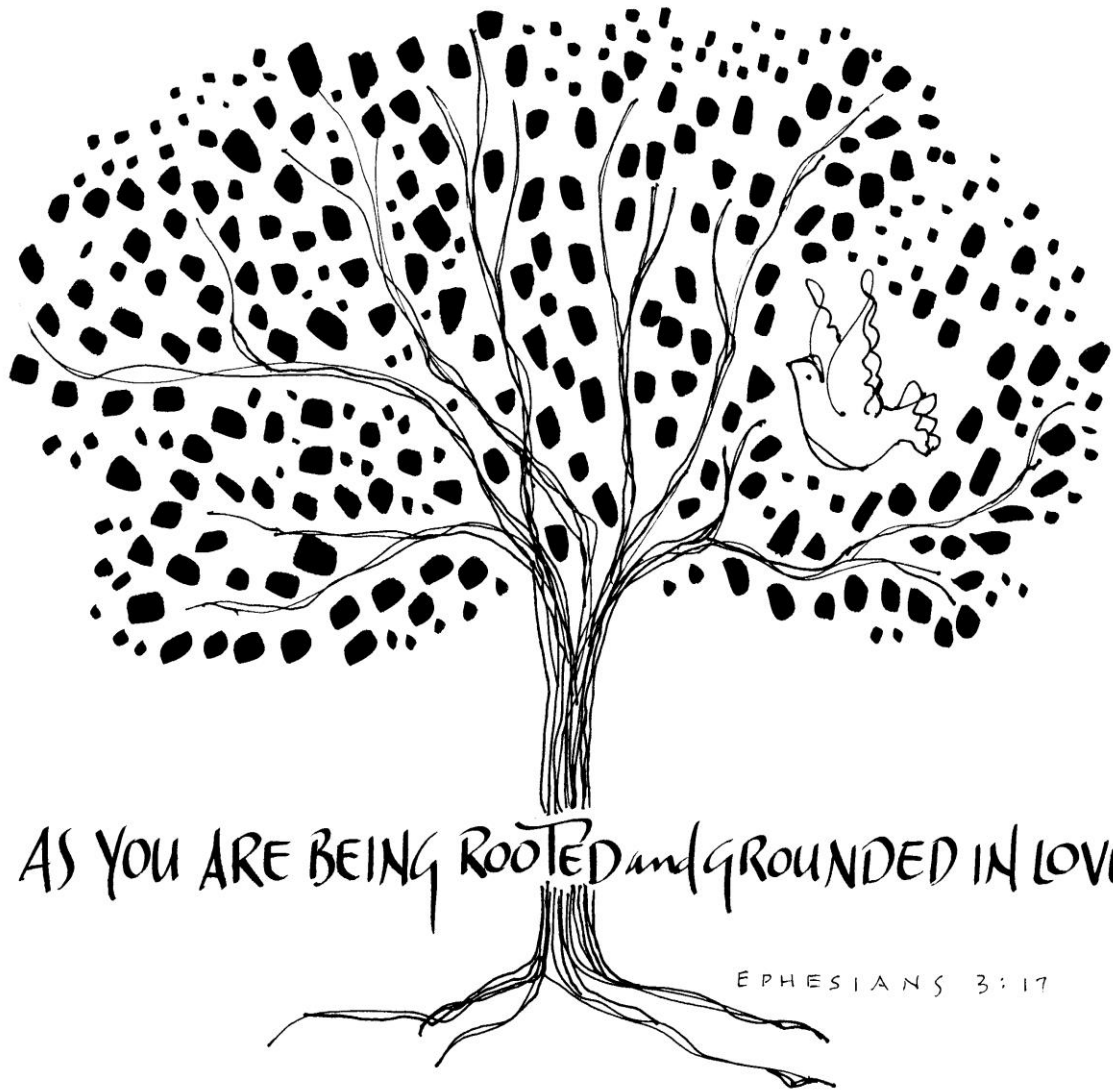


# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**Pentecost IX**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**July 25, 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 loving memory of Don Corban, Marla's father.
- **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to Rory and Deb Wolff on July 30.
- **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 stand by the bulletin stand. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of July. Still need volunteers. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex or let Steve know you would like to sign up. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Ushers are Del inside and Steve outside.**
- **July Service Project...**Summer is a hard time for the children of our community. With school out there is no free breakfast and lunches for them. Let us help them out by bringing food items to be donated to the Streetsboro Community Pantry. Monetary donations would be great too. A basket is set up in the narthex for your donations. Thank you!!
- **Council discussed** bringing the service back to its normal service. We will still be offering it through Facebook and the radio. Everything that is decided will take place at our first service in September. If you have any suggestions as to how we should do this please let a council member or pastor know. Council members are Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres and Del Groff.
- **The prayer list** is getting a little long. If there is anyone we can take off with good news, please let Marla know or put a card in the offering plate.
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **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 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	325.00
Building Fund	00.00
Benevolence	00.00
Mission	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	10.00
<u>Loose</u>	<u>0.00</u>

Total Offering 340.00      Needed each week to meet budget--\$1,112.21

## 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: 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 and reflection.*

P: Our ignorance of our need to be constantly fed by Christ, we confess to the Lord:

**C: forgive us Lord.**

P: Our satisfying other, lesser hungers while we leave unfulfilled our deepest yearnings, we confess to the Lord:

**C: forgive us Lord.**

P: Our disregard for the physical and spiritual hunger of others, we confess to the Lord:

**C: forgive us Lord.**

P: Our misuse of God's resources to gratify our selfish longings, we confess to the Lord.

**C: forgive us Lord.**

P: We hunger and thirst for righteousness,

**C: but we are doomed to starve and die, to thirst eternally. Therefore, we beg You, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, to forgive our sins and to fill us with His perfect goodness, that we may live as Your Spirit directs us, filled with all the fullness of God.**

P: Like bread broken to be shared, Jesus Christ was given to die for you. For His sake your sins are forgiven. He will raise you up on the last day, and you will live forever.

