

**Welcome to St. Thomas  
Lutheran Church**



**All Saints Sunday  
10:00 a.m.  
November 3, 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 Ken Nicely III's birthday.
- **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 October-December Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Mark your calendar**—Annual Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. At least one council position will need to be filled. See one of the council members if you are interested in serving or need more information on what it entails. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Women's Group** will be meeting this Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please read chapter 5 of your "Grace" book.
- **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](mailto:pastort@gloriadeihudson.org).
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry to help those in Haiti and Ukraine. Please make your check donation made out to St. Thomas.
- **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** 12 Adults 4 Youth

**Confirmation** Pastor and 2 youth

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	902.19	Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	25.00	Fifth Sunday	200.00
Loose	20.00	1 + 1 + 1	12.58
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>1174.77</b>	<b>Weekly need</b>	<b>1229.52</b>

**Don't forget to vote  
on Tuesday!**

## 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: The Lord our God is a holy God;

**C: but sadly we are not holy.**

**Our lives are ample evidence of the sin that dwells within us.**

**Our actions demonstrate that we do not behave as holy people.**

**Our words—especially to one another—are often far from holy: they wound and demean;**

**they belie and betray.**

**We long to live out the truth that God “chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.”**

[Ephesians 1:4]

P: In Christ Jesus, and in Him alone, is there forgiveness of sins; and through the Holy Spirit alone can there be any change of heart or spirit. “I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

[Romans 12:1]

**C: We do come now to admit and confess all that is wrong in our lives, all that is not of Christ, and that has hurt ourselves and others.**

**We long to be made clean.**

P: In the strong Name of Jesus Christ, I declare to you that God has put your sins aside and made you spotless in His Son. Rejoice! Our God—not your deeds, thoughts, or words—declares you to be holy.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”** No. 175

### 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: Almighty God, we praise You for Your saints—**

**C: for Abraham, whose faith convicts us,  
and for David, whose poetry inspires us;  
for Ruth, whose faithfulness was enduring,  
and for Moses, whose leadership was strong.  
For judges and prophets, for apostles and  
evangelists, we praise You for Your saints, O God.**

**P: Almighty God, we praise You for your saints—**

**C: for mothers who dandled us on their knee,  
and for fathers who taught us responsibility;  
for grandparents who gave us their time,  
and for aunts and uncles who gave us their senses of  
humor.**

**For family and friends, for ancestors and mentors,  
we praise You for Your saints, O God.**

**P: Almighty God, we praise You for Your saints—**

**C: for the people of Your church, alive today throughout  
the world, and for the people of this congregation,  
alive today through Your Spirit's power;  
for good Christian friends and strong Christian leaders.  
For saints young and old, we praise You for Your  
saints, O God.**

**P: Teach us by their examples,  
inspire us by their faith,  
and give us their vision—**

**C: eyes that look unblinkingly toward You!**

**P: Your Word is alive for us, Lord.  
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 Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18**

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: <sup>2</sup> I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, <sup>3</sup> and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. <sup>4</sup> The first was like a lion and had eagles' wings. Then, as I watched, its wings were plucked off, and it was lifted up from the ground and made to stand on two feet like a human being; and a human mind was given to it. <sup>5</sup> Another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side, had three tusks in its mouth among its teeth and was told, "Arise, devour many bodies!" <sup>6</sup> After this, as I watched, another appeared, like a leopard. The beast had four wings of a bird on its back and four heads; and dominion was given to it. <sup>7</sup> After this I saw in the visions by night a fourth beast, terrifying and dreadful and exceedingly strong. It had great iron teeth and was devouring, breaking in pieces, and stamping what was left with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that preceded it, and it had ten horns. <sup>8</sup> I was considering the horns, when another horn appeared, a little one coming up among them; to make room for it, three of the earlier horns were plucked up by the roots. There were eyes like human eyes in this horn, and a mouth speaking arrogantly . . . <sup>15</sup> As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. <sup>16</sup> I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: <sup>17</sup> "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. <sup>18</sup> But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever." This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm Hymn: "I Will Extol the Lord, My God!"** (Psalm 34) Insert

**Second Lesson** Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. <sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name

that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **The Verse**

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

### **Holy Gospel Luke 6:20-31**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said: *“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. <sup>27</sup> But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup> If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon** *“What Does It Mean to Be ‘Holy’?”*

**Hymn for the Day** *“Here from All Nations”* Insert

### **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 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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### **Prayers of the Church**

P: Cleansed in the blood of the Lamb, and one in communion with all the saints of every time and place, let us offer our prayers to the God who loves us.

*(After each petition)*

P: Lord, in your mercy

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Holy God, mighty God, immortal God, adored by angels and praised by the saints, receive the prayers of Your holy church, and grant them in accordance with Your gracious will, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*All those present share with each other 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: Almighty God, like the saints and martyrs before us, we have but one thing to offer—

**C: our lives, Lord. Take us. Use us. And call us at last to our heavenly rest.**

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

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving** (spoken)

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 do indeed give You our thanks and praise, O God,  
for by Your great power You have called us to a rich

hope and pledged us a glorious inheritance among the saints.

In time before dreaming You sent the wind  
to stir up the sea of chaos and bring forth the earth.

Through Your law and prophets  
You promised us that Your Kingdom would belong  
forever

to those who embraced Your holiness.

Through Your son, Jesus Christ,  
You proclaimed a day when the hungry will feast  
and the mourners laugh.

When He was killed on the cross  
You raised Him from the dead  
and seated Him at Your right hand.

In Him You give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation,  
so that we might know that hope to which You have called us and embody the fullness of  
Christ who fills all in all.

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  
With all Your saints to celebrate now  
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 and 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**



**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, Your saints, arrayed in white and washed in Your own blood, praise You even now in heaven's heights.

**C: We hope to join them, Lord. Fulfill our hope.**

**P:** You are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

#### **A Closing Dialog**

**P:** For those who have gone before us to be with You in heaven,

**C: we laud and magnify Your name, O Lord.**

**P:** For those who now sing Your praises with angels and Archangels and the whole company of heaven,

**C: we laud and magnify Your name, O Lord.**

**P:** For those who showed us what it means to trust in You.

**C: we laud and magnify Your name, O Lord.**

**P:** For those who shared with us Your Holy Scriptures while they were on this earth,

**C: we laud and magnify Your name, O Lord.**

**P:** For those who made Your love known to us in word and deed,

**C: we laud and magnify Your name, O Lord.**

**P:** For those who eagerly await our arrival in heaven with You,

**C: we laud and magnify Your name, O Lord, both now and forever. Amen.**

## **Sending**

P: Go now with Your faith in the Lord Jesus  
and your love open to all God's people.

Bless those who curse you,  
love those who hate you.  
and treat others as you would wish them to treat you.

God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation;  
Christ Jesus count you among his saints for eternity;  
The Holy Spirit mark you out + for fullness of  
redemption.

C: **Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn** *“For All Your Saints, O Lord”* No. 176

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

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

**Shirley Blackerby—advanced breast cancer—friend of Robin**

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

**Carl Gautner—all good with colonoscopy and endoscopy—father of Carol Earle**

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—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**