

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church

THERE IS FORGIVENESS OF SINS FOR ALL WHO TURN TO ME  
LUKE 24:47



**Easter III**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**April 18, 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 Jodi Earle, Haley Rohaley and Aggie Blankenship's birthdays and Mike Phillips, Stephen Nicely and Kari Earle's baptism birthdays.
- **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 Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **St. Joan of Arc** is hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, April 19 from 1-7. Call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment which is highly encouraged. Or you can go to RedCrossBlood.org to register. Thank you! Blood Donations are Essential!
- **My name is Belinda** and I am helping a friend to fill some production positions at a Ravenna plant. There are openings on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> shifts with pay from \$11ish-13ish an hour. The plant works Monday thru Saturday. Please call me at 440-465-0645 for more details and to set up an interview.
- **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** 14 Adults 0 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	940.00
Building Fund	25.00
Benevolence	15.00
Mission	00.00
1 + 1 + 1	4.00
Loose	00.00
<hr/> Total Offering	984.00

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

## Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: We know how easy it is to trick ourselves into believing that every thought is pure, every act is just, every choice is correct. If we want to be God's children, to grow in hope, to walk in the Light, we must admit our sin and open ourselves to the healing mercy of God's love.

**C: Emptier of tombs, we find ourselves running after lies, rather than walking with you.**

**We find it easy to love other people, as long as they don't annoy or bother us.**

**We hunger for love and search for affirmation, yet find it difficult to let others love us for who we are.**

**Forgive us, Risen Christ.**

**Listen to the whispers of our hearts, and then sing of the promises of hope.**

**Grace us with peace, so our hearts can rest in you.**

**Continue to transform us into Easter people, to be brothers and sisters of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*Silence for meditation and self-examination.*

P: Not everything has been revealed to us, but this we do know: as God's children, we are blessed, we are loved, we are forgiven.

**C: Our lives have been transformed by the abundant mercy given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

P: We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore let us enter into the joy of his presence.

### Entrance Hymn *"With High Delight Let Us Unite"*

No. 140

### 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—This is the feast pg. 60*

**People: 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 for the Day**

**P: Heavenly Father, as the disciples, enshrouded in fear, trembled in the darkness of the upper room,**

**C: so does this world dwell in darkness...tremble in fear.**

**P: Heavenly Father, as Your Son brought the light of His presence,**

**C: the bright joy of the resurrection,**

**P: to the disciples, dispelling their fear, inspiring hope,**

**C: so are we brightened by Jesus' living presence.**

**P: Open, we pray, the doors of this upper room.**

**C: Lead us out into the world.**

**P: Then, glowing with the borrowed light of Your Son, we will live the lives that we profess:**

**C: "The living Jesus is our Lord!"**

**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.**

**All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version**

### **The First Lesson Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the <sup>17</sup> "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup> In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup> Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out. This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm of the Day "Give Your Thanks to God" Psalm 118 Insert**

### **The Second Lesson 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Pg. 62**

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

\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36b-48

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

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63**

**Sermon “The Road Continues”**

**Hymn of the Day “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”**

WOV No. 671

**Affirmation of Faith 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: Christ, the stone which the builders rejected, God has made the cornerstone of a new community. In that name by which we are founded, let us draw near in**

confidence praying 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: Loving God, You have glorified Your Son Jesus and given Him the name by which we are saved. Give us the courage to act in His name. Accept our praise, offered in His name, for we offer this prayer through and with and in Jesus, Your Son and our Savior.

**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 great love You have made us Your children and destined us for life in union with Your Son, Jesus Christ.

You are the creator of heaven and earth and the Author of life.

You revealed Your purposes through the law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms, and declared Your intention to suffer as a servant among us so that You might bring forgiveness to the nations.

Your Word came to fulfilment in Your servant, Jesus, the Holy and Righteous One, who was rejected and handed over to death.

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

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P: Eternally creative God, give us the faith and courage to recreate the world in your image. We ask this in the name of the risen one, Jesus our Lord and Savior.

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He was killed through our ignorance, but after three days in the tomb You raised him from the dead.

