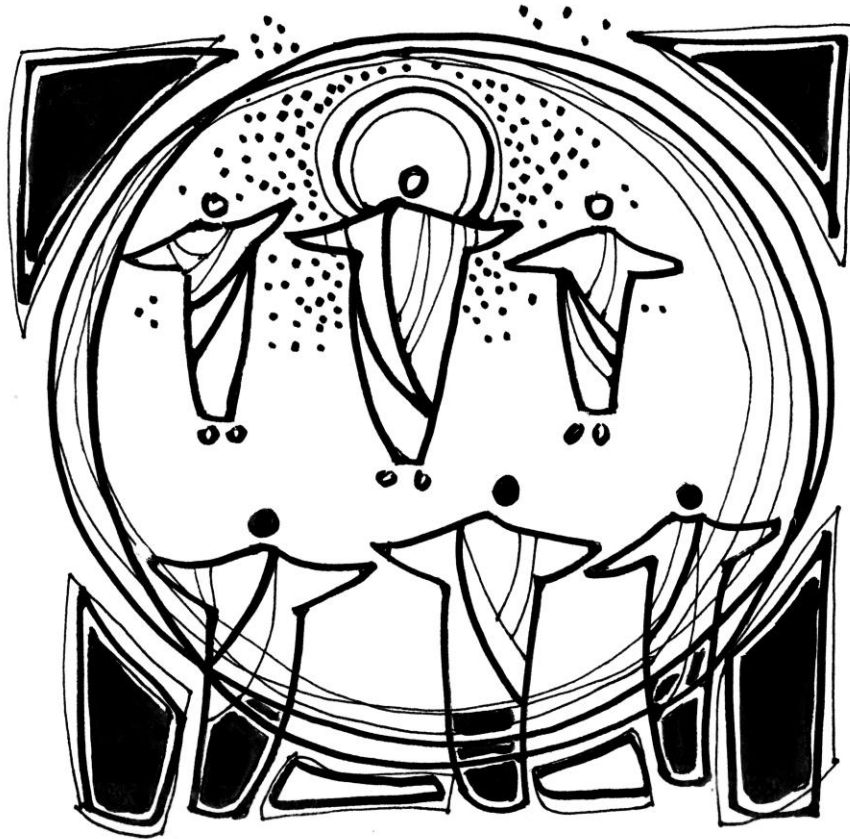


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



for the Lord our God is holy
P S A L M 99:9

**The Transfiguration of our Lord
10:00 a.m.
February 27, 2022**

**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 or on our Facebook page. If any problems happen during the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately.
- **The White Flower arrangement** is given in loving memory of Ken Nicely by the Nicely/Ayers/Torres family.
- **The Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Jen Jones' 40th birthday.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given to the Glory of our Risen Savior.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the choir stand by the bulletin stand.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of March. **Our lay reader today is Steve Manijak.**
- **Usher Steve Manijak**
- **Please join us on Sunday mornings** for a new bible study on the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians at 9:00 a.m.
- **Join us this Wednesday** for our Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.
- **Soup Suppers/Worship Services** will be held on Thursday evenings on March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 starting at 6:30 p.m. with Soup and more and worship at 7:30 p.m.
- **Thank you** for your generous offerings to our 5th Sunday fund. You raised \$189.00 for Family Community Services. Council voted to add to the total and sent them \$300.00.
- **The January-March Portal of Prayers** is available.
- **Service Projects...**the Lutheran World Relief is always in need for natural disasters relief. Please make check out to the church and place it in the offering plate.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime.
- **The Church Council and Call Committee** have been meeting with Christ Lutheran Church in Mantua to work on a plan to share a pastor. We are in the process of meeting with candidates in the next coming months. We have been given a list of names to view and to decide if you would like to interview. If you would like to know more, please talk to Gilbert Ayers, Guy Jeanblanc, Diane Pencin or Robin Hoffman.
- **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

Bible Study 5 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

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| Current Expense | 1,131.34 | Building Fund | 15.00 |
| Benevolence | 5.00 | Mission | 5.00 |
| 1 + 1 + 1 | 14.00 | Altar Flowers | 25.00 |
| Total Offering | 1,195.34 | 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: As we enter into the revealed glory of God, let us offer up our confession.

**C: Glorious Creator, we admit that we are often afraid
to come near You.**

**We fear if we do, you might see how our faces darken
with anger as we speak hurtful words,
or whiten with fear of those who are different,
or redden from the depths of our desires.**

**We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of
our longings,
that we are unable to see the faces of others
etched with loneliness,
hollowed by hunger,
overshadowed by hopelessness.**

P: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our hopes and in our
hearts,
God knows us better than we know ourselves,
and God forgives us when we cannot forgive
ourselves!

**C: By God's mercy, we are forgiven;
by God's mercy, we are made whole;
by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

P: You reveal the mystery of Your grace, Holy One,
by pouring out mercy upon us.

**C: As you bend down to listen,
may we speak Your love to all those around us.**

**As you call us into Your glorious presence,
You send us out to do Your ministry
which brings hope to the world.**

**Let our praise now reflect Your glory and mercy.
Amen.**

Entrance Hymn "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" No. 265

The 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*

C: 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 of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Heavenly Father, the ancient prophets gathered, the brilliant light shone, the radiant cloud enveloped, Your strong voice boomed:

C: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!”

