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and
keeps it united with Jesus Christ in the one true
faith.**

**In this Christian church day after day He fully
forgives my sins and the sins of all believers.**

**On the last day He will raise me and all the dead and
give me and all believers in Christ eternal life.**

This is most certainly true.

The Prayers of the Church

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
and for all people according to their needs.
(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we stand in Your presence by Your grace alone, and present these prayers only through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Act of Reconciliation

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.

P: When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. *(Matthew 5:23-24)*
Those present may greet one another with a handshake, saying, "Peace be to you."

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 be with you all.

C: Amen.

Offering and Offertory "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" WOV No. 759

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we do not offer You our works as they are prescribed by the Law.

C: For such works cannot save us.

P: We offer, instead, these gifts...motivated not by fear or obligation, but by faith—faith in Your grace...faith in Your Son.

C: Accept them as our gifts of love. Use them that Your Word might grow.

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: To do so is right and proper.

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 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 to live in.

Blessed are 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 thank, 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.
Each time You drink of this cup,
Do it in remembrance of me.*

When we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we
proclaim the death of 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.

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: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, You have made us free

C: ...and we are free indeed.

P: Keep us far from the temptation to sin.

C: And cultivate Your Word within us.

P: You are Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: For freedom Christ has set you free—free to serve Him
and no longer the appetites, desires, prejudices and
longings that so readily enslave us.

The Son has set you free—you are free, indeed!

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Now go forth in that freedom.

Proclaim the Good News you have received.

Live the new life to which you have been reborn.

Love as you have been loved.

God the Father, who created you...

God the Son, who has redeemed you and set you free...

God the Holy Spirit, who has sanctified you to be His
dwelling-place...

Empower you for every good work to the glory of His +
name.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ” WOV No. 754

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

The Ayers family on the passing of Ken Nicely II

Aggie Blankenship—stress test—came back good—heart is good

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Pastor Just—traveling to Mass. and Ct. this week

Lorene Kozar—strength and peace

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

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

Paul Berry—internal bleeding—friend of Joyce

Niklas Bohne—released from hospital after successful transplant—friend of Guy

Tim & Kathy Borbely—traveling to Florida—Diane Lee's brother and sister-in-law

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—needs to find housing by the 15th—niece of Deb and Rory

Daniel Gump—stroke—friend of Pastor Just

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

John Johnson—heart issues—friend of Robin

Naomi Just—fell and broke hip—Pastor's sister

Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce

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

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, finished treatments—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 family—passed away last Sunda—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