Now He embraces us with hands still holed, and disturbs our fears and doubts with words of peace and the promise of life yet to be revealed.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us, with earth, sea and sky,

**C: We sing to You.**

P: With the angels and archangels who envelop us, with all the saints before us and beside us, with brothers and sisters, east and west, north and south,

**C: We sing to You.**

P: And with our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet, in this mystery are close to 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: Blessed are You, O God, who breaks open wide the tomb of our world, calls life out of death, and leads all creation into life eternal.

Blessed is your son, Jesus, who in life and death revealed Your glory.

Suffering in His body sin's deadly powers, He entered the captivity of hell and proclaimed liberty to those imprisoned by the unyielding force of death.

Breaking forth from the grave's stronghold, He pushed back the stone, met us on the road as a beloved stranger, and awakened in us the hope that the earth will be saved from its enemies.

Ascended into glory, He is everywhere present, gathering up all things in the surprise of new life and desire fulfilled.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, who walks with us the road of our grief, and is known again in the breaking of bread; who on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said:

*This is My Body, which is 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.”*

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, here in this place, we celebrate the life that was born at Bethlehem, the life that Jesus has shared among His community through the centuries, and shares with us now.

Raised to life with Him, and united with each other in His mystical body, we lay before You these gifts of bread and wine, in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for here we offer and present to You ourselves, our bodies, minds and spirits, to be a holy and continuous sacrifice to You.

Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily things, this bread and this wine.

**C: May they be for us Your body and blood, vibrant with life, healing renewing and making us whole.**

P: And burst forth in us with Your life-giving power that we might recognize your presence in each and every person who breaks bread and shares wine round this table.

**C: Open our graves, unbind our eyes and name us here; touch and heal all that has been buried in us, that we need not cling to our pain, but may go forth with power to release resurrection in the world.**

P: Because You are one with us, O Christ, make us one with You as we pray the prayer You taught us:

### **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: As once You ate in the presence of Your disciples,

C: **proving to them Your presence was real,**

P: so have You shared this meal with us,

C: **Unite us in Your presence.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: We have eaten together with the risen Christ.

Go out then, as witnesses of these things.

Attend to your heart...worship with integrity...trust  
in the Lord.

Proclaim forgiveness and healing in His name to all.

God raise you from death to life, from brokenness to  
perfect health;

Christ Jesus cast out your fear and doubt;

the Holy Spirit give your heart joy,

even as the bread and wine give your body life.

C: **Amen.**

### **Closing Song** “*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*”

With One Voice No. 649

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

Jim Doerfler—serious mouth 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

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

**Amy Rohaley—Great news! No cancer! God is good!**

Diane Seman—searching for job

Joyce Torres—healing of her foot after fall

Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a preemie 3 months 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.

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

**Backus family—loss of Matthew—cousin's son of Steve Manijak**

**Barbara's daughter delivered twins--in NICU—co-worker of Joyce**

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

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

Tim Borbely—neck surgery—brother of Diane Lee

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

John Butterbaugh—spot on his lung—friend of Joyce

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

**Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolffs**

Leona Corban—shingles—Marla's mom

Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla

Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother

**Darlene & Jim-traveling mercies—cousins of Diane Lee**

Laura Dean—Praise God for healing from covid—sister of Joyce

Jamie Dunn—battling cancer—bus driver for Streetsboro

Earle Family—family member seeking to purchase new home

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

Debbie Hovanetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck

Janice—heart problems

John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce

Kathi—family issues w/son—co-worker of Joyce  
Brad Kozar—suffering from propsychotic depression—son of Lorene  
Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—homesick—sister of Marla  
**Larry—surgery to repair perforated bowel—friend of Diane Lee**  
Lauren—healing from surgery—step cousin of Diane Lee  
Kristina Lonardo—problems with pregnancy—friend of Trudy  
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  
Anne Mack—in hospice for breast cancer—dear neighbor of Deb’s  
Frank Manijak—congestive heart complications—Steve’s Dad  
Nadine Nicely—in tremendous pain from cancer in her lungs & nerves—  
Joyce’s sister-in-law  
Samantha Nicely—migraines—granddaughter of Joyce  
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  
John Rutherford—covid—friend of Joyce  
Leslie Slanina—continued heling—Gilbert’s mom  
Mary Small—psoriasis issues—co-worker of Steve Hlava  
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile  
Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck  
**Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce**  
Zack—life problems—Joyce’s friend’s son  
**COVID 19 virus patients**