P: In the awe-inspiring transfiguration of Your Son, You confirmed the mystery of our faith.

C: And more...much more.

P: In Your voice, shouting from the brightness of the cloud:

C: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him,”

P: we hear an echoed whisper of what one day will be shouted:

C: “Come, blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world!”

P: Make us, Lord, Your heirs with Christ.

C: Bring us to the gates of Your kingdom...and beyond!

P: Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 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 34:29-35

⁹ Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³² Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that

the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him. This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm “God is Good” (Psalm 99) Insert

The Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that^[a] was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

⁴Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. 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 Luke 9:28-43a

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

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

³⁷On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my

only child. ³⁹ Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. ⁴⁰ I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “*You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.*” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astounded at the greatness of God. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

The Sermon “*From Vision to Ministry*”

Hymn of the Day “*Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*” 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 was born of the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died, 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.**

The Prayers of the Church

P: Formed by the word and promise of God, let us pray that the merciful glory of God, manifest in all the earth, may drive away all darkness and that God's providence lead all people from death into life.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Before You, O God, are all our prayers and all our needs.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord. Sharing our life he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. 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 might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he 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 His 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 sins.”*

Therefore, Lord, our God, we commemorate
that Christ had to suffer and die,
but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead,
the firstborn of the whole creation;
that glorified at Your right hand,

He speaks on our behalf;
and that He will come to judge the living and the
dead on the day which You have appointed.
We pray, Lord our God, send us Your Holy Spirit,
the Spirit who brings to life the power of Jesus
Christ.
We pray that we may surrender ourselves completely
to Your service, and that, in the midst of this world,
and before the eyes of all Your people,
we may live Your Gospel and be the sign of
your peace;
that we may support and serve each other in love;
that our hearts may be opened to the poor, the sick,
and the dying, and to all who are in need,
that so we may be the Church of Jesus Christ,
united with all faithful people everywhere.
Through Him and with Him and in Him You are blessed
and praised, Lord our God, almighty Father, in union
with the Holy Spirit, today and all days, forever.

C: Amen.

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.**

Song for the Eucharist “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” No. 200

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, the bread and wine here offered, here received, have been transfigured— aglow with Your saving presence.

C: **We take these gifts with us. Come with us as well.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Farewell to “Alleluia”

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” WOV 654

It is an ancient custom in the Christian church that a “farewell to Alleluia” be sung at the close of the liturgy on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally “alleluia” is not sung then until Easter morning, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent. This 11th-century hymn, is a traditional farewell to Alleluia. As the hymn is sung, a banner bearing the word, “Alleluia” is carried throughout the church solemnly rolled up, and laid away until Easter when it will be unfurled and carried through the church in triumph.

Sending

P: Go now and live your faith boldly
as an open statement of God’s truth.

Keep nothing hidden,
and refuse anything deceitful or manipulative.

By God’s mercy, engage in the ministry
to which you have been called,
and let the light of God’s word shine brightly in you.

God strengthen you and keep you safe;
Christ Jesus unveil your minds;
the Holy Spirit transform you from glory + to glory.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Song “How Good, Lord, to Be Here” No. 89

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—Bill recovering from surgery
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 and a fall, broke leg
Jen Jones—healing slowly from surgery for endometriosis
Lorene Kozar—was moved to an apartment in Mentor—needs peace about the move
Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly
The Nicely/Ayers/Torres families on the passing of Ken Nicely II
Sam Nicely—safe trip back to Maryland
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS
Rory & Deb Wolff—safe trip back from Louisiana
Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers
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
Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb
Nickoles Bohne—dying from liver failure—in-law of Guy
Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter
Carl—transition from Memory Care to move to Concord, OH—father of Carol Earle
Russ & Lana Carnes—need assisted living—the Wolffs
Debbie Conrad—home burned down—co-worker of Amy
Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom
Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin
George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim
Ava Gillum—15 year old with soft tissue cancer—friend of Robin
Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many
Patty & Kenny Hansen—many mechanical problems with their home—friend of Amy Rohaley
Kelly Heritage—successful surgery—Thank you—co-worker's husband of Deb Wolff's
Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom
Evan Hlava—recovering from heart inflammation—nephew of Steve Hlava
Karl Hlava—prayers for comfort & strength in loss of wife—brother of
Steve Hlava
Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's
Debbie Hovanvetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck
Janice—heart problems
Louise Jerina—brain aneurysm—healing at home—friend of Deb
Laura—gall bladder surgery—Joyce's sister
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad
Joe Manijak—complications after back surgery—brother of Steve
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law

Jodie Powers—addiction healing, doing much better—niece of Steve and Marla
Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's
Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy
Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert's mom
Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin
John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy
Deacon Robert Szalai—born at 4 lbs. 11 oz with health problems—stopped breathing twice—may have brain
issues—grandnephew of Steve Hlava
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Jay Valetta— passed away 2/16 from cancer—neighbor of Robin
Linda Veletta—foot surgery—neighbor of Robin
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's
Dan Wiley—In remission. Praise God! Prayers for family concerns—friend of Diane Lee
Donny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce
Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder
All natural disasters victims
COVID 19 virus patients