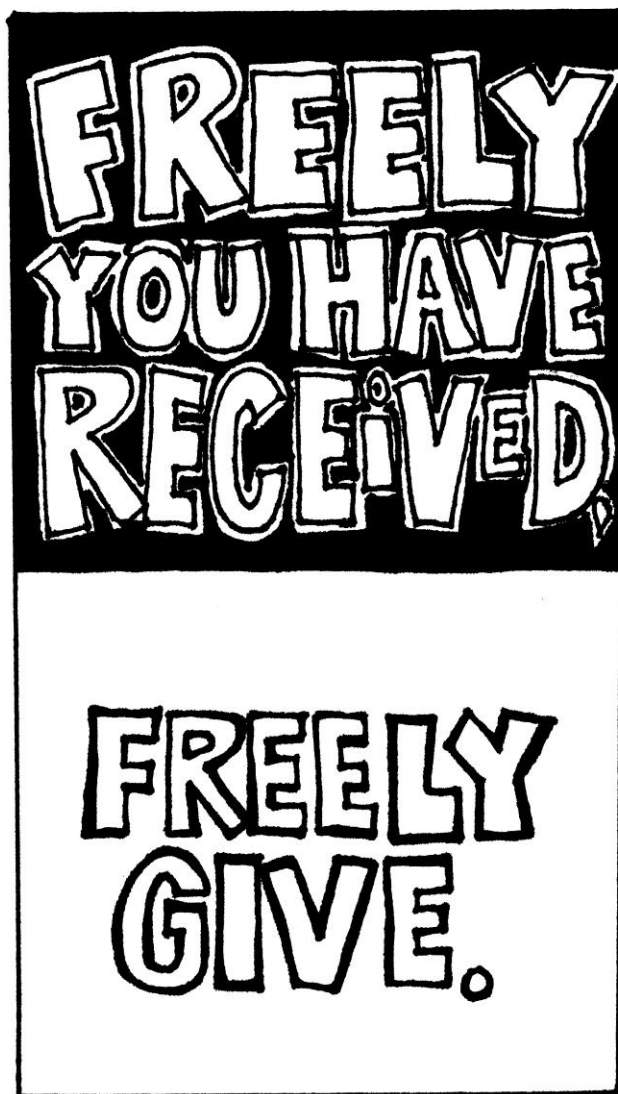


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



MATT. 10:8

Pentecost III
10:00 a.m.
June 18, 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 Stephen Nicely's birthday and Jim Doerfler's baptism birthday.
- **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**
- **Usher—Del Groff**
- **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.
- **There will be a congregational meeting** after the worship service next Sunday, June 25. A luncheon will follow to celebrate our ministry with Pastor Just. Please mark your calendars for this special celebration.
- **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 26 Adults 3 Youth

Towards Budget

Current Expense	665.00	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00	Parsonage	40.00
1 + 1 + 1	17.00	Loose	146.00
Total Offering	878.00	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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn “O Christ, Our Hope” No. 300

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 never fail to help and guide those You bring up in Your love.

C: Lead us always to worship and love Your holy name.

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 Exodus 19:2-9

²The people of Israel] had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ⁸The people all answered as one: “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.” Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD. ⁹Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to come to you in a dense cloud, in order that the people may hear when I speak with you and so trust you ever after.” This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Song “All the Earth, Proclaim God’s Glory” (Psalm 100) Insert

Second Lesson Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. 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 9:35-10:23

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, *“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”*

10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: *“Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.*

¹⁶ *“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon “The Asking Price of Discipleship”

Hymn for the Day: “O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth” No. 396

Affirmation of Faith Apostles Creed pg 65

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary.
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

P: Our God, the Almighty one, counts the hairs of our head. Let us come before God in confidence, praying for all the world.

(After each petition)

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer.

P: We thank you, God in Christ Jesus, that you are always more willing to listen than we are to pray. Hear the petition of this assembly; hear the prayers spoken in our hearts; for we pray through your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Those present are invited to share with one another a word and 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: Thank you, Lord, for all the good things that You have given us. Make our lives dedicated to You in response.

C: Use us and these gifts to help those in need. 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: On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

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 sins, 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.

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: Thank you, Lord God, that you have cleansed us from sin through the death and resurrection of your Son and have assured us of your forgiveness in this healing sacrament.

Keep us from drowning our sinful self by repenting day after day, and bring to life in us each day a new self to live with you forever. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

A Closing Litany for Father's Day

P: O Father in heaven, you have given us fathers who know how to give good gifts to their children.

C: Thank you for the many good gifts our fathers give.

P: Our fathers have held our hands as we crossed the street and caught us at the end of the slide.

C: Thank you for the fathers who give us good gifts of help and support.

P: Our fathers have read stories to us at bedtime and have shared the Scriptures with us at the dinner table.

C: Thank you for the fathers who give us the good gift of your message of salvation.

P: Our fathers have worked hard to provide for us.

C: Thank you for the fathers who give us the good gift of food, clothing and shelter.

P: Our fathers talk and laugh and learn along with us.

C: Thank you for the fathers who give us the good gift of time together.

P: Our fathers care for us in so many ways through our lives.

C: Thank you for the fathers who give us your good gift of love.

P: For those times when our fathers did not meet your, or their own, expectations of care, love, or support,

C: we ask your forgiveness, already secured in the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the power of your Holy Spirit to share with their children as you have shared with them, your children. 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 “Faith of Our Fathers” No. 500

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 for safe travels this week

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

Steve & Marla and family safe travels on vacation this week

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS
Ben Wolff—healing of repaired rotator cuff

Rory & Deb Wolff safe travels home today

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—passed away--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 Hendirx—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—continued strength—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