

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



MATT. 10:42

Pentecost V  
10:00 a.m.  
July 2, 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 Diane Lee's baptism birthdays.
- **The Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Steve and Palagia Hlava's Wedding Anniversary.
- **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 sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Diane Lee.**
- **Usher—Del Groff**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are on the stand.
- **Today is Pastor Just's** last day with us. Please make sure you stop and wish him well after the service.
- **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. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex if you will be attending the dinner and services.
- **Pastor Blake Martzowka's first service with us will be on July 9<sup>th</sup> at a new time of 9:00 a.m. Please note time change!!**
- **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** 31 Adults

Towards Budget

Current Expense	1621.34	Building Fund	20.00
Benevolence	5.00	Town Square rental	150.00
1 + 1 + 1	30.00	Loose	20.00
Total Offering	1846.34	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: God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins. For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us:

**C: save us and help us.**

P: For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us:

**C: save us and help us.**

P: For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us:

**C: save us and help us.**

P: For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us:

**C: save us and help us.**

P: For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son; Father, forgive us:

**C: save us and help us.**

P: God, the Father of mercies, has reconciled the world to himself through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, not counting our trespasses against us, but sending his Holy Spirit to shed abroad his love among us.

By the ministry of reconciliation entrusted by Christ to his Church, receive his pardon and peace to stand before him in his strength alone, this day and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

### Entrance Hymn *"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"* No. 304

#### The Kyrie pg. 57

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. Thank You, loving heavenly Father, for setting us free from sin, so that we can willingly serve you.

**C: Open our eyes and hearts to see the needs of others and show them your compassion.**

**P:** We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who 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 Jeremiah 28:5-9**

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.” This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm Song “I Will Sing of Your Faithfulness and Love” (Psalm 89) Insert**

### **Second Lesson Romans 7:1-13**

Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only during that person’s lifetime? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives, but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. <sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she belongs to another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she belongs to another man, she is not an adulteress.

<sup>4</sup>In the same way, my brothers and sisters, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who was raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are enslaved in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the written code.

<sup>7</sup>What then are we to say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet, if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived <sup>10</sup>and I died, and the

very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity in the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and just and good.

<sup>13</sup>Did what is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin that was working death in me through what is good, in order that it might be shown to be sin, so that through the commandment sin might become sinful beyond measure. 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 10:34-42

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

Jesus taught them]: *“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.*

*<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.*

*<sup>37</sup>“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.*

*<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”*  
This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon** “Vox Popular”

**Hymn for the Day:** “Jesus, Still Lead On” No. 341

**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—  
who 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: 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**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 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: The summer sun shines, O Father—

**C: warming us in these bright months...feeding us all the year long.**

P: You have poured upon us Your benevolence, O Father.

**C: Accept these signs of our appreciation.**

P: Teach us to be as generous as You; 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 us 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 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.”*

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 Cantic**

**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: You poured Yourself out for us, O Christ—

**C: emptying Yourself that we may be filled.**

P: Pour out Your Holy Spirit, O Christ,

**C: that we might be made willing to empty ourselves for others.**

P: We bless You now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: Go now as those who have been brought from death to life, and welcome the Christ in all whom you meet.

Present yourselves to God

to be put to work in the service of righteousness.

God provide for you in mercy;

Christ Jesus greet you as you welcome the stranger;

the Holy Spirit lead you in the ways of sanctification and + eternal life.

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" WOV 721**

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 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

**Bonnie Allindel—placed in hospice—friend of the Wolfs**

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

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

**Larry—eye infection—friend of Diane Lee**

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—2<sup>nd</sup> knee replacement and healing—friend of Joyce

Steve Mamber—back in hospital—brother-in-law of Amy

Frank Manijak—continued strength—Steve's Dad

**Family of Shirley Miller—passed away last Sunday—aunt of Amy**

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 Wolfs

**Linda Ramsier—Multiple myeloma—friend of Diane Lee**

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**