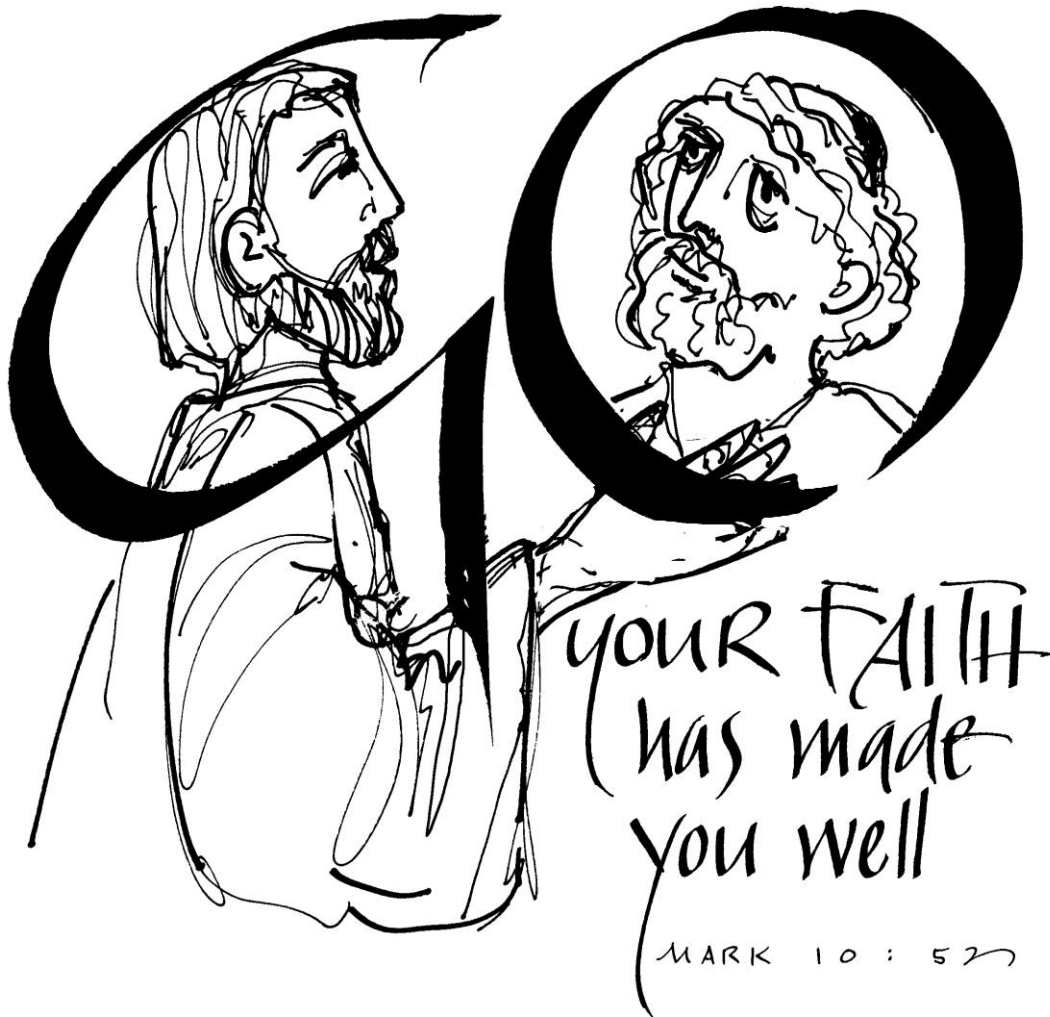


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost XXII
10:00 a.m.
October 24, 2021

Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor
St. Thomas Lutheran Church
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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 Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Linda Beuck and Linda Hautmann's birthdays and Steve Hlava'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 stand by the bulletin stand. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of October and the month of November. 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** has started a Bible Study class at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings. It's entitled "**The Third Peacock**". It's not too late to join the group. Please join us next Sunday!
- **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.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime.
- **The Church Council and Search Committee** have begun meetings with Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua to see if we can share a pastor. Meetings have been going well. We have been passing information on what each can provide and what each need in a pastor. If you would like to know more please talk to Pastor, council members Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres or Del Groff and our search committee members Gilbert Ayers, Guy Jeanblanc, Diane Pencin and Robin Hoffman.
- **The 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 23 Adults 3 Children

Bible Study 8 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1045.00	Building Fund	65.00
Benevolence	55.00	Mission	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	17.00	Lutheran relief	00.00
Loose	20.00		
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Total Offering	1207.00	Needed to meet budget--	\$1,112.21

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 *“Just as I Am, without One Plea”*

No. 296

The Kyrie

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: Lord Jesus Christ, with all who are blind we call to you:

C: “Jesus Son of David, have mercy on us!”

