

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church

FOR THE LORD HAS DEALT



B·O·U·N·T·I·F·U·L·L·Y WITH YOU

P S A L M 116:7

Pentecost XVI  
10:00 a.m.  
September 12, 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 or 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 Don Corban, Marla's dad.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Amanda Nicely and Steve Hlava's birthdays.
- **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 stand by the bulletin stand. Seve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of September. September is filled. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up for October. **Our lay reader today is Diane Lee.**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **Pastor Just** would like to start a Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting Sept. 19. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are interested so we can get a count. Thank you!
- **Service Project...**We are helping out the Lutheran World Relief with the earthquake in Haiti and the hurricane Ida destruction in Louisiana and the northeast portion of our country. Please make check out to the church and place it in the offering plate.
- **Council had their** meeting on August 22 and have decided to not make any changes at this time because of the uptick in the COVID 19 new variants. Mask wearing is not required by is still an excellent idea. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as seem appropriate. Any suggestions please let Pastor or council members Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres or Del Groff know.
- **The prayer list** is getting a little long. I will not remove anyone unless I'm told to. If there is anyone we can take off with good news, please let Marla know or put a card in the offering plate
- **The July-September and October-December Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **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** 17 Adults 4 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1077.34	Building Fund	30.00
Benevolence	23.00	1 + 1 + 1	15.00
Mission	0.00	Lutheran relief	20.00
Loose	0.00		
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>1165.34</b>	<b>Needed to meet budget--</b>	<b>\$1,112.21</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: “Those who want to save their life will lose it,” Jesus said.

C: **“And those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.”**

P: As those who seek to follow faithfully, let us confess our sins to the Lord.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: O God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift,

C: **we confess that we are imperfect.**

**Our minds are filled with hate and prejudice;  
our tongues are uncontrolled;  
our deeds do not bear witness to our faith.**

**As sinners we stand condemned.**

**We plead the merits of Your perfect Son, Jesus  
Christ, who willed and spoke and did what You  
command.**

**For our sakes He obeyed;  
for His sake we beg forgiveness.**

P: The will of God is your redemption.

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.

In His name and for His sake, I declare to you the  
full forgiveness of all your sins. The Lord God is  
your helper; who, then, can declare you guilty?

C: **We take up the cross, as faithful followers. Amen.**

### Entrance Hymn “*Hope of the World*” No. 493

#### 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.**

**The Prayer for the Day**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** You have power, O God. Keep us mindful of that fact. You have power.

**C: Power that calls matter into being. Power that breathes life into clay lungs.**

**P:** You have power, O God. Keep us mindful of that fact. For You demonstrate Your power in acts of mercy.

**C: “The Son of Man must undergo great suffering...”**

**P:** You manifest Your power in showing great pity.

**C: “...and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed...”**

**P:** Yet, despite the appearance of things, You have POWER, O God.

**C: Keep us mindful of that fact. You have POWER.**

**P:** Power that abolishes sin. Power that slaughters death.

**C: “...and after three days rise again.”**

**P:** Guide us in the ways of Your power, O God.

**C: Then we will act mercifully. Then we will show pity.**

**P:** Then we will take up our crosses and follow. 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a**

The Lord GOD has given me

the tongue of a teacher,

that I may know how to sustain

the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—

wakens my ear

to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,

and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

<sup>8</sup> he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

<sup>9</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**The Psalm “I Love the Lord; He Heard My Voice”**

Psalm 116 Insert

**The Second Lesson James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**The Verse**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

**Alleluia.**

**\*The Holy Gospel Mark 8:27-38**

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

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “*Who do people say that I am?*” <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> He asked them, “*But who do you say that I am?*” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “*Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.*”

<sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “*If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Sermon** “*The Serious Business of Teaching and Learning*”

**Hymn of the Day** “*Let Kings and Prophets Yield Their Name*” Insert

**\*The Apostles Creed pg.65**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He 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.**

***\*The Prayers of the Church***

P: Jesus calls us to give up our lives for others. That we may have the faith to live as Jesus did, let us pray for all in need.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Hear our prayers, O merciful God, and accept our praises. May the gospel of your cross give its miraculous life to all the world, through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up our 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 light,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!**

P: The heavens and earth are Your handiwork,  
and you have made all people in Your own  
likeness.

Through the law and prophets You revealed Your  
wisdom, and all who listen are safe in Your care.

