

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Reformation Sunday
10:00 a.m.
October 31, 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.
- **The Vigil Candle and the Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of our dear sweet Mary Werner's 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 November. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up for November. **Our lay reader today is Guy Jeanblanc.**
- **Usher Steve Manijak**
- **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!
- **We have been invited** to Christ Lutheran in Mantua on Saturday, November 6 at 2:00 p.m. for an Ice Cream Social. Please come out and meet the congregation we will be sharing a Pastor with. They would love to meet all of us.
- **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 Call Committee** have been meeting with Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua to work on a plan to share a pastor. Meetings have been going well. We are hoping to start meeting with new pastor candidates in the new year. If you would like to know more, please talk to Pastor, Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres, Del Groff, Gilbert Ayers, Guy Jeanblanc, Diane Pencin or 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 13 Adults 1 Child Bible Study 7 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense 295.00 Building Fund 5.00

Benevolence 5.00

Mission 175.00 1 + 1 + 1 8.00

Total Offering 488.00 Needed to meet budget--\$1,112.21

Welcome and Announcements

Dedication of Paraments

New red paraments for our chancel are made possible by a gift from Rory and Debra Wolff, in loving memory of her parents, Reginald and Mary Werner.

P: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. You have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have commanded us to show your splendor to our children and to praise you with lives of love, justice and joy. Accept these paraments which we offer in thanksgiving; may they adorn your house, show us the beauty of holiness, and so proclaim the glory of your majesty.

C: Bring us all at length to your perfect kingdom, where you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

C: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to You and one another that we have sinned both in our actions and in our failure to act.

A brief silence for individual prayer.

P: Our failure to be guided by Your Word alone, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us Lord.

P: Our desire to trust in our behaviors rather than in Your grace alone, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us Lord.

P: Our neglect of the nurture of our faith through Word and Sacrament, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us Lord.

P: Our blindness to the presence of Christ with us and our arrogance in not following Him alone, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us Lord.

P: Our failure to commend to others the faith by which we live, and move, and have our being, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us Lord.

P: Merciful Father, give us pardon and peace and free us from our sin for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

C: 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 “The Church’s One Foundation” No. 369

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: Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people.
- C: **Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them, against all their enemies, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

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. ³⁴ No 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 Psalm “*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*” (Psalm 46) No. 229

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. 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 John 8:31-36

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

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “*Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*Covenants and Promises*”

Hymn of the Day “*By Grace I’m Saved*” Insert

Affirmation of Faith Luther’s Explanations to the Creed

I believe that God has created me and all that exists;

He has given me and still sustains my body and soul, all

my limbs and senses, my reason and all the faculties of my mind, together with food and clothing, house and home, family and property; that he provides me daily and abundantly with all the necessities of life, protects me from all danger, and preserves me from all evil.

All this he does out of his pure, fatherly, and divine

goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness

on my part.

For all of this I am bound to thank, praise, serve, and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

I believe that Jesus Christ—true God, begotten of the

Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary—is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, delivered me and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with silver and gold but with His holy and precious blood and with His innocent sufferings and death, in order that I may be His own, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, even as he is risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

I believe that by my own reason or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in true faith, just as he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and preserves it in union with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and abundantly

forgives all my sins, and the sins of all believers, and on the last day he will raise me and all the dead and will grant eternal life to me and to all who believe in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

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

P: Glorious and gracious Lord, whose name the holy angels and all the faithful in heaven praise and honor with endless hymns, hear Your earthly creatures this day we celebrate the resurrection as we come before You, imploring You to hear our prayers.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: On this day, glorious Lord, the triumph and victory of the Cross freed all who are enslaved to sin. Receive our thanks and praise as we join with all the faithful on earth and the saints in heaven, celebrating Your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has set us free, indeed.

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: O God, 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 and that 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 by faith the obedience to the new law You have written on our hearts.

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 “Come, Let Us Eat” No. 214

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: You came to us, O Christ, O Word.

C: You come to us, here and now.

P: Now come with us, we pray. Guide us in your Word.

C: Then we will know the truth. Then it will set us free.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, to serve Christ and follow Him.
You have been set free from your old life
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 Jesus 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 Song “Built on a Rock” No. 365

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 a week then vacationing in Honduras

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

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

Patty & Kenny Hansen—many mechanical problems with their home—friend of Amy Rohaley

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

Jayne—suffered a stroke—Joyce's son's fiancée

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

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

Family of Kim Monegan—passed away from breast cancer—high school friend of Amy

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

Celebration of Riley Ann Roch baptism—niece of Amy and daughter of Nick & Megan Roch

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

Donny 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

The missionaries that were kidnapped in Haiti

**The Haitian earthquake survivors, the survivors of Hurricane Ida and survivors from the wildfires and
all other natural disasters**

Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence

COVID 19 virus patients