P: For we are blind, O Lord—

C: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!”

P: We are blind, O Lord—

C: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!” We are blind to one another’s needs.

P: Open our eyes, O Son of David.

C: Open our hearts.

P: That we know who you are—

C: The Son of David...the Son of God.

P: That we may love one another—

C: children of the same heavenly Father.

P: You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now...

C: and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm “*When the Lord Brought Us Back to Zion*” Psalm 126 Insert

The Second Lesson Hebrews 7:23-28

²³Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he

continues forever.²⁵ Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself.²⁸ For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. 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 10:46-52

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

⁴⁶They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, “*Call him here.*” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, “*What do you want me to do for you?*” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”⁵² Jesus said to him, “*Go; your faith has made you well.*” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “Faith and Restoration”

Hymn of the Day “Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old”

No. 431

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—whose 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 are 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 fulfill our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.

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***The Prayers of the Church**

P: We are invited to serve the needs of all, but we require God's empowerment. Let us turn our hearts to God, asking for help in our need.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of justice, Lord of love, send Your Spirit to dwell within us, sustaining our efforts of service. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Son of David, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

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 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: We give you all thanks and praise, O God,

for you save all those who keep faith,

and bring healing and wholeness to all who seek
your help.

You created the heavens and the earth

and no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

Your mysteries are more than we can comprehend,

and though even the good endure great trials,

you come in person to rescue and restore them.

You have come to us in your Son, Jesus Christ,
who embodied your compassion
for all who suffer and darkness of a broken world.

In the face of the forces of evil and death,
he offered himself, once and for all.

You raised him to life again,
making him our perfect high priest,
and exalted him above the heavens
where he now prays for us, day and night,
that he might save all who approach you through
him.

Therefore, with our hearts lifted high,
we offer you thanks and praise at all times
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

P: 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."*

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.**

Song for the Eucharist “Seed, Scattered and Sown” Insert

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: Heavenly Father, you have had mercy on us.

C: **You sent your Son to die for us.**

P: Make us ambassadors of your mercy.

C: **Open our eyes to the needs of others.**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, teach us the faithfulness of Bartimaeus.

C: **When he was healed, he followed you on the way.**

P: Open our eyes to your presence with us.

C: **Seeing you, let us follow!**

P: We bless you now and evermore.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

P: Go out with your eyes opened to the presence of God and follow Jesus on the way.
Drink in the richness of God and enjoy the strength of the Lord.

God the Father give you a long and full life;
Christ Jesus open your eyes to the wonder of life;
the Holy Spirit fill you with the faith + that makes you whole.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song “All the Ends of the Earth” 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
Lorene Kozar—lonely—possibly moving to Mentor assisted living
Becky Larkins—fostering Holly—possible adoption
Ken Nicely II—possible kidney failure due to diabetes
Kenny Nicely III—shoulder 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
Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain
Jenna Zimmerman—appendicitis—daughter of Kari Earle
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely, Thomas Ayers
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
Alice Artman—Bell's Palsy—sister-in-law 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—transition from Memory Care to move to Concord, OH—father of Carol Earle
Debbie Conrad—home burned down—co-worker of Amy
Leona Corban—UTI—Marla's mom
Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother
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
Kelly Heritage—severe lack of blood flow to legs—co-worker's husband of Deb Wolff's
Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom
Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's
Debbie Hovanvetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems
Jayme—suffered a stroke—Joyce's son's fiance
John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce
Julie—medication change helping w/hallucination—friend of Diane Lee
Levi Just—hiking the White Mountains in New Hampshire—son of Pastor and Kristine
Larry Kraus—safe travel to Duluth—friend of Diane Lee
Mike Latham—shoulder surgery--brother-in-law of Marla and Steve
Laura—family relationship problems—Joyce's sister
Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin
Roberta Lesko family—passed away—TOPS friend of Marla

Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—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
Jodie Powers—addiction healing—niece of Steve and Marla
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
Linda Veletta and family—family issues—friend of Robin
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s
Dan Wiley—undergoing chemo treatments—friend of Diane Lee
Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce
Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder
Terri Zeigler—broken arm—on chronic dialysis—friend of the Wolffs’s
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 natural disasters
Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence
COVID 19 virus patients