

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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OF GOD IS NOT
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Pentecost XVIII

10:00 a.m.

October 9, 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 Jim Doerfler and Stephanie Manijak's birthdays and Trudy Ayers, Joanna Nicely, Gilbert Ayers and Thomas Ayers 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 Marla Manijak.**
- **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 25 Adults 2 Youth

Confirmation Pastor and 2 students

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1617.19	Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	15.00	Mission	5.00
Altar Flowers	25.00	Hall Rental	25.00
Loose	60.00	1 + 1 + 1	20.00
Total Offering	1782.19	Weekly need	1229.52

Welcome and Announcements

Entrance Hymn *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

No. 336

Opening Dialog

P: Lord God, You send Your blessing on us and summon us to use Your good gifts for the welfare of others.

C: Open our hearts to a compassion for those who struggle in life.

P: Open our eyes to see those who hide in the shadows, afraid to come into the light.

C: Open our ears to hear the voices that cry out in pain, loneliness, and despair.

P: Open our hands to touch those who have been made to feel untouchable, unlovable.

C: Open our arms to offer embrace to those who are pushed aside, or who are in need of a gentle embrace.

P: Lord God, your Son Jesus welcomed any and all into His Kingdom, and modeled that by His willingness to be with anyone and everyone.

C: Increase in us day by day that same willingness to let Your love to us flow through us to anyone and everyone we encounter who needs to know Your love.

P: We praise You for the grace and mercy showered upon us.

**C: We ask You to help us share You with our world.
Amen.**

Song of Praise *“We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God”* Insert

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord, You have called us to open our hands so that You might fill them.

C: Open not only our hands, but our hearts also, so that we recognize Your goodness, count all things loss in comparison with You, and desire to be made like You.

P: We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson 2 Kings 5:1-15c

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease.² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."⁴ So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said.⁵ And the king of Aram said, "Go, then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments.⁶ He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his skin disease."⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean."¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?"¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵ Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel... This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn "I Will Praise You, Lord" (Psalm 111) Insert

The Second Lesson 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel,⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth. 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 17:11-19

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “*Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?*” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “*Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Sermon Song: “It is Well with My Soul” Insert

The Sermon “Clean and Well”

Hymn of the Day: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” No. 448

Affirmation of Faith

**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.**

The Prayers of the Church

P: Let us bow before almighty God, offering our
 thanksgiving and making known our requests for the
 whole human family and for all the world.

(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.

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 inconsistent gratitude for many blessings, 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 satisfaction with things as they are, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: That we are too often blind to needs of others, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our hesitation to give testimony to the faith that is in us, 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 “Lord, We Cry Out” Insert

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. Faithful God, accept the gifts we bring out
of thankfulness for all You have done for us, and use them
for Your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right to give You thanks and praise, O God,
for You rule forever in faithfulness
and in You is salvation with eternal glory.

With awesome power You created the heavens and the
earth and through water and fire You saved for Yourself a people.

Even when we were exiled throughout the earth,
Your Word, which is never chained,
called us to settle wherever You place us
and prayerfully to seek the welfare of every land.

In Jesus the Christ, Your Word settled among us,
meeting us in our brokenness and suffering
and, in mercy, bringing healing and a way to wholeness.

He was chained like a criminal and crucified,
and when He died, we died with Him,
but You raised Him from the dead so that we might
also live with Him,

forever shouting the wonder of Your deeds
and singing the glory of Your name.

Therefore we bow before You and adore You with
the words;

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all living.

Earth and heaven are filled with Your glory.

We bless Your name.

Blessed is he who comes in the midst of His people.

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

It is He, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who on the night when He was betrayed
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.*

Each time you drink of this cup, do it in remembrance of Me.”

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we
proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and
teach us to pray...

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, in this sacrament You have placed into our open hands the body and blood of Christ.

**C: Open not only our hands, but our hearts also,
so that we recognize Your goodness,
count all things loss in comparison with You,
and desire to be made like You.**

P: We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, and live fruitfully where God has placed you.
Pray and strive for the welfare of those you live among,
and do your best to present yourselves to God
as faithful workers with no need to be ashamed.

God open the pathways before you;
Christ Jesus cleanse you and make you whole;
the Holy Spirit keep your spirits alive and your feet
+ from stumbling.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn *“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”* 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

Niklas Bohne—having liver transplant, blood loss—friend of Guy

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

Carl—had endoscopy & colonoscopy on the 3rd—father of Carol

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