When we refused Your counsel  
and failed to offer You our respect,  
You came to us in Your anointed one, Jesus,  
to be our rock and our redeemer.

Taking up the cross  
and suffering rejection as one of us,  
He was killed and cast into the pit of hell.

But after three days, You raised Him to life,  
lighting a fire of renewal that will never go out,  
and He now calls us to take up the cross  
and follow Him on the road to resurrection.

Therefore, we rejoice in His call to take up the cross  
to follow Him,

and trusting in His victory,  
come now to receive the gift of life  
He offers to us in His Body and Blood.

**C: Amen.**

**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 the 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 sin,  
Each time you drink of this cup,  
Do it in remembrance of Me."*

### **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.**

### **Song for the Eucharist "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

**No. 212**

#### **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, You demonstrate the Father's power in this meal—

C: **a meal that shows pity, that offers mercy.**

P: Send us from this place a merciful people—

C: **humble and showing pity.**

P: For this is how the Father's power is made known. You are the Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

### **In Remembrance** Insert

### **Sending**

P: Go out with your minds set on the things of God.  
Take up your cross and follow Jesus.  
See to it that the words of your mouths  
and the thoughts of your hearts  
are acceptable to God and enlightening to all.

God make the holy Word known to you;  
Christ Jesus lead you in the ways of sacrificial love;  
the Holy Spirit set you ablaze + with divine wisdom.

C: **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn** "*Glory and Praise to Our God*" Insert

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**

Bill & Sharon Crile—recovery from hospital stay and illness  
Jim Doerfler—serious mouth surgery—continued healing  
Carol Earle—immediate family for peace and comfort  
Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength  
Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from melanoma  
Palagia Hlava—complications from MS  
Laurene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery  
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly—possible adoption  
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  
Amy Rohaley—new job situation  
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely  
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.

Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce  
Aaron—marriage problems—brother of Joyce  
Jim Barnes—healing—7 broken ribs—cousin of Diane Lee  
Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb  
Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter  
Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle  
Lana Carnes—heart attack and stroke—friend of the Wolff's  
Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's  
Leona Corban—pulled muscle in her back—Marla's mom  
Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla  
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother  
Deb Defer—back & hip pain—sister of Diane Lee  
Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's  
Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin  
George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds  
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim  
Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many  
Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom  
Bob Hlava—recovering at skilled nursing facility—Steve's dad  
Charles Hovavetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's  
Debbie Hovavetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck  
Jeff Hunter—hospitalized for tests—cousin of Amy  
Janice—heart problems  
Jayme—suffered a stroke—Joyce's son's fiance  
John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce  
Julie—reaction to Parkinson's medicine—friend of Diane Lee  
**Larry Kraus—safe travel to Duluth—friend of Diane Lee**  
**Mike Latham—carpal tunnel surgery last week and shoulder surgery in  
2 weeks--brother-in-law of Marla**  
**Suzanne Latham—strength to take care of Mike—sister of Marla**  
Laura—family relationship problems—Joyce's sister

Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff’s cousin

**Lexi—Biopsy and surgery to determine if cancer—Trudy’s niece**

Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce

**Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve’s Dad**

Joe Manijak—complications after back surgery—brother of Steve

Samantha—ear barotrauma {swelling} --granddaughter of Joyce

**Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy’s sister-in-law**

Inge Osborne—cancer—doing well—no chemo—friend of St. Thomas

Sandi Platen—health issues—sister of Steve Manijak

Jodie Powers—addiction healing—niece of Steve and Marla

Karen Power—healing from back fusions—friend of the Earle’s

Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle’s

Jessica Reker—job searching—friend of Amy

Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy

Kathi Rohrer—healing from back surgery—co-worker of Joyce

**Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory**

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom

Ruth Svidron—COVID—co-worker of Joyce

Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile

Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck

Linda Veletta and family—family issues—friend of Robin

Jay Veletta—head injury—neighbor of Robin

Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s

Dan Wiley—undergoing chemo treatments—friend of Diane Lee

**Karen Williams family—passed away—friend and beloved educator in Streetsboro schools—Diane Lee**

Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

Doris Zimmerman—newly diagnosed lung cancer—friend of the Wolff’s

**Americans still in Afghanistan and those still trying to leave from the terror of the Taliban**

**The Haitian earthquake survivors, the survivors of Hurricane Ida and all those in harms way from the wildfires and all other disasters**

**Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence**

**COVID 19 virus patients**