

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost XVII
10:00 a.m.
October 2, 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 Kim Kinder and Kathy Brashear's birthdays.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Becky and Keith Larkins on the 4th.
- **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 16 Adults 2 Youth

Confirmation Pastor and 2 students

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	562.19	Building Fund	30.00
Benevolence	30.00	Mission	5.00
Loose	20.00	1 + 1 + 1	19.00
Total Offering	666.19	Weekly need	1229.52

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn *“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”* No. 269

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.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, open our ears to the words of Amos,

C: that we might be merciful to all in need.

P: Open our ears to Paul’s words to Timothy,

C: that we might take hold of the eternal life to which we were called.

P: Open our ears to the words of our Lord,

C: that we might count the wealth You give as more valuable than the wealth of this world.

P: For You offer riches that will not fade—

C: riches forever in heaven’s light.

P: The wealth of this world...

C: pales in comparison.

P: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and

reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion

and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

⁴Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory

and lounge on their couches

and eat lambs from the flock

and calves from the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp

and like David improvise on instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine from bowls

and anoint themselves with the finest oils

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,

and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn “Praise the Almighty” (Psalm 146) No. 539

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made^[b] the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. 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 16:19-31

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

Jesus said to them:] *“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶ Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house—²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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The Sermon “Here and Hereafter”

Hymn of the Day “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” No. 230

Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God,

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

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

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

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

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

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

who breathing gives life;

whose fire purges and renews;

**whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions,
awakening courage, humor and hope.**

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

and growing to wholeness in Christ.

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

a life laid open to all;

overflowing with love and mercy;

richer than mind can measure,

but appearing foolish to the world.

**And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser
than the wisdom of the world,**

and that the suffering of God will heal the earth

and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.

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The Prayers of the Church

P: God alone is our help. To Him we lift up our needs and the needs of the whole human family.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Giver of all life, we ask You to sustain our life and the life of the world. Hear our cries for help. Make us as generous as You are in answering those who turn to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord.

C: Amen.

Act of Reconciliation

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

**C: Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to You and to one another that we have sinned,
both in our actions and in our failure to act.**

A brief silence for individual prayer.

P: Our ability to ignore the plight of the poor, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our ardent response to the seduction of material gain, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our hesitation to give the good testimony to God's love and mercy, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our readiness to place our hope in things, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our indifference to the plight of others, both rich and poor, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

After the final bidding the prayer of confession concludes;

P: Merciful Father, give us pardon and peace and free us from our sin for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

P: We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

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.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Eternal God, if it were not enough that You provide us with every spiritual blessing,

C: You provide us with worldly wealth, as well.

P: We offer these things back to You.

C: Take, too, our lives. Mold them to Your will.

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the 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 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.”

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 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.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, our hearts have a God-shaped hole.

Nothing we place there can fill our deepest hunger—

C: not gold, not wealth, not personal gain or power.

P: Only You can fill our longing. Only You can satisfy our ancient need.

C: At Your table we are filled.

P: Lead us now as we offer this holy satisfaction

C: to a hungry, unsatisfied world.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now and take hold of the life that really is life.

Shun the eagerness for money

but be rich in good works.

Pursue righteousness, godliness,

faith, love, endurance and gentleness.

God be your refuge and fortress;

Christ Jesus free you from all that ensnares you;

the Holy Spirit provide you with everything

for godliness + and contentment.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn “*Fight the Good Fight*” Insert

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

Please remember these members in your prayers

Aggie Blankenship—stress test—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

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

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

Leona Corban—no back surgery—alleluia—had 2 shots in back, pain has subsided—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

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

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