

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



The Holy Trinity
10:00 a.m.
June 12, 2022

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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 during 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 Elizabeth Ayers birthday and Deb Earle and Jim Doerfler's baptism birthdays.
- **Prayer book** is on the music stand by the door.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of April. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **We have** returned to the practice of gathering the offering during our worship service. The Peace will be shared after the Prayer for the Church, followed by the Offering, the Offertory, and the Offering Prayer.
- **You are invited** to join the churches of the English District for a Virtual Gala today at 7:30 p.m. The gala is for the benefit of the District's Endowment Fund which supports congregations, church workers, and ministries in the district and around the world.
- **The English District** will meet in Convention June 20-22 at Concordia University in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Pastor is our Pastoral Delegate and Robin Hoffman is our Lay Delegate. Prayer partners are needed...go online to www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f48aeac23a46-convention Safe travels Pastor and Robin.
- The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod celebrates its 175th Anniversary this year. We invite you to listen to the sermon by Synodical President Matthew C. Harrison on the theme, "Only Jesus." You can access the sermon by going to <https://resources.lcms.org/175-years>.
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry to help those in Haiti and Ukraine. Please make check donation made out to St. Thomas.
- **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. We are in the process of meeting with 4 candidates this month for zoom interviews. If you would like to know more, please talk to Gilbert Ayers, Guy Jeanblanc, Diane Pencin or Robin Hoffman.
- **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 22 Adults 5 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	927.00	Building Fund	10.00
Benevolence	13.00	Mission	5.00

Loose	40.00	1 + 1 + 1	13.00
Total Offering	1008.00	Weekly need	1,229.52

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Preparation *“I Bind unto Myself Today”* No. 188

Confession and Forgiveness

P: My friends, led by the Spirit, let us seek the love of God through the grace of Christ Jesus our Savior. Spirit of Truth, something in our hearts say: “We are made for light and truth.” But our anxieties and doubts divert us back into the lies and prejudices of the world:

C: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Prince of peace, something in us whispers: “We are intended for concord.” But our inner conflict reacts with the world’s strife and leaves us suspicious and aggressive.

C: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Father of love, something within us wants to sing: “We are created for love.” But a discordant self-interest allies with the world’s greed and inhibits our will to love others.

C: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

P: God of Jesus and our God, forgive us and straighten us out. You are truth:

C: Help us to really trust you.

P: You are peace.

C: Overcome our disharmony.

P: You are love.

C: Fill us with compassion.

P: Loving God, we thank You that our prayers are answered before we speak them. By your saving grace, we are certainly a forgiven and redeemed people.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen!

P: Sisters and brothers, though I am just another sinner being saved by God, by the authority of Christ Jesus I tell you plainly: Your sins are forgiven. Receive Christ’s grace, and accept the enabling power of the Spirit, that you may know all your sins are wiped away, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of + the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen!

Entrance Hymn *“Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”* WOV 666

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.

**The Hymn of Praise—This is the Feast* pg. 60

C: Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. Refrain

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

4. Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain

5. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Refrain

The Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, our hearts are filled, brimful, with Your love. Our minds are opened by Your grace,

C: We confess You:

P: glorious, eternal Trinity.

C: We worship You:

P: divine, majestic Unity. Against all who would oppose it,

C: defend us in our faith,

P: until that day when we will see You fact to face, knowing,

C: even as we, ourselves, are known.

P: You live and reign, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice?

² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

²² "The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world's

first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always,

³¹ playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn “How Great Are You, Lord” (Psalm 8)

How great are you, Lord; How great is your mercy.

How great are the things that You have done for me

How great are You Lord; Your loving kindness

Is filling my heart as I sing How great are you Lord.

How great is Your love; It reaches to the heavens

How great is the heart that sought and rescued me.

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The Second Lesson Romans 5:1-5

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. 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 16:12-15

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

¹² Jesus said to his disciples]: *“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All*

that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “...*While We Own the Mystery*”

Hymn of the Day “*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*” No. 535

Affirmation of Faith **The Athanasian Creed*”

Whoever wants to be saved should above all cling to the Catholic faith.

Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable will doubtless perish eternally.

Now this is the catholic faith: We worship one God in trinity and the Trinity in unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the divine being.

For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Spirit is still another.

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, equal in glory, coeternal in majesty.

What the Father is, the Son is, and so is the Holy Spirit.

Uncreated is the Father; uncreated is the Son; uncreated is the Spirit.

The Father is infinite; the Son is infinite; the Holy Spirit is infinite.

Eternal is the Father; eternal is the Son; eternal is the Spirit:

And yet there are not three eternal beings, but one who is eternal;

as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings, but one who is uncreated and unlimited.

Almighty is the Father; almighty is the Son; almighty is the Spirit;

And yet there are not three almighty beings, but one who is almighty.

