

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



5th Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021
10:00 a.m.

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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 doing 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 Tom Beuck, Palagia Hlava and Ian Phillips birthdays and Ken Nicely III's baptism birthday.
- **Steve will** be watching from the door and will bring out bulletins and communion cups to those who stay in their cars. Those coming inside can pick up your bulletin and communion cup as you enter the sanctuary.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the desk by the door. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of January. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is Joyce Torres.**
- **Ushers are Jim inside and Steve outside.**
- **Soup Suppers are being held** Wednesday evenings with soup being served at 6:30 and worship at 7:30 p.m. We will be meeting every Wednesday in Lent. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to bring soup, bread, salad or other items you may think for our supper.
- **New envelopes** are available in the Narthex.
- **The January-March Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Holy Week Schedule**
 March 28—Palm Sunday
 April 1—Maundy Thursday—7:30 p.m.
 April 2—Good Friday—7:30 p.m.
 April 4—Easter Sunday with children activities at 9:00 a.m.—should we have a pancake breakfast? Let us know today.
- **Our call committee and council** will be meeting with Pastor Gau on March 20 at 11:00 a.m. to go over our questionnaire we filled out. Thank you to Robin Hoffman, Diane Pencin, Guy Jeanblanc and Gilbert Ayers for volunteering for this important committee.
- **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 for Soup Suppers/worship 11 A 4 C Attendance last Sunday 20 A 2 C

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	320.00
Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	26.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>00.00</u>

Total Offering 356.00 Needed each week to meet budget--\$1,112.21

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Rite: A responsive *singing* KYRIE

Refrain

All Sing: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears...(to refrain)

Cantor: If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand? But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand...(to refrain)

Cantor: O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me. My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek...(to refrain)

(spoken)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(sung)

Cantor: Lord Jesus, obedient in the desert: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, the flood of living water: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

(spoken)

Pastor: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

(sung)

All: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: Let us pray. Most merciful God,

C: You saved humankind by the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith in Him who suffered on the cross, so that we may triumph in the power of His victory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

All lessons are taken from the NRSV

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them,

and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Psalmody: “O God, Be Merciful to Me”

Psalm 51 Insert

The Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:5-10

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek. This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Verse: pg. 63

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

*The Gospel Lesson: John 12:20-33

(sung)“**Glory to you, O Lord.**” Pg. 63

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” ²²Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³Jesus answered them, “*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.*

²⁷“*Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name.*” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” ³⁰Jesus answered, “*This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the*

earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.
This is the Gospel of our Lord.

(sung) **“Praise to you, O Christ.”** Pg. 63

The Sermon “Give God Glory”

Hymn of the Day “No Temple Now, No Gift of Price”

Insert

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
He came down from heaven;
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under
Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,
the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one Baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** pg. 65

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their need...

(after each petition the following is said)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Give us the joy of Your saving help again, and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit, O God, as we follow Jesus in service to Your world, that the salvation and glorification You have accomplished through his cross and resurrection may extend Your eternal life throughout creation, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** pg.68

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 to give You thanks and praise,
O God, for You have taken us by the hand,
and offered Yourself to us in a sacred
covenant.

You are the creator of all things;
You knew the earth and its inhabitants before their
birth.
You led a suffering people from slavery to freedom,
and offered to be their God
if they would be Your people.

Though we broke our vows to You and pursued evil,
in gracious love You offered us a new covenant
embodied in Your Son, Jesus,
who was made perfect on the path of obedience,
even in the face of suffering.

Lifted up on a cross to die,
He has drawn all people to Himself;
and raised from the dead,

He has become the source of eternal salvation
for all who live in obedience
to the new law You have written on our hearts.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
we sing the hymn of unending praise:

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of truth and light,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

P: We do not presume to come to Your table,
merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,
but in Your manifold and great mercies.

**C: We are not worthy so much as to gather up the
crumbs under Your table.
But You are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

P: Blessed are You, gracious Lord,
and blessed is Your dear Son, Jesus Christ,
who feeds us with his own flesh and blood
that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us.
Consuming Him and consumed by Him
we are thus strengthened to walk in His footsteps,
even knowing that to do so will inflame the fury of
hell.

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith;
who, on the night when He was betrayed,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said

*“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.”*

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying:

*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
do this, whenever you drink it,
to remember me.”*

***The Lord’s Prayer** pg. 71

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.

All are invited to take the communion packet that was provided as you came to worship this morning.

P: Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, broken for you to be made whole.

All are invited to open the larger cup from the communion packet and partake of the wafer therein.

P: Take, drink, the Blood of Christ, poured out for you to be filled with His endless life.
Please open the smaller cup to consume the wine.

P: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in this meal we see that You, like a grain of wheat, have died,

C: only to spring to life, in us.

P: Grant us the same hope—that though we die

C: yet shall we live!

P: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

A Closing Litany

P: While sin and evil can be clearly seen in the world, we long to see God's glory at work.

C: May we see God's glory in the cross of Jesus Christ.

