

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost VI  
9:00 a.m.  
July 9, 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 Steve Crile, Bill Crile, Diane Reynolds and Keith Larkins birthdays.
- **The Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Pastor Blake Martzowka's beginning with our congregations.
- **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 Robin Hoffman.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are on the stand.
- **Please note time change of services.** We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday.
- **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	1075.00	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	10.00	TOPS building use	50.00
1 + 1 + 1	17.00	Loose	125.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>1282.00</b>	<b>Weekly need</b>	<b>1,288.46</b>

## 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 “Dearest Jesus, at Your Word” No. 248

#### 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. O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding.

**C: Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire.**

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 Zechariah 9:9-12**

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He<sup>[a]</sup> will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Responsive Psalm** Psalm 145:1-15 Insert

**Second Lesson Romans 7:14-25a**

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold into slavery under sin.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>15</sup> I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 11:25-30

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

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, *“I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

<sup>28</sup> *“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon** *“The Asking Price of Discipleship”*

**Hymn for the Day: “Jesus, Priceless Treasure”** No. 341

**Affirmation of Faith** Apostles Creed

**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: Let us pray for the whole church 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: All these things and whatever else You know that we  
need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and  
rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the  
Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

**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: 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 good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection has gained for 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: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is Your mercy and eternal Your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life:  
everything everywhere is full of Your glory.  
You made humans in Your image, the crown of creation.  
Through Abraham You promised to bless all humanity.  
You rescued Israel, Your chosen, 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.

At supper the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took some bread in His hands; and then, when He had given thanks to You, 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 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, 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.

### **The Post-Communion Canticle**

**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 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.**

### **Sending**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”** No. 320

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

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**