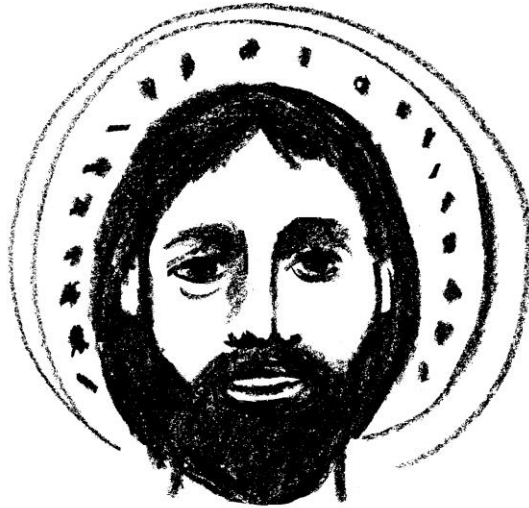


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



*It is the
brightness of
his glory that is
seen in the face
of JESUS CHRIST*

2 CORINTHIANS 4:6

**The Transfiguration of our Lord
10:00 a.m.
February 14, 2021**

**Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor
St. Thomas Lutheran Church
9042 S.R. 43, P.O. Box 2247
Streetsboro, Ohio 44241**

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 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 Kristine Just's birthday and Bob Earle'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 desk by the door. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of January. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is Deb Wolff.**
- **Ushers are Jim inside and Steve outside.**
- **Ash Wednesday services will** be held this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. This service will include Imposition of Ashes. Pastor Just will be on the porch to distribute ashes to those in their cars.
- **Soup Suppers will begin** next Wednesday evening with soup being served at 6:30 and worship at 7:30 p.m. We will be meeting every Wednesday in Lent. there is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to bring soup, bread, salad or other items you may think for our supper.
- **New envelopes** are available in the Narthex.
- **The January-March Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Our call committee and council** will be meeting soon with Pastor Gau to go over our questionnaire we filled out. Thank you to Robin Hoffman, Diane Pencin, Guy Jeanblanc and Gilbert Ayers for volunteering for this important committee.
- **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 15 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

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| Current Expense | 820.00 |
| Building Fund | 25.00 |
| Benevolence | 5.00 |
| Mission | 10.00 |
| 1 + 1 + 1 | 21.00 |
| Anonymous donor | 5000.00 |
| Redeemer Crisis | 200.00 |
| Initial offering | 20.00 |
| <u>Loose</u> | <u>00.00</u> |
| Total Offering | 6101.00 |

Needed each week to meet budget--\$1,112.21

Welcome and Announcements

Act of Reconciliation

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 to one another that we have sinned both in our actions and in our failure to act.

A brief silence for individual prayer.

P: Our inattention to the voice of God speaking through His Word, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our failure to shine forth with the radiant love of God, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our willingness to keep silence when we should speak for Christ, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our failure to utilize fully the gifts God has given to us, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

P: Our desire for comfortable shrines rather than the mission fields, we confess to the Lord.

C: forgive us, Lord.

After the final bidding the prayer of confession concludes:

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

C: Amen.

P: We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. In the name, and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, I 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: Thanks be to God!

Entrance Hymn *“Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”*

No. 265

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.**

**The Hymn of Praise—“Now the Feast and Celebration”*
With One Voice No. 789

The Prayer for the Day

P: As Elisha witnessed the ascension of his master:

C: **“Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!”**

P: As the psalmist bespoke Your power:

C: **“Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth!”**

P: As Your disciples’ eyes beheld Your Son:

C: **“He was transfigured before them, and His clothes became dazzling white—“**

P: so we have witnessed Your glory, O Glorious God.

C: **“God shines forth!”**

P: Expand our vision beyond the darkened horizon of this world’s turmoil.

C: **“God shines forth!”**

P: Attune our ears to hear through the clattering cacophony of this world’s din.

C: **‘God shines forth!’**

P: Then we will see Your glorious Son. Then we will hear Your approving voice:

C: **“These are my beloved. I am well pleased!”**

P: Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: **and forever. Amen.**

A Song for the Service “Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”

Insert

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson 2 Kings 2:1-12

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

⁴Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

⁶Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from

them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸ Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” ¹⁰ He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” ¹¹ As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹² Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. This is the Word of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Song “*Hear, Hear the Teaching of the Lord*” Psalm 50 Insert

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. 6 For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. This is the Word of our Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

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

*The Holy Gospel according to Mark 9:2-9

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

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Sermon “*When the Music Fades*”

Hymn of the Day “*O Wondrous Type! Oh, Vision Fair*” No. 80

Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**The Prayers of the Church* pg. 65

P: The Word of God calls us to see that all the places and occasions of the world, even places of sorrow and death, are transfigured by the presence of the glory of God in Christ Jesus. Let us now call to mind all who are in any need and commend them to God's transforming care.

For those who are alone, for widows and widowers and orphans, and for the divorced,
(after each petition the following is said)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: With Moses and Elijah and all the people of God, with the church throughout the ages bearing witness to the great light of God shining in dark places, we commend to you all for whom we pray, O merciful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING* pg. 68

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 to give You thanks and praise,
O God, for Your transfiguring light has overcome
us and is restoring within us the image of Your
glory.