**C: Lord, give us this bread always! Amen.**

### Entrance Hymn "*Break Now the Bread of Life*" No. 235

#### 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* pg. 59

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

C: **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.**

**The Prayer for the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Listen in mercy to our prayers, Lord.

C: **Lead us to ask for whatever pleases You, so that You may grant what we desire. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

**The First Lesson 2 Kings 4:42-44**

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." <sup>43</sup> But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" <sup>44</sup> He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD. This is the Word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

**The Psalm "Holy Majesty, before You" Psalm 145 No. 247**

**The Second Lesson Ephesians 3:14-21**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup> and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup> I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. 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 6:1-21

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

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

<sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Sermon** *"I Have Been Fed; I Am Being Fed; I Will  
be Fed"*

**Hymn of the Day** *"Blessed Jesus, Living Bread"* **Insert**

**No. 396**

**Affirmation of Faith** Apostles Creed

**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: Because we have been fed and called, and our lives joined forever in Christ, we unite our voices in prayer.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Almighty God, lost in the darkness we search for light; surrounded by our created wastes, we seek a promised land; threatened by war, we break the bonds that make for peace. Help us to find our light, our land, and our peace in You, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

***\*The Great Thanksgiving***

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up our 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 light,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

P: We give You all thanks and praise, O God,

for we are overwhelmed by the length and breadth, height and depth  
of your mysteries, Your glory, and Your love for us in Christ.

You brought forth the earth and the heavens

and from tiny fragments You created a rich abundance to nurture and strengthen all  
who look to Your hand.

You have given Yourself generously to Your people,

despite their eagerness to crown every new hero  
and corrupt themselves before idols of wealth, sex and power.

In Your Son, Jesus, You have given us the Savior we longed for.

Though He was crucified by the corrupt,

You raised him to life and He comes to us again, striding over chaos and death,  
dispelling our fears with a love beyond comprehension, strengthening us in our inner  
beings, and bringing us safely to the land of our destiny.