P: While pain and suffering can be clearly seen in the world, we long to see God's healing at work.

C: May we see God's healing in the cross of Jesus Christ.

P: While death and destruction can be clearly seen in the world, we long to see God's salvation at work.

C: May we see God's salvation in the cross of Jesus Christ.

P: While discord and hatred can be clearly seen in the people of the world, we long to see God's love at work.

C: May we see God's love in the cross of Jesus Christ.

P: While others look away from the face of Jesus Christ,

C: may our eyes be drawn to Him, and our sights be set on His cross. Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, to serve Christ and follow Him.

Let your old life fall like a grain of wheat into the earth so that you may bear much fruit as you allow God to reshape your heart and live in obedience to the law written within you.

God center you in truth and steady your spirit.

Christ renew your joy and strengthen your will.

The Holy Spirit teach you God's hidden wisdom and fill you with songs + of rejoicing.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 479

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Our Worship Has Ended—Now Our Service Begins!

Please remember these members in your prayers

Bill Crile—recovering from surgery

JIM DOERFLER—SERIOUS MOUTH SURGERY

Carol Earle—immediate family for peace and comfort

Deb Earle—health issues

Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength and loss of Grandpa Ron

Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from melanoma and loss of her dad Ron Stenglein

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Nicole Johnson—healing from side pain—still running tests

Stephanie Johnson—heart tests--echocardiogram

JEN JONES—HEART ISSUES—ON MONITOR

Lorene Kozar—recovering from high blood pressure

Joanna Nicely--migraines

Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes

Kenny Nicely III-shoulder pain

Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy

Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies to work in Normal, Illinois for 2 months

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Diane Seman—searching for job
Joyce Torres—healing of her foot after fall
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a new preemie—2 month old
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely, Grace Rohaley
Troy Roman—joined the Marines

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.

Debbie Anderson--multiple myeloma—friend of Deb Wolff
Rick & Alice Artman—both in pain for needed knee replacement—
brother & sister-in-law of Joyce

**MICHAEL BIRCHFIELD FAMILY—PASSED AWAY
UNEXPECTEDLY BY AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING**

Roger Black—lung cancer is back—brother-in-law of Deb
Avis Blowers—praise of thanksgiving—chemo worked—friend of Guy
Ed Boland-COVID19-recovering at home—Praise God!--Pastor's
son-in-law's brother

Tim Borbely—neck surgery—brother of Diane Lee
Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter
John Butterbaugh—spot on his lung—friend of Joyce
Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle
Jerry Chapala—heart attack—Amy's uncle

**ANNABELLE CONLEY FAMILY—PASSED AWAY THIS WEEK—
AUNT OF MARLA**

Leona Corban—shingles—Marla's mom
Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother
Laura Dean—Praise God for healing from covid—sister of Joyce
Sommer & Mark Dunlevy-family concerns-friend of the Wolff's
Jamie Dunn—battling cancer—bus driver for Streetsboro
Earle Family—family member seeking to purchase new home
Bill Earle—underwent heart bypass—continued healing—brother of Bob
Billy Earle Jr.—diabetes, leg amputation—in rehab
Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's
Family of Felicia Finley—great niece of Amy who passed unexpectedly—
leaves behind a 9 year old daughter

George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim
Bridget Gehri—medical issues—friend of Trudy Ayers
Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many
Lisa Hlava—in hospital with a blood infection—sister-in-law of Steve
Scott Hoover—stroke healing at home—family member of Marla
Debbie Hovanetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems
Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce
Brad Kozar—suffering from propsychotic depression—son of Lorene
Matt Langsten and other peace officers—nephew of Amy
Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—homesick—sister of Marla
Lauren—healing from surgery—step cousin of Diane Lee
Kristina Lonardo—problems with pregnancy—friend of Trudy
Tyler Llutz—hodgkins lymphoma—son of Deb's co-worker
Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin
Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce
Anne Mack—in hospice for breast cancer—dear neighbor and mentor
growing up of Deb's

Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve’s Dad
Nadine Nicely—in tremendous pain from cancer in her lungs & nerves—
Joyce’s sister-in-law
Samantha Nicely—migraines—granddaughter of Joyce
James Olsen—healing from seizures—friend of Amy
Inge Osborne—battling cancer—past member and friend
Sandi & Ron Platen—health issues—family of Steve Manijak
Karen Power—healing from back fusions—friend of the Earle’s
Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle’s
Valonte Ragland—paralyzed from car accident—co-worker’s son of Amy
Latesha Ragland—learning how to care for Valonte
Art Robinson—relief from pain—co-worker of Steve Hlava
Agnes Rovison—stroke—friend of Amy
John Rutherford—covid—friend of Joyce
Barbara Schrieber—blood clots
Leslie Slanina—continued heling—Gilbert’s mom
Mary Small—psoriasis issues—co-worker of Steve Hlava
Thelma—her daughter’s issues—friend of Robin
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck
Zack—life problems—friend’s son of Joyce
Tim Wheeler—bladder cancer surgery—friend of Amy

COVID 19 virus patients