

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**They were
filled with the
Holy Spirit** ACTS 2:4

**The Day of Pentecost
10:00 a.m.
May 28, 2023**

**Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor
St. Thomas Lutheran Church
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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 The Day of Pentecost.
- **The Prayer book** is on the music stand by the door.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of January. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Marla Manijak.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The April-June and July-September Portal of Prayers** are on the stand.
- **Installation of Pastor Blake Martzowka** will be on Saturday, July 8 in the afternoon at St. Thomas and at Christ Lutheran in Mantua that evening. A dinner is being planned at Christ Lutheran. Helpers are needed. Also the parsonage at Christ will need to be updated. Helpers are needed there. A choir is being planned for that day. If interested in any of these needs please see one of the council members.
- **Pastor Just** will be needing some help moving items out of the office before the arrival of our new pastor. See Pastor to volunteer.
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry is always in need of help. 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.
- **The volunteer program** at UH Portage Medical Center in Ravenna includes opportunities to serve patients and family members with spiritual care support. Volunteers typically commit 3-4 hours per week or serve on-call a few days per month. If interested please contact UH Portage Medical Center's Pastoral Care Dept. at 330-297-2445.
- **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 23 Adults 2 Youth

Confirmation Class Pastor plus 2 students

Towards Budget

Current Expense	1107.19	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	0.00	Wedding gift	100.00

<u>1 + 1 + 1</u>	<u>9.00</u>	<u>Loose</u>	<u>120.00</u>
Total Offering	1341.19	Weekly need	1,288.46

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Dialog

P: On the Day of Pentecost, the life of the Spirit was poured out onto all parts of the world.

C: Today we see the Spirit alive almost everywhere we turn.

P: On the Day of Pentecost, the life of the Spirit entered into Peter, and he began to preach.

C: Today the Spirit is alive in the words of all those who preach God's Word.

P: On the Day of Pentecost, the life of the Spirit caused people to speak the Gospel in many languages.

C: Today the Spirit is alive in words that we use to defend the faith in the presence of those who do not yet believe.

P: On the Day of Pentecost, the life of the Spirit inspired many to be baptized and to live as children of God.

C: Today the Spirit is still alive in the waters of Holy Baptism.

P: On the Day of Pentecost, the life of the Spirit stirred in the hearts of those who had fallen away from God.

C: Today the Spirit is alive in the hearts of those who repent.

P: On the Day of Pentecost, the life of the Spirit drew people who were eager to know more about Christ's love.

C: Today the Spirit is alive where people are learning more about God's Word.

P: On the Day of Pentecost, the life of the Spirit moved people to become Christ's disciples.

C: Today the Spirit is alive in our hearts as we are moved

to serve in the kingdom of God.

P: Come, Holy Spirit,

C: and spread your life among us.

Entrance Hymn “O Day Full of Grace” No. 161

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. Blow into our fellowship, O God—

C: Blow away the cobwebs, the dust, the seeds of dissension. Refresh us with Your windy presence.

P: Burn through this sanctuary, O God—

C: burning off the dross of our sin, kindling in us the bright fire of Your love.

P: Drench us with Your Spirit, O God—

C: pour on us the cooling water of Your kindness, the refreshing baptismal waters of Your grace.

P: As we remember the grand and glorious day of the coming of Your promised Holy Spirit, inspire us with Your Spirit

this day.

C: Blow into our fellowship. Burn through this sanctuary. Drench us with Your Spirit.

P: Then we will truly serve 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.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Song "Yours, Lord, is Wisdom, Yours Alone" (Psalm 104) Insert

Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Verse Pg. 63

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

Holy Gospel John 7:37-39

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁷ On the last day of the festival [of the tabernacles], the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, *'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, ³⁸ and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."*' ³⁹ Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon "Spirit, Come?"

