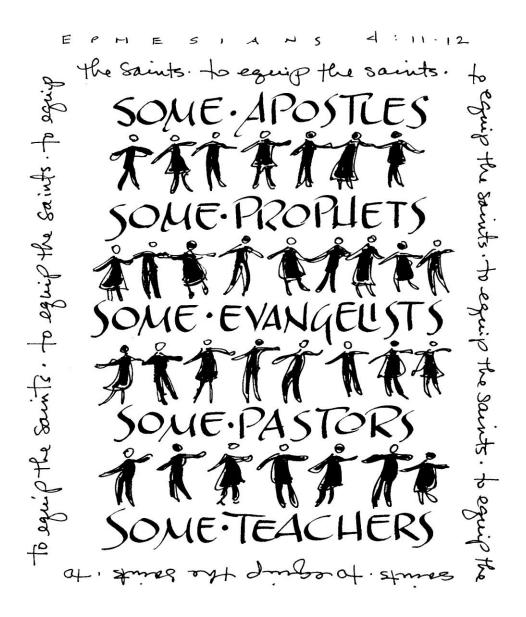
Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Pentecost X 10:00 a.m. August 1, 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 to the glory of God.
- HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Tom & Jen Jones and Ken & Amanda Nicely on August 2.
- 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. Seve can bring it to the cars.
- The Lay Reader list is available for volunteers for the month of August. Still need volunteers. Please see the signup 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.
- August 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 continue this service project through August and 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 had their meeting on July 18 and have decided to not make any changes at this time because of the uptick in the CoVid 19 new variants. Mask wearing is not required by is still an excellent idea. We will continue to monitor the situation and make adjustments as seem appropriate. Any suggestions please let Pastor or council members Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Marla Manijak, Joyce Torres and Del Groff know.
- 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 13 Adults 2 Children

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Current Expense	1080.00
Building Fund	20.00
Benevolence	10.00
Mission	0.00
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Loose	0.00

Total Offering 1132.00 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: "I am the Bread of Life," says Jesus Christ. "Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."
- C: Lord, give us this bread always.

A brief silence for individual prayer and reflection.

- P: Most merciful and gracious God,
- C: we confess our sins to You.
- P: Our sins of thought—
- C: We have doubted Your power and Your promise; we have plotted wickedly.
- P: Our sins of word—
- C: We have spoken in anger and in ways that are belittling; we have argued against Your good and gracious will.
- P: Our sins of deed—
- C: We have hoarded Your gifts selfishly, and have defiled ourselves with all manner of evil.
- 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 "Bread for the World" Insert

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 This is the Feast

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: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Heavenly Father, as You graciously provided bread for Your children in the wilderness—
- C: manna, heaven-sent—
- P: so You have graciously sent Your own dear Son,
- C: the true bread, heaven-sent—
- P: He alone gives nourishment to Your people.
- C: He alone gives life to the world.
- P: Give us this day our daily bread,
- C: the true bread, heaven-sent.
- P: Then Jesus will live in us.
- C: Then we will live in Him.
- 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 Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² "I have heard the

complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is the Word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

The Psalm "Stay True to God" Psalm 78 Insert

The Second Lesson Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

⁹ (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. 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 6:24-35

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

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food

that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon "All Kinds of Gifts"

Hymn of the Day "Now We Remain" Insert

Affirmation of Faith
We believe in God, who made the world
and reaches out to it with a love
fierce and passionate, tender and kind.
We believe in Jesus the Christ—
God revealed in a human life.
He touched the untouchable, pardoned the unforgivable
and unmasked the powers that enslave us.
In fear and arrogance
we cast Him, lifeless, into the grave,
and with Him went our hopes of salvation.

Raised by God, He is parting the sea of evil and despair and leading us across into the land of freedom and promise.

We believe in the Holy Spirit—
God's mysterious presence with us
whose breathing gives life;
whose fire purges and renews;
whose wisdom surprises, prompts and questions,
awakening courage, humor and hope.
We believe that we ourselves are made in the image of
God and are growing to wholeness in Christ.
Gathered by the Spirit, we have been baptized into a
common life
a life laid open to all;
overflowing with love and mercy;
richer than mind can measure,

but appearing foolish to the world.

And we trust that the foolishness of God will prove wiser than the wisdom of the world, and that the suffering of God will heal the earth and fulfil our hopes of justice and peace. Amen.

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*The Prayers of the Church

- P: Gathered in the name of Jesus, united by the power of the Holy Spirit let us pray. (after each petition)
- P: Lord in your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: All these things we have spoken, and those which we name in the silence of our hearts, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, forever and ever.
- 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 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.

Eucharistic Song: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" WOV 711 (Stanzas 1-4)

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 fed the children of Israel with manna from heaven, O God.
- C: You have nourished us now with all Your gifts from heaven.
- P: You sustained the children of Israel with quails every evening.
- C: Nourish our bodies with the blessings of daily food and drink.
- P: You spoke out to the children of Israel from Mt. Sinai so they might know Your will for them.
- C: Nourish our minds with Your wonderful words.

P: You filled us with Your love when You made Jesus known to us.

C: Nourish our hearts with the compassion and the care that only You can give.

P: You sent your Spirit to help us grow as Your people.

C: Nourish us now with the fruits of Your Spirit. Amen.

Eucharistic Song: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" WOV 711 (Stanza 5)

Sending

P: Go out from here and live lives worthy of the one calling which we all share.

In humility, gentleness and patience, speak only what is true and loving and so grow into the unity that is ours in Christ.

God the Creator reshape your hearts; Christ Jesus, the Bread of Life, sustain you always; the Holy Spirit unite you in the bond + of peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Song "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" WOV No. 801

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—possible adoption

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—new job situation

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

Grace Rohaley—graduate ceremony and baccalaureate this weekend

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.

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

Bryan Corban—G.I.S.T. tumor on stomach—Marla's brother

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

Scott Corban—Rheumatoid Arthritis—brother of Marla

Tom Corban—Parkinson Disease—Marla's brother

Claire Coumos—tick bite—antibiotics doing well—niece of Steve & Marla

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

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 fiance'

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

Tyler Lutz—in remission—Praise God—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

Leo Rohaley—aneurysm surgery—declining health—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