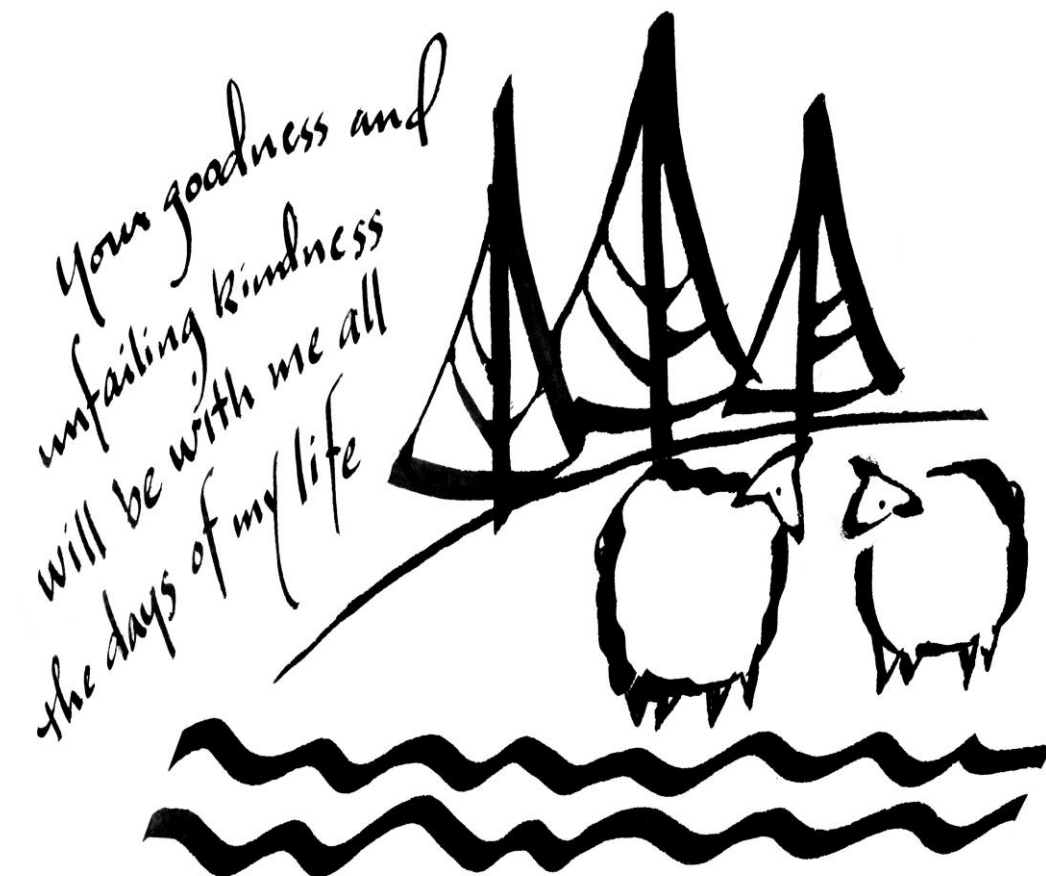


# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



Easter IV  
10:00 a.m.  
May 8, 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. If you miss the service you can always watch it on our Facebook page. If any problems happen during the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately. Thank you again!
- **The Altar Flowers** are given in loving memory of Jeff Lee, husband of Diane.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Mike Phillips birthday and Nicole Johnson and Ian Phillips baptism birthdays.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Steve and Sherry Crile on May 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Prayer book** is on the music stand by the door.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of April. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Guy Jeanblanc.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Mark your calendars...**We will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a congregation on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> with a picnic after the worship service. Main dish will be provided. There will be a sign up sheet for sides and desserts.
- **Service Projects...**the Lutheran World Relief is always in need for natural disasters relief. They are helping the Ukrainian refugees at this time. 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 4 candidates this month for zoom interviews. 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   2 Children

**Attendance Bible Study**    5 Adults   1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	891.34	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00	Mission	5.00
Altar Flowers	25.00	1 + 1 + 1	19.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>950.34</b>	<b>Weekly need</b>	<b>1,229.52</b>

## 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: When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

**C: We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.**

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to God so that he may turn us from our sinful ways to follow Christ in true obedience.

*Silence for meditation and self-examination.*

P: Almighty and all-merciful God,

**C: We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have offended Your majesty and defied Your divinity; we have brought death and darkness where you once said, "Let there be light!" We deserve the doom that You have decreed. We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise.**

P: But Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: Since we have been united with Him in a death like his,

**C: we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, we implore you: forgive our sins, and re-direct our lives according to Your purpose. Let us be raised with Christ.**

P: "Thus it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name." That Word is now proclaimed to you.

