

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



*They are like trees  
planted by streams of  
water... in all they do.  
they prosper. PSALM 1:3*

Easter VII  
10:00 a.m.  
May 16, 2021

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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 Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Walter Beuck, brother of Tom Beuck.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Tim Nicely's baptism birthday.
- **We would also like** to wish Del & Donna Groff a Happy Anniversary on the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 Robin Hoffman.**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Church Council** will be meeting today after the worship service in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Any news** for the newsletter please let Pastor or Marla know by next Sunday.
- **For the month of May** we will be collecting items for the Pregnancy Center of Akron. Needed are baby clothes up to 5T, baby bottles, diapers, formula, Wipes, Maternity clothing, layettes and other baby items. Please bring in your items any Sunday in May and Robin will make sure they get to the Center the first week of June. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
- **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** 19 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	685.00
Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	125.00
Mission	0.00
1 + 1 + 1	18.00
Loose	00.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>843.00</b>

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

**The Prelude** "*Prelude in C Major*" J.S. Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Opening**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

C: **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**Maker of all things, Judge of all people,  
we admit and confess our sinfulness.**

**We have turned away from each other  
in our thinking, speaking, and doing.**

**We have done the evil You forbid  
and have not done the good You demand.**

**We do repent  
and are truly sorry for these our sins.**

**Have mercy on us, kind Father,  
because of the obedience of our Brother,  
Jesus Christ, Your Son.**

**Forgive us all that is past,  
and with the power of Your Holy Spirit  
move us to serve You faithfully.**

**Set our feet upon the new path of life,  
and build Your kingdom here through  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit, lead you to greater faith and obedience, and bring you to live with Him forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn** *“Lift Up Your Hearts Believers!”* Insert

## **The Prayer for the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your Son prayed—

C: **prayed for us—**

P: that we might be one.

C: **Unify Your people!**

P: Make us one body—fit for service.

C: **Unify Your people!**

P: Give us one mind—one plan...one strategy—to bring Your message to the world.

C: **Unify Your people!**

P: Give us one heart. Then we will love You perfectly.

C: **Then we will love one another. Then we will be one!**

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 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

<sup>15</sup> In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— <sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.”

<sup>21</sup> So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” <sup>23</sup> So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup> And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles. This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

### **The Psalm “How Blest Are They” Psalm 1 Insert**

### **The Second Lesson 1 John 5:9-13**

<sup>9</sup> If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup> Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup> And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup> Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

<sup>13</sup> I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**

\*The Holy Gospel according to St. John 17:6-19

### **C: Glory to you, O Lord. Pg. 63**

<sup>6</sup>“Jesus prayed:] *“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them*

*in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup> I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>15</sup> I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup> They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup> Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup> As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. <sup>19</sup> And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63**

**The Sermon “The Lord’s Prayer (for Us)”**

**Hymn of the Day “Look, You Saints, the Sight Is Glorious”** Insert

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God,**

**Maker and Sustainer of earth, sea and sky,  
and midwife of every life  
that emerges from the womb of the earth.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ.**

**Born of the womb of Mary,**

**He was the first of our race to live fully  
the destiny for which we were all created.**

**Healing the broken and serving the poor,**

**liberating the burdened  
and reconciling heaven and earth;  
His every action unmasked the evil  
that waits to enslave us all.**

**Hell, wounded at its heart**

**and filled with bitterness and rage,  
struck back in fury unrestrained.**

**Jesus was condemned by the religious  
and crucified by the state.**

**He died forsaken, a man of sorrows.**

**No pain in our hearts or in our planet  
is unfamiliar to Him  
for He was cast into the jaws of death.**

**Redeeming even death,**

**God raised Jesus from the grave  
and with wounded hands He embraces us.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**to be everywhere present  
and there is now nothing  
beyond the reach of His healing touch.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who raises us from the waters of death,  
breathes new life into us  
and declares us to be God's beloved.**

**And we believe**

**Christ came that all may have life.  
Violence and hatred have done their worst  
but Christ's reign of peace will conquer.**

**All who trust in Christ,  
though they die,  
shall be lifted to life in all its fullness.**

**The grip of suffering  
will be forever broken,  
and death shall have no dominion. Amen.**

***\*The Prayers of the Church* pg. 65**

P: Today we thank God that the Christ who ascended is with us, visible in the lives of His people. Let us pray for all the people of God, and for all people according to their needs.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: O God of mercy, we have promise that we are loved. Hear our prayers for all the world, hungering for Your love, the love of Your Son without end. It is in His strong name that we pray.

**C: Amen.**

***\*The Invitation and the Great Thanksgiving***

P: Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord that when He sat at table with the disciples at Emmaus, He took bread and blessed, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared. Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to us, and God will be glorified.

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: We thank you, almighty Lord, that You are a God of all humanity,

that You are no ashamed to be called our God,  
that You know us by our name,  
that You keep the world in Your hands.  
For you have made us and called us in this life to be  
united to You,  
to be Your people on this earth.  
Blessed are You, Maker of all that exists.  
Blessed are You, who have given us space and time  
in which to life.  
Blessed are You for the light of our eyes and the air  
we breathe.  
We thank You for the whole of creation,  
for all the works of You hands,  
for all You have done in our midst, through Jesus  
Christ, our Lord.

Therefore we praise Your Majesty, almighty God,  
with all Your faithful people;  
therefore we bow before You and adore You with  
the words:

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all living.  
Earth and heaven are filled with Your glory.  
We bless Your name.  
Blessed is He who comes in the midst of His people.**

**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 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 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.  
Each time you drink of this cup,  
do it in remembrance of Me.”*

When we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

We proclaim the death of our Lord until he comes.  
Therefore, Lord our God, we commemorate that  
Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all the 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 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.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

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

**Sending**

**P:** Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.  
And may almighty God—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Closing Song** *“On Christ's Ascension I Now Build”*

Insert

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**The Postlude** *“Spirit of the Living God”*

**OUR WORSHIP IS ENDED—NOW OUR SERVICE BEGINS!**

**Please remember these members in your prayers**

**Bill & Sharon Crile—recovery from hospital stay and illness**

Jim Doerfler—serious mouth surgery—continued healing

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

**Lorene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery**

Joanna Nicely--migraines

Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes

**Kenny Nicely III-shoulder pain—healing from surgery**

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

Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a preemie 3 months old

**Wolff Family—Mary's home sold! Praise God!**

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.

**Rick Arman==knee replacement recovery—brother of Joyce**

Alice Artman—in pain for needed knee replacement—sister-in-law of Joyce

Backus family—loss of Matthew—cousin's son of Steve Manijak

Barbara's daughter delivered twins--in NICU—co-worker of Joyce

**Kathy Barret—co-worker of Joyce-loss of mother-in-law**

Roger Black—lung cancer is back—brother-in-law of Deb

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

Chuck—has Covid—coworker of Stephen Nicely

Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's

Leona Corban—shingles—Marla's mom

Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla

Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother

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

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

Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom

Debbie Hovanetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck

Janice—heart problems

John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce

Sherry Johnson—stroke recovery—grandma of Nicole and Gabe

Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce

Brad Kozar—suffering from propsychotic depression—son of Lorene

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 Lutz—hodgekins 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 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  
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  
John Rutherford—covid—friend of Joyce  
Leslie Slanina—continued heling—Gilbert’s mom  
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile  
Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck  
**Carol Whetzel family—co-worker of Joyce—Father passed away**  
Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce  
**Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder**  
Zack—life problems—Joyce’s friend’s son  
**COVID 19 virus patients**