

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**Pentecost VI**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**July 4, 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 Steve Crile's Birthday and Diane Lee'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 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.**
- **Join us this Thursday evening** at 7:00 p.m. for an hour of prayer for our congregation's ministry and mission. Where one or two are gathered there God will be also. Please join us!
- **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 outdoor service. 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** 16 Adults 2 Children

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	995.00
Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	5.00
<u>1 + 1 + 1</u>	<u>32.00</u>

Total Offering 1047.00 Needed each week to meet budget--\$1,112.21

## Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Absolution

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

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul that seeks Him.

C: **“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”**

P: Conscious of the message of God’s faithful prophets, let us confess our sins to the Lord.  
*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess to You with contrite hearts that we  
have sinned.**

**Our thoughts, our words, our deeds condemn us. We have flouted Your authority,  
and questioned the wisdom of Your goodness.**

**We are doomed to die!**

**For the sake of the innocent sufferings and death  
of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, we plead for  
mercy.**

**Forgive our sins that we may be empowered to  
become messengers of your grace in all that we  
undertake.**

P: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end. For the sake of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. God’s grace is sufficient for you. God’s power is made perfect in weakness.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Entrance Hymn *“Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”*

No. 486

### 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.**

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

*\*The Hymn of Praise—Glory to God* pg. 59

**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:** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God,

**C:** **Your Son revealed the wonder of Your saving love  
in signs and miracles.**

**Renew Your people by Your loving kindness,  
And sustain us in all our weakness by Your  
mighty power.**

**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 Ezekiel 2:1-5**

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. <sup>2</sup>And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” <sup>5</sup>Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**The Psalm** “*With Joy We Lift Our Eyes*” Psalm 123 Insert

**The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave

me,<sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.<sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. 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 Mark 6:1-13

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

Jesus left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!<sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “*Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.*”<sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.<sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching.<sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.<sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.<sup>10</sup> He said to them, “*Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.*”<sup>11</sup> *If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.*”<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.<sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Sermon “How’s Your Stiff Neck?”**

**Hymn of the Day “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve”** Insert

**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***

P: As people of faith, we are called to be prophets. Let us open our hearts and call upon our God.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Compassionate God, we come to You, aware that the prophet within each of us shrinks from Your call. Give us the courage to speak and live the words of Your Son, in whose name we pray.

**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 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: 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: The people of Nazareth rejected You, O Christ—**

**C: Let us not be blinded by the humble trappings of this meal; for in it we find You, O  
Christ, in our midst.**

**P: We bless you now and evermore.**

**C: Amen.**

## **Exhortation and Prayer for Independence Day**

P: On July 4, 1776, our forefathers bravely advanced the cause of freedom and liberty by declaring this nation's independence and sovereignty and that all her citizens possessed the unalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness given by our Creator. It is appropriate therefore as we celebrate our nations' birthday that we give thanks to that Creator for our liberties and pray for continued blessings upon our country, our government and our fellow citizens.

The earth is the Lord's,

**C: And all who dwell in it.**

P: God is king over the nations:

**C: God sits on His holy throne.**

P: He rules by His might forever.

**C: His eyes keep watch on the nations.**

P: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**C: For God judges the peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.**

P: O Lord, be gracious to us and bless us,

**C: And make Your face to shine upon us.**

P: May Your ways be known upon the earth,

**C: Your saving power among all peoples.**

P: Lord of the nations, guide our people by Your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things, give us faith in You, that our nation may bring glory to Your name and blessings to all peoples; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Sending**

P: Go now, and wherever people will hear you,  
proclaim the life-changing love of God.

Do not fear your weakness,  
for when you are weakest,  
Christ's strength is known.

Travel lightly, live simply,  
and honor those who welcome the gospel.

God be your protection and safe haven;  
the power of Christ Jesus dwell in you;  
the Holy Spirit + be your guide forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Closing Song "Battle Hymn of the Republic"**

No. 332

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  
Stephen Nicely—traveling mercies to work in Normal, Illinois for 2 months  
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS  
**Amy Rohaley—traveling mercies as she vacations in the Carolinas**  
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**

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  
Chuck—has Covid—coworker of Stephen Nicely  
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  
Jamie Dunn—battling cancer—back to work—bus driver for Streetsboro  
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  
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  
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  
**Aaron Nicely—marriage problems—brother of Joyce**  
Samantha Nicely—migraines—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

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 Valetta and family—family issues—friend of Robin

**Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's**

Denny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

**COVID 19 virus patients**