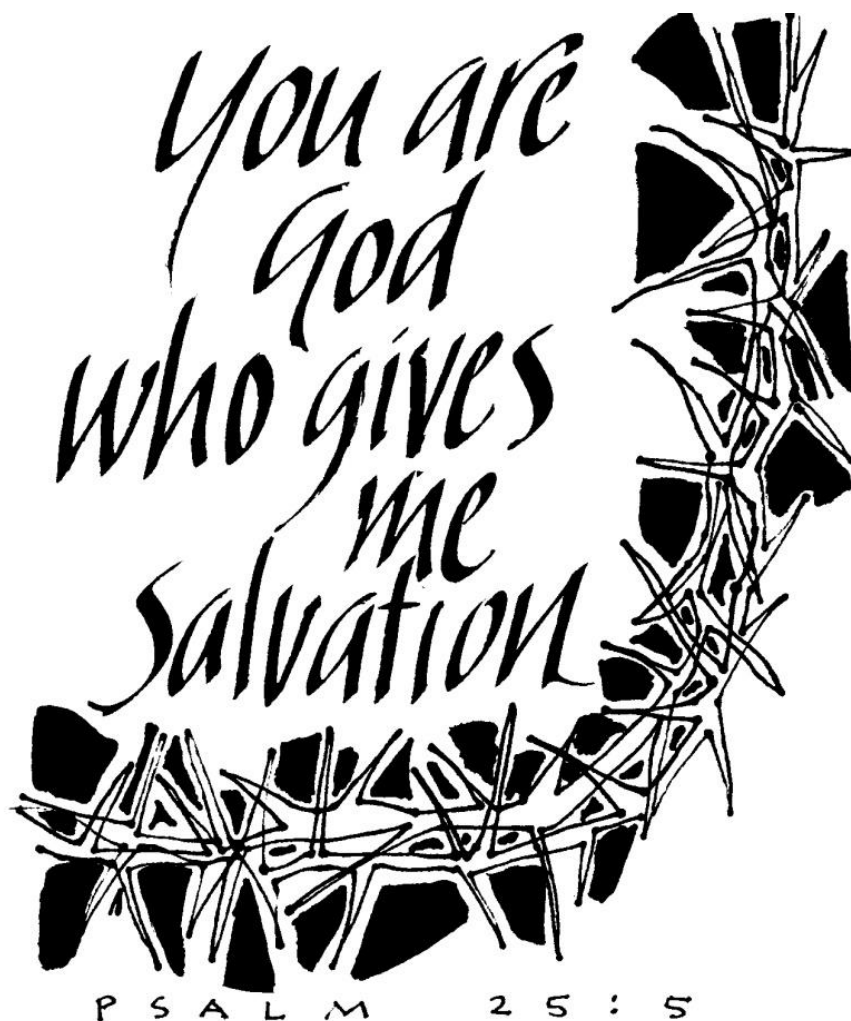


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**1st Sunday in Lent
February 21, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor
St. Thomas Lutheran Church
9042 S.R. 43, P.O. Box 2247
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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 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 loving memory of Alex Borbely.
- **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 sign up sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is Robin Hoffman.**
- **Ushers are Jim inside and Steve outside.**
- **Soup Suppers will begin this** 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.
- **Our leaky hot water tank** has been replaced by a new Bradford White tank. The installation included new valves and code updates. A 6 year warranty is included with the \$1,100.00 cost.
- **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 23 Adults 6 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	739.34
Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	33.00
Candle Fund	100.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>60.00</u>
Total Offering	942.34

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

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Rite: A responsive *singing* KYRIE

Refrain

All Sing: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears...(to refrain)

Cantor: If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand? But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand...(to refrain)

Cantor: O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me. My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek...(to refrain)

(spoken)

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

All: Amen.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(sung)

Cantor: Lord Jesus, obedient in the desert: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, the flood of living water: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

(spoken)

Pastor: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

(sung)

All: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, we have entered the wilderness—

C: sin's dread desert.

P: Wild beasts surround us—

C: prowling lions...hissing serpents.

P: We have entered the wilderness.

C: We are lost in death's shadowed valley.

P: Yet You lead Your people through the wilderness,

C: as You led Your child Abraham to the promised land.

P: You lead Your people beyond death's door,

C: as you led Your child Noah through the sea.

P: Into our wilderness breaks the cry of a leader:

C: "The time is fulfilled! God's kingdom has come near!"

P: Help us to hear, Merciful Father.

C: **“Repent, and believe in the good news.”**

P: Help us to follow. 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.**

All lessons are taken from the NRSV

The First Lesson: Genesis 9:8-17

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

The Psalmody: “Show Me Your Ways, O Lord”

Psalm 25 Insert

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the Word of our Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Verse: pg. 63

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

*The Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:9-15

(sung) **“Glory to you, O Lord.”** Pg. 63

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

(sung) **“Praise to you, O Christ.”** Pg. 63

The Sermon “*The Next Steps*”

Hymn of the Day *“How Shall We Thank You, Christ Our Lord?”* Insert

Nicene Creed pg. 64

**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 was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in fulfillment of 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**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** pg. 65

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

(after each petition the following is said)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for
mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

whom we pray, trusting in your

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 in tenderness and faithful love
You forgive our sins and guide us when we stray.

When the ancient flood destroyed the world You had
created,
You saved Noah and his family from the waters,
and established a covenant with them
and with every living creature for all time.

In later times Your Son, Jesus
came forth from the waters of baptism,
and after proving Himself in the wilderness
where waves of temptation threatened to engulf
Him,
He began proclaiming the Good News of Your
kingdom,
calling people to repent and believe in the gospel.

He was cast down to the land of the dead
where He preached even to those lost in the flood,
but You raised Him to new life
and seated Him at Your side
to reign over every authority and power for ever.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us,
we sing the hymn of unending praise:

**C: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of truth and light,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

P: We do not presume
to come to Your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in Your manifold and great mercies.

**C: We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs
under Your table.
But You are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

P: Blessed are You, gracious Lord,
and blessed is Your dear Son, Jesus Christ,
who feeds us with his own flesh and blood
that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us.
Consuming Him and consumed by Him
we are thus strengthened to walk in His footsteps,
even knowing that to do so
will inflame the fury of hell.

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of our faith;
who, on the night when He was betrayed,
took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said

*“This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.”*

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying:
*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
do this, whenever you drink it,
to remember me.”*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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: The time is fulfilled, O Christ. God's kingdom has come near in this place...

C: ...at this table.

P: Enrich us with this royal feast.

C: **Strengthen us for our Lenten journey.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

: Go now, and live in the spirit of your baptism,
even when you are led into wild and hard places.

With repentance and trust, give yourselves to God,
and with fasting and prayer,
strengthen yourselves against the ways of the
tempter.

God enfold you in tender and lasting love.
Christ Jesus be beside you in times of struggle.
The Holy Spirit guide you back to the path
whenever you stray, that you may keep + the
covenant.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
No. 479

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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—2 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
**LISA HLAVA—IN HOSPITAL WITH A BLOOD INFECTION—
SISTER-IN-LAW OF STEVE HLAVA
SCOTT HOOVER—STROKE—MARLA'S SISTER-IN-LAW'S
BROTHER-IN-LAW**
Debbie Hovanetz—internal problems—neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems
Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce
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—hodgkins 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
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