**C: We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!**

**Entrance Hymn "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" No. 535**

### **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* 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: Heavenly Father, Your voice rumbled, the stone rolled, You awakened Your Son,

**C: the great Shepherd of the sheep.**

P: Even now our Shepherd calls us.

**C: Help us to listen.**

P: Even now the Spirit guides us.

**C: Help us to follow.**

P: That we, joy of joys, might do our Shepherd's work:

**C: To seek out the lost, to heal the injured, to feed the starving.**

P: May the sound of His voice awaken in us a hope that will linger,

**C: and a joy that will dance.**

P: Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup> At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup> Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup> So Peter got up and went with them, and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup> Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Meanwhile, he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Psalm 23) No. 456**

### **The Second Lesson Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the

Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God  
who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.” 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 10:22-30

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

At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, “*I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me, <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father’s hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one.*”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn “Passed Through the Waters”** Insert

**The Sermon “The Power of the Resurrection”**

**Hymn of the Day “Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom”** Insert

**Affirmation of Faith** Apostles Creed

*\*The Apostles Creed pg.65*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
who was conceived by the power of 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: Let us pray for the whole Church 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: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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**C: Amen.**

**Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*All those present greet one another with a word and gesture of peace.*

**Offering and Offertory** pg. 67

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**Offering Prayer**

P: Christ our Shepherd, we do now want. In Your fold You offer peaceful protection.

**C: and joyful togetherness.**

P: As You have enriched us with every good thing—

**C: green pastures, still waters, restored souls—**

P: bless us, too, in our giving.

**C: So shall all the world be blessed.**

P: We praise you now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

**\*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, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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 Hymn “*The Feast Is Ready*” Insert**

#### **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.

#### **Post-Communion Cantic**

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Your presence, O Christ, excites us.

**C: This meal, O Savior, nourishes us.**

P: Continue to feed our excitement and our encouragement,

**C: both here and in the world.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**



## **A Mother's Day Litany for Families**

P: Creator God, in Your awesome power, You made us to live in human families.

**C: May our love for You inspire us to live in harmony with each other.**

P: On this Mother's Day, we express our gratitude to You for our life together in Your human family.

**C: O God, help us to find You through the wonders of family living!**

P: Help us find You through the lives of our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, spouses, partners, close relatives, dear friends, and neighbors.

**C: O God, help us find You through our family in scriptures:**

P: in the vision of Abraham, the wrestling of Jacob, the purity of Joseph, the strength of Deborah, the conscience of Amos, the faith of a centurion, the vigor of Peter, the humility of Mary, and the forgiveness of Stephen.

**C: O God, help us to find You most through the life of our brother Jesus, who walked the highways of the Holy Land leaving behind pictures of You.**

P: Gracious God, You are creator of all human life. Bless now Your human family whom You have given the privilege of living on this earth, in loving relationships.

**C: Each of us, all of us, thank You for Your eternal fatherly love and motherly care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## **Sending**

P: Go now, following the voice of the shepherd.

Fear no evil, for God is by your side.

Devote yourselves to the works of God,

to words of mercy, to good deeds and to acts of love.

God wipe every tear from your eyes;

Christ Jesus be your shepherd and all that you need;

the Holy Spirit tend you with goodness and love

all the days + of your lives.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" WOV 721**

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**

**Aggie Blankenship—congestive heart and pneumonia**

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  
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  
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS  
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.  
David Adkins—bells palsey—friend of Joyce  
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  
Peggy Bower—starting chemo—friend of Steve and Marla  
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 Wolff's  
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  
Nancy Granville—pancreatic cancer surgery after chemo—Streetsboro friend of many  
Patty & Kenny Hansen—many problems with their home—friend of Amy's  
Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb  
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  
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece  
Holly Lyon—abdominal problems, upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff's  
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad  
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law  
**Larry—family concerns—discord between his brothers—friend of Diane**  
Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs  
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  
Ven Schweitzer—BIL-in hospital for chest surgery—Wolff's  
Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom

Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin

MaryLou Snider—abdominal problems, upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff’s

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

Linda Veletta—loss of husband Jay—neighbor of Robin

Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s

Donny Wood—healing from cancer—friend of Joyce

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

**Ukraine refugees**

**All natural disasters victims**

**COVID 19 virus patients**