

Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost VII
10:00 a.m.
July 24, 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 to the Glory of our Risen Lord.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Rory and Deb Wolff on the 30th.
- **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 Robin Hoffman.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **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. Next Sunday is our 5th Sunday. Please bring your donations to support this organization.
- **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 potential candidates. If you would like to know more, please talk to Gilbert Ayers, Guy Jeanblanc, Diane Pencin or Robin Hoffman.
- 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>.
- **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 21 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	840.00	Building Fund	86.37
Benevolence	13.63	Mission	5.00
Loose	00.00	1 + 1 + 1	16.00
Total Offering	961.00	Weekly need	1,229.52

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: “As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live” [Ezekiel 33:11].

C: The Lord God seeks to bless us.

P: Let us therefore make confession of our sins, attentive to the gracious word of our God.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

C: we have sinned against you in our thinking, our speaking, and our doing. We deserve your wrath and punishment. It is only for the sake of your obedient Son, Jesus Christ, that we dare to ask for your forgiveness.

P: God was pleased to reconcile all things to himself by the sacrifice on the cross. The blood of Christ avails!

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Entrance Hymn “*Lord, Speak to Us, that We may Speak*”

No. 403

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

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Watchful Father, You have sent us...

C: We are sent like lambs into the midst of wolves.

P: Prince of Peace, You have directed us on our way...

C: to spread Your message of peace...to live Your mandate of love.

P: Protect us from all that would thwart us on our mission...

C: The snakes that spread their venomous deceit, the scorpions with their stinging distraction, the wolves that prowl to attack Your will.

P: And lead us to spread Your good, good news—

C: “Peace to this house!”

P: And again—

C: “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

P: Then we will be filled with joy...

C: for our names are written in heaven.

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 Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn “O all You Peoples, Bless Our God” (Psalm 66) Insert

The Second Lesson Galatians 6:1-16

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride.⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow.⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit.⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand!¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ.¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh.¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything!¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. 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 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.² He said to them, "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*"³ *Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.*⁴ *Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road.*⁵ *Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!'*⁶ *And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you.*⁷ *Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.*⁸ *Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you;*⁹ *cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'*¹⁰ *But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,*¹¹ *'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'*

¹⁶ *"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."*

⁷The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “*I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning.*” ¹⁹*Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you.* ²⁰*Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*Marching Orders*”

Hymn of the Day “*Not Alone, But Two by Two*” Insert

Affirmation of Faith

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary.
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: Let us pray to our Father in heaven for everyone in need, especially those of the household of faith.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting in the mercy that You show to us because of Your Son Jesus, in whose 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.

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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: Loving Father,

C: Your Son Jesus offered Himself on the cross for us.

Lead us to offer ourselves and our possessions for You, and use our gifts for the good of others. In Jesus' name. 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; 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: 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.”

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, with these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy; and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and 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, you have welcomed us into your Father's family.

C: You have loved us, fed us, doted over us.

P: Come with us from this place, O Lord.

C: You are welcome in our daily living.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now, and proclaim the reign of God is near.

Travel lightly, but bear one another's burdens,
and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Work for the good of all, avoid temptation,
and pray that God will send more laborers into the harvest.

God give you mercy and peace;

Christ Jesus give you power over all that would harm you;

the Holy Spirit produce within you
a rich harvest of joy + and life.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn *“Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling”* No. 381

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—doing well
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
Lorene Kozar—strength and peace
Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly and new foster child
The Nicely/Ayers/Torres families on the passing of Ken Nicely II
Stephen Nicely—safe travels while in Honduras
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS
Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, 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.
Patty Abramovich—metastatic lung cancer—friend of Deb Wolff
David Adkins—bells palsey—friend of Joyce
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce
Ally-Marriage struggles—friend of Joyce
Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle
Barb—heart attack and complications—cousin of Joyce
Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb
Nick Bohne—in hospital again—friend of Guy
Peggy Bower family—passed away June 17--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
Margaret Carr family—passed away at 99—2nd mom to Joyce and grandma to Trudy
Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom
Ted & Aliza Cowling—married June 16th—nephew of Amy
Victoria Crawford—bypass surgery-friend of Robin
Aida Donohue—severe congested heart defects—baby daughter of friend of Deb Wolff
Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin
Daryl, brother of Larry—pancreatic cancer opting for surgery—friend of Diane Lee
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 family—Nancy passed away July 5th—Streetsboro friend of many
Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb
Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's
Debbie Hovanvetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems
Joyce's supervisor's dad—hospitalized on life support
Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece
Steve Mamber—complications leukemia treatments—Amy's brother-in-law
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad
Joe Manijak—hip replacement—brother of Steve

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

Kathy Peters—breast cancer—friend of St. Thomas and Choir

Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs

Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle’s

Debbie Rohaley—death of her mother Maxine Lusky—cousin of Amy

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom

Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin

MaryLou Snider—upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff’s

John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy

Deacon Robert Szalai—born prematurely—home may have brain issues—grandnephew of Steve Hlava

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

Tyler—dealing with depression—14 year old grandson of Joyce’s friend

Linda Veletta—loss of husband Jay—neighbor of Robin

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

Whiteleather Dairy Farm—loss of barns and livestock due to fire

Darcy Wood—lymphoma diagnosis—cousin of Joyce

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