


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



I desire Mercy
Sacrifice...^{not}
I have not come
to call the
Righteous but
Sinners

MATT. 9:13

Pentecost II
10:00 a.m.
June 11, 2023

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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 Elizabeth Ayers birthday.
- **Being confirmed today** are Elizabeth and Madeline Ayers. Congratulations Elizabeth and Madeline.
- **We welcome as new members** today Dusty Basmagy, Leona Corban and Peter Malherek.
- **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 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Thomas and at Christ Lutheran in Mantua at 3:30 p.m. 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. Rehearsals will be at Christ Lutheran on Wednesdays June 14, June 28 and July 5 at 6:30. Sheila asks that you attend all the rehearsals. 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 24 Adults 1 Youth

Towards Budget

Current Expense	1422.00	Building Fund	20.00
Benevolence	13.00	Parsonage	1000.00
1 + 1 + 1	14.00	Loose	80.00
Total Offering	2549.00	Weekly need	1,288.46

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: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, so that we may receive the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.

Our sins are many, O Lord, and we cannot deal with them on our own.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive us all our sins.

P: Pain and illness are felt by many, O Lord, and we turn to You for relief.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, and heal us of our hurts.

P: We have turned from Your way, and have been led astray by false gods.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, and guide us back to You.

P: We have lost ourselves in doubt and confusion, and have failed to trust in You at all times.

C: Have mercy on us, O Lord, and renew our trust in You.

P: We would have no place to turn if You were not here for us.

C: We thank You for Your mercy, and we thank You for Your care. Now help us to show mercy to others, as You have cared for us. Amen.

Entrance Hymn *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”* No. 549

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: Let us pray. You have bent Your ear, O God—bent Your ear to hear Your people. Your prophet cries out:

C: “Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn—he will heal us.”

P: You have reached out Your hand, O God—reached out Your hand to help those in distress.

An unnamed man vents his pain:

C: “My daughter has just died; but come and lay Your hand on her, and she will live.”

P: You, O God, are full of mercy—

C: ready to hear...anxious to act.

P: We call to You for mercy, O God—

C: heal us...forgive us...restore our health and vigor.

P: We call to You for mercy, O God—

C: fill our hearts with mercy so that we will be ambassadors of mercy.

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 Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favor:

6 “Come, let us return to the LORD for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up.² After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him.³ Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.”⁴ What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.⁵ Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light.⁶ For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Song “Hear, Hear the Teaching of the Lord” (Psalm 50) Insert

Second Lesson Romans 4:13-25

¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶ For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³ Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Verse Pg. 62

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

Holy Gospel Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “*Follow me.*” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “*Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.*” ¹³ *Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.*”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “*Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.*” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “*Go away, for*

the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon “*Three Healings*”

Confirmation Hymn “*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*” WOV No. 770

We take great joy to celebrate with *Elizabeth Lynn Ayers* and *Madeline Lucille Ayers* as they make Affirmation of the Baptismal Covenant. Please join with us to affirm these two sisters as they arrive at this important milestone on their spiritual pilgrimage.

The Rite for the Affirmation of the Covenant of Baptism

It is equally our joy this morning to welcome into membership by Affirmation of Faith: *Dusty Basmagy, Leona Corban, and Peter Malherek.*

Reception of New Members

Song: “*Lead Us, Lord (Dream Again)*” Performed by Brian Doerksen

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: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Peace and Unity

P: Let us pray as we greet one another in peace: God the Father of us all, Ruler of the universe, look from heaven upon Your Church, upon all Your people and upon this congregation. Give us Your peace, Your love, and Your help. Send us the gifts of Your Spirit, so that with a clean heart and a good conscience we may greet one another, not deceitfully nor hypocritically but blamelessly and purely, in the bond of peace and love. Take from us the desire to control the freedom of others, for there is only one body and one Spirit, and one faith as we have been called in one hope of our calling. Bring us to the fullness of Your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom You are blessed in the unity of the Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Here all 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.

Offering Prayer

P: Let us pray. You do not desire sacrifice, O God.

C: You desire mercy. You desire steadfast love.

P: Accept these offerings, O God.

C: They are signs of our mercy. They are symbols of our steadfast love.

P: Use them wherever mercy is required. 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 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: 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 thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples with the words,

“Take this, and eat it; 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 this 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.

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.

The Post-Communion Song

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: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of his body, the Church.

C: We ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we may continue in this fellowship and do the good works which You desire us to do;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, at the call of God and follow wherever the Lord leads you.

Love truth and justice, and share the healing mercy of God with all.

God bless you and make you a blessing to others;

Christ Jesus take you by the hand and lift you to life;

the Holy Spirit nourish you in hope so that you will grow strong + in faith.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn *“It is Well with My Soul”* 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

Elizabeth Ayers—extraction of wisdom teeth

Kathy Brashear—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—back in hospital—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

Celebration of Madilyn Rock—new great-niece 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