Hymn for the Day "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" No 523

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in God, creator of all,
whose love is more than mind can measure or time contain.**

**We believe that God's desire is fullness of life for all,
and from the heights of heaven to the depths of hell,
nothing and no one has fallen beyond the reach of God's mercy.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, who unveiled the divinity of
human flesh and revealed to us the nature of God;**

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**who embodied God's holy wisdom and brought forth fruits of
love, joy, peace, goodness, faithfulness and humility.**

**We believe in the way of the cross, for when Christ embraced the
outcasts and unmasked the arrogant, he stirred into deadly
confrontation the power of love and the love of power.**

**The enemies of life had their way with him, tearing spirit from
flesh,
but God's saving power raised him to life, so that we and every
person on earth might follow him into the fullness of life which
death cannot overcome.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, God's ceaseless and mysterious
Go-between, who kindles the fires of passion and integrity.**

**Elusive and uncontrollable, comforting and disturbing, he purges
our delusions with fire and whispers grace with a lover's breath,
empowering us to refuse what is evil, and be taken up with
praise.**

Though sometimes fearful, in God we trust.

**We lay ourselves open to the Spirit's touch that we might be the
body of Christ, offering our life for the life of the world, and
being drawn into the mysterious dance of the Trinity, through
Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and praise forever. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

P: In the power of the Spirit who aids us in our weakness and teaches

us to pray, let us offer to God our intercessions, thanksgiving, and the deep yearnings of our hearts.

(After each petition)

P: ...we pray:

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Gracious God, receive our prayer; hear our hearts' deep yearnings, yet to be formed into words. Give us the courage to yield ourselves, all that we are and have yet to become, to the transforming motion of your Holy Spirit, and carry out in us and through us your work of new creation. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and living one.

C: Amen.

Act of Reconciliation

P: God of power, You have sent the Spirit of love;

C: forgive us all the times we put conditions on our love.

P: You have sent the Spirit of joy;

C: forgive us all the times we are disagreeable and unwelcoming witnesses.

P: You have sent the Spirit of peace;

C: forgive us all the times our words and actions contribute towards conflict and division.

P: You have sent the Spirit of patience;

C: forgive us all the times we worry because we do not see instant results to prayer.

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C: forgive us all the times we have been aggressive in our attitude towards others.

P: You have sent the Spirit of self-control;

C: forgive us all the times we have hurt others by our careless manner.

P: Gracious and merciful God, grant us Your forgiveness and Your love that we may truly care for one another.

C: Refresh and renew us with Your Spirit so that we can be fruitful and vital disciples of Jesus Christ. 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 those present greet one another with a word or gesture of peace.

Offering and Offering Music

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.

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Through Abraham You promised to bless all humanity.

You rescued Israel, You chose, the people of Your promise; You sent them prophets with words of judgment and of hope. And, when the time had come, You sent Your Son, born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit. In words and wonders He proclaimed Your kingdom and was obedient to Your will, even to giving His life.

After supper the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took some bread into His hands, and then, when he had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His friends. And He said,

"Take this, and eat it; This is My body, it is given for you.

Do this to remember of Me.”

After supper He took a cup of wine and after giving thanks, He gave it to them. And He said,

*“Drink from this, all of you: This cup is God’s
new covenant in My blood which is poured out for you
and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink from it from now on,
do this to remember Me.”*

Gracious Father, we therefore celebrate the sacrifice of our Lord by means of this holy bread and cup: rejoicing to receive all that He accomplished for us in His life and death, His resurrection and ascension; and awaiting His coming again to share with us the heavenly feast.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send the power of Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that we who receive the body and blood of Christ may be His body in the world, living according to His example, to bring peace and healing to all humanity.

Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great High Priest until He comes in power and great glory as victorious Lord of all.