When You created the universe You said,
"Let light shine out of darkness,"

and the heavens lit up in testimony to Your justice.
Through the law and prophets Your light has shone forth,
and Your Word has never fallen silent.
On a high mountain You pulled back the veil of
heaven and, as Moses and Elijah passed on their mantles to the One in whom Your
saving Word is fulfilled,
You allowed the incomparable glory of Your Son to
be seen by His terrified disciples.
He was killed by those who would not listen to You,
but after You raised Him from the dead,
You sent the winds of heaven upon us with an
extravagant outpouring of Your Holy Spirit.
Therefore we praise Your Majesty, almighty God,
with all Your faithful people; therefore we bow
before You and adore You with the words;

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all living.
Earth and heaven are filled with Your glory.
We bless Your name.**

Blessed is He who comes in the midst of his people.

P: On the night when He was betrayed our Lord Jesus
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.**

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 have made Your true self known to us, O Christ:

C: **on the mountain...at this table.**

P: Make us witnesses of Your great mysteries.

C: **that we may bear witness...that we may shine.**

P: You are the Lord for evermore.

C: **Amen.**

Sending

P: Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God's glory.

Do not cling to the holy moments
when heaven overshadows you,
but as the Lord lives, listen to Christ and follow Him
from the places of revelation
to the places of mission.

God shine the light of glory into your hearts.
Christ Jesus be with you and never leave you.
the Holy Spirit renew the image of God + within you.

C: **Amen.**

Farewell to "Alleluia"

P: It is an ancient custom in the Christian church that a "farewell to Alleluia" be sung on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally "Alleluia" is not sung then until Easter morning, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of

Lent. As the song is sung, a banner bearing the word “Alleluia” is solemnly rolled up and laid away until Easter, when it will be unfurled and raised in the church in triumph.

Closing Song *“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”*
With One Voice No. 654

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 Crile—recovering from surgery

Carol Earle—immediate family for peace and comfort

Deb Earle—health issues

Cory Hautmann—Physiological strength and loss of Grandpa Ron

Linda Hautmann—Strength and healing for Lupus and from
melanoma and loss of her dad Ron Stenglein

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Nicole Johnson—healing from side pain—still running tests

Lorene Kozar—recovering from high blood pressure

Joanna Nicely--migraines

Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes

Kenny Nicely III-shoulder pain

Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy

Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies to work in Normal, Illinois for 2 months

Diane Pencin—having 2 outpatient surgeries in January

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Diane Seman—searching for job

Joyce Torres—healing of her foot after fall

Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a new preemie—1 month old

Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Joanna Nicely, 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.

Debbie Anderson--multiple myeloma—friend of Deb Wolff

Rick & Alice Artman—both in pain for needed knee replacement—
brother & sister-in-law of Joyce

Roger Black—lung cancer is back—brother-in-law of Deb

Avis Blowers—praise of thanksgiving—chemo worked—friend of Guy

Ed Boland-COVID19-recovering at home—Praise God!--Pastor's
son-in-law's brother

Tim Borbely—neck surgery—brother of Diane Lee

Paul Bower—covid—friend of Steve and Marla

Peggy Bower—in rehab—friend of Steve and Marla

Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter

John Butterbaugh—spot on his lung—friend of Joyce

Jeremy Campbell-deployment Afghanistan—cousin of Carol Earle

Carl—in memory care in Arizona—father of Carol Earle

Jerry Chapala—heart attack—Amy's uncle

Leona Corban—shingles—Marla's mom
Scott Corban-Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla
Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother
Laura Dean—Praise God for healing from covid—sister of Joyce
Sommer & Mark Dunlevy-family concerns-friend of the Wolff's
Jamie Dunn—battling cancer—bus driver for Streetsboro
Bill Earle—underwent heart bypass—continued healing—brother of Bob
Billy Earle Jr.—diabetes, leg amputation—in rehab
Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's
George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim
Bridget Gehri—medical issues—friend of Trudy Ayers
Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many
Debbie Hovanetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Hyre Family—death of mother Rosie Hyre—friend of Joyce
Janice—heart problems
Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce
Anita Koch family—passed away—retired co-worker of Deb
Brad Kozar—suffering from propsychotic depression—son of Lorene
Matt Langsten and other peace officers—nephew of Amy
Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—homesick—sister of Marla
Lauren—healing from surgery—step cousin of Diane Lee
Tyler Llutz—hodgekins lymphoma—son of Deb's co-worker
Dave Lauver—stomach cancer—Wolff's cousin
Lori—complications with knee replacement—co-worker of Joyce
Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve's Dad
Nadine Nicely—lung disease—successful removal of gall bladder—
Joyce's sister-in-law
Samantha Nicely—migraines—granddaughter of Joyce
James Olsen—healing from seizures—friend of Amy
Inge Osborne—battling cancer—past member and friend
Sandi & Ron Platen—health issues—family of Steve Manijak
Karen Power—healing from back fusions—friend of the Earle's
Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's
Valonte Ragland—paralyzed from car accident—co-worker's son of Amy
Latesha Ragland—learning how to care for Valonte
Art Robinson—relief from pain—co-worker of Steve Hlava
Agnes Rovison—stroke—friend of Amy
John Rutherford—covid—friend of Joyce
Sandy & family—loss of husband—co-workers friend of Joyce
Barbara Schrieber—blood clots
Leslie Slanina—continued heling—Gilbert's mom
Mary Small—psoriasis issues—co-worker of Steve Hlava
Thelma—her daughter's issues—friend of Robin
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck
Tara Vargo—in hospice—friend of Marla
Zack—life problems—friend's son of Joyce
Tim Wheeler—bladder cancer surgery—friend of Amy

COVID 19 virus patients