Thus the Father is God; the Son is God; the Holy Spirit is God.

And yet there are not three gods, but one God.

Thus the Father is Lord; the Son is Lord; The Holy Spirit is Lord:

And yet there are not three lords, but one Lord.

As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge each distinct person as God and lord, so catholic religion forbids us to say that there are three gods or lords.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; One Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;

and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the one God in three persons.

Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully believe that our Lord Jesus Christ became flesh.

For this is the true faith that we believe and confess: That our Lord Jesus Christ, God’s Son, is both God and man.

He is God, begotten before all worlds from the being of the Father, and he is man, born in the world from the being of his mother—existing fully as God, and fully as man with a rational soul and a human body; equal to the Father in divinity, subordinate to the Father in humanity.

Although he is God and man, he is not divided, but is one Christ.

The Prayers of the Church

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

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Triune God, we rejoice this day in the mystery You are. We celebrate that we cannot control You, direct You, or even define You. Such mystery overwhelms us, as it should. Yet You come near to us as we gather this day, and for that grace we give praise. Send us forth from here filled with wonder and joy; in Your Triune Name we pray.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: and also with you.

All those present greet one another with a word or gesture of peace.

Offering and Offertory pg. 67

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

P: Father, we bring our offerings before You this day,

C: thankful for Your creating power.

P: Jesus, we lay our gifts at Your feet,

C: praising You for Your saving love.

P: Spirit, we raise our Spirit-driven voices,

C: joyful in Your presence, here.

P: Use our gifts to spread Your love, O eternal Trinity. We bless You now and evermore.

C: Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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 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. You have revealed your glory as the glory also of Your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. 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: On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ 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.”

Therefore, Lord, our God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die, but most of all that 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 that, 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.

Post-Communion Canticle

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, Your presence in this meal brings the Father close.

C: Unite us in God's love.

P: And send Your Holy Spirit,

C: that all may know that You are God.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

A Closing Dialogue

P: O Father all-glorious,

C: we glorify you,

P: O Son ever-loving.

C: we love You evermore.

P: O Spirit ever-giving,

C: we give You all our praise.

P: O Father, Son and Spirit,

C: bless us now with Your peace that passes all understanding.

P: O Father, Son and Spirit,

C: bless us now with Your amazing grace.

P: O Father, Son and Spirit,

C: bless us now with Your hope that never disappoints.

P: May peace, grace, and hope

C: sustain us through our sufferings.

P: May peace, grace, and hope

C: keep us close to our fellow believers.

P: And may peace, grace, and hope

C: lead us forward in our faith forevermore. Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, rejoicing in God

and delighting in all God does.

Stand firm in the grace found in Christ

so that in suffering,

you may grow in endurance, character and hope.

God crown you with glory and honor;

Christ Jesus bring you into the mercy of God;

the Holy Spirit pour love into your hearts

and guide you into + all truth.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” No. 165

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

Aggie Blankenship—congestive heart and pneumonia

Bill & Sharon Crile—Bill recovering from surgery

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 and a fall, broke leg

Lorene Kozar—was moved to an apartment in Mentor—needs peace about the move

Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly

The Nicely/Ayers/Torres families on the passing of Ken Nicely II
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS
Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, 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.

David Adkins—bells palsy—friend of Joyce
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce
Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle
Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb
Nickoles Bohne—dying from liver failure—in-law of Guy
Peggy Bower—starting chemo—friend of Steve and Marla
Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter
Carl—transition from Memory Care to move to Concord, OH—father of Carol Earle
Russ & Lana Carnes—need assisted living—the Wolff's
Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom
Victoria Crawford—bypass surgery-friend of Robin
Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin
George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim
Ava Gillum—15 year old with soft tissue cancer—friend of Robin
Nancy Granville—pancreatic cancer surgery after chemo—Streetsboro friend of many
Patty & Kenny Hansen—many problems with their home—friend of Amy's
Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb
Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom
Evan Hlava—recovering from heart inflammation—nephew of Steve Hlava
Karl Hlava—prayers for comfort & strength in loss of wife—brother of Steve Hlava
Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's
Debbie Hovanvetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece
Holly Lyon—abdominal problems, upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff's
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law
Larry—family concerns—discord between his brothers—friend of Diane
Kathy Peters—breast cancer—friend of St. Thomas and Ravenna Community Choir
Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs
Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's
Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy
Ken Schweitzer—BIL-in hospital for chest surgery—Wolff's
Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert's mom
Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin
MaryLou Snider—abdominal problems, upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff's
John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy
Deacon Robert Szalai—born at 4 lbs. 11 oz with health problems—stopped breathing twice—may have brain issues—
grandnephew of Steve Hlava
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Linda Veletta—loss of husband Jay—neighbor of Robin
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's
Donny Wood—healing from cancer—friend of Joyce
Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

Ukraine refugees

All natural disasters victims

COVID 19 virus patients