C: Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

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. Pour our upon us the Spirit of Your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom You have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go out into the world, sent as Christ Jesus was sent, gifted and empowered for the common good.
Dream dreams, pursue visions, and speak of God’s goodness

in the words of those who would hear.
God give hope to your dreaming;
Christ Jesus set rivers of life flowing within you,
the Holy Spirit unite you as one body and set you ablaze + with joy.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn “Chosen and Sent by the Father” Insert

A Litany for Memorial Day

P: On this Sunday before Memorial Day, we pause to remember the self-giving love of Jesus Christ that he modeled for us and which has been imitated in the self-giving love of those men and women who died in military service to our country:

We remember and we pray for our soldiers who laid down their lives for their friends and fellow citizens;

C: we remember and we pray for those who put the health and well-being of others above their own;

P: we remember and we pray for those who did not lay down their lives, but who suffered physical, emotional, or mental damage and need healing;

C: we remember and we pray for those families who are grieving

P: we remember and we pray for those soldiers and military family members who need our ongoing support and care;

C: we remember and we pray for our leaders to honor our soldiers, and all of us, by leading with wisdom and restraint;

P: we remember and we pray for the example of Jesus Christ to be the vision of service for all of us, whoever we are and wherever we are;

C: we long for and we pray for a world filled with peace, where we no longer need to lay down our lives for our friends anymore.

P: On this Sunday before Memorial Day, we pray all of this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus the Christ/

C: Amen.

A Time of Remembrance “Hymn to the Fallen” John Williams

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

Kathy Braesher—vertigo

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Robin Hoffman—back injury and toxic neuropathy

Lorene Kozar—strength and peace

Becky Larkins—successful adoption of Rowan

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Ben Wolff—healing of repaired rotator cuff

Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Grace Rohaley, Jacob Zimmerman, Jenna Zimmerman

Our military members—Troy Roman and Ben Wolff

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

Adalyn—diagnosed with cancer—great-granddaughter of Mary Lott

Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce

Ally-Marriage struggles—friend of Joyce

Barb Basmagy—possible pneumonia—doing well--wife of Dusty

Paul Berry—internal bleeding—friend of Joyce

Ray Bishop—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's

Archer Bradshaw—fighting leukemia-3 year old family friend of Joyce

Carl—lost his wife Linda and is all alone now—neighbor of the Earle's

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

Christine—knee replacement surgery—teacher friend of Joyce

John Cowling—finished course of chemo for leukemia—brother-in-law of Amy

Jonelle Cillo—cancer treatment for acute leukemia—sister of Steve Hlava

Evelyn French—macular degeneration—Carol's mom

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

Daniel Gump—stroke—friend of Pastor Just

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

Kari Hendrix==hip surgery and healing—neighbor of the Earle's

Heather Hendrix—acute onset leukemia—family friend of Amy

Jaylah—lost her mother to overdose—single parent home—bus student of Joyce

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

Linda Kuzniakowski—brain cancer—co-worker of Deb Earle

Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce

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

Laurie—breast cancer, undergoing Chemo—friend of Diane

Leo—healing from broken hip and dementia—uncle of Amy

Christine Lowdin—2nd knee replacement and healing—friend of Joyce

Steve Mamber—home from hospital and making small improvements—brother-in-law of Amy

Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad

Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law

Delilah Nicely—recovery from pneumonia—granddaughter of Joyce

Paul—had stroke—came through now hoping on rehab bed—friend of Joyce

Karen Power—family searching for care facility, she keeps falling—
aunt of Carol Earle

Barb & Dan, Carl & Linda, Pat—elderly health issues, difficulty moving around—neighbors of the Earle's

Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs

Angela Reker—continued healing after knee replacement surgery—
friend of Amy

**Joan Rupp—recovering from surgery to repair retinal detachment—
good friend of Amy**

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert's mom

Mary Lou Snider—health issues—friend of the Wolffs

John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy

Deacon Robert Szalai—born prematurely—home may have brain issues—

grandnephew of Steve Hlava

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

Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's

Renee White—new diagnosis of cancer—friend of Deb Wolff

Darcy Wood—lymphoma diagnosis—cousin of Joyce

Donny Wood—healing from cancer—friend of Joyce

Chris Zimmerman—recovering from sepsis—friend of the Wolff's

Ukraine refugees

All natural disasters victims

COVID 19 virus patients