**C: Amen.**

**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 the 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 sin,  
Each time you drink of this cup,  
Do it in remembrance of Me."*

### **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: When You fed 5000 on a hillside, O Lord,

C: **You gave them all they needed with twelve baskets to spare.**

P: Throughout our lives, O Lord,

C: **You give us all that we need with plenty to spare.**

P: Since the day that we were born, O Lord,

C: **You have loved us so lavishly, and promise to love us forevermore.**

P: Since the time when we received Your grace in the waters of Holy Baptism, O Lord,

C: **Your grace has overflowed into our lives, and has spilled out into the lives of all those around us.**

P: Since the day when You sent Your Spirit into our souls, O Lord,

C: **the fruits and gifts of Your Spirit have been showered upon us, and will continue to be poured out upon Your people for generations to come.**

P: Since the time when You died on the cross and rose from the grave, O Lord,

C: **You have given us new life, not only on this earth, but also within Your kingdom to come.**

P: For all the ways in which You have been so generous to us,

C: **we thank You, most abundant Lord. Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: Go out into the world.

Seek God, and the wisdom of God.

Hide yourself from the corruptions of power and adulation.

Entrust whatever you have to Christ  
for with Him, there will always be more than  
enough.

God strengthen you in your inner beings.

Christ Jesus dwell in your hearts through faith.

The Holy Spirit plant your roots deeply  
in the abundant richness + of God's love.

C: **Amen.**

### **Closing Song "Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round"**

No. 373



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 & Sharon Crile—recovery from hospital stay and illness

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

Stephanie Johnson—sprained wrist

Laurene Kozar—recovering from stomach surgery

Becky Larkins—fostering Holly, a preemie

Ken Nicely II—complications from diabetes

Kenny Nicely III—shoulder pain—healing from surgery

Kenny Nicely IV—Epilepsy

### **Sammy Nicely and family—traveling back home to Maryland**

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

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

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.

Alayna—mysterious bug bite—granddaughter of Joyce

Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce

Aaron—marriage problems—brother of Joyce

Roger Black—lung cancer trouble breathing—brother-in-law of Deb

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

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

Lana Carnes—heart attack and stroke—friend of the Wolff's

Anna Cooper—heart surgery complications—friend of Wolff's

Leona Corban—pulled muscle in her back—Marla's mom

Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla

Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother

Deb Defer—eye problems—sister of Diane Lee

Mary Defer—starting a new job—niece of Diane

Jamie Dunn—battling cancer—back to work—bus driver for Streetsboro

Sue Ellinwood—liver cancer—friend of the Wolff's

Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin

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  
Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve’s mom  
Charles Hovavetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck’s  
Debbie Hovavetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck  
Janice—heart problems  
Jayme—suffered a stroke—Joyce’s son’s fiancé  
John—multiple health issues--neighbor of Joyce  
Sherry Johnson—stroke recovery—grandma of Nicole and Gabe  
Suzanne Latham—lyme disease—sister of Marla  
Lauren—healing from surgery—step cousin of Diane Lee  
Kristina Lonardo—problems with pregnancy—friend of Trudy  
Tyler Lutz—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  
Mary—wound on ankle that is slow in healing—neighbor of Diane Lee  
Samantha—ear barotrauma{swelling} from being hit by a wave in Ocean City--granddaughter of Joyce  
Inge Osborne—cancer—doing well—no chemo—friend of St. Thomas  
Sandi Platen—health issues—sister of Steve Manijak  
Jodie Powers—addiction healing—niece of Steve and Marla  
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—starting to take steps—co-worker’s son of Amy  
Latesha Ragland—learning how to care for Valonte  
Jessica Reker—job searching—friend of Amy  
Leonard Rohaley—surgery last Tuesday for an aneurysm—uncle of Amy  
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom  
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile  
Kenneth Udovic-cancer-brother-in-law of Tom Beuck  
Linda Veletta and family—family issues—friend of Robin  
Jay Veletta—head injury—neighbor of Robin  
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s  
Dan Wiley—undiagnosed swelling in abdomen—seeing surgeon—friend of Diane Lee  
Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce  
Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder  
Doris Zimmerman—newly diagnosed lung cancer—friend of the Wolff’s

**Homeless served by LMM—space in Independence**

**COVID 19 virus patients**

