

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



WOMEN ...  
MARY MAGDALENE ...  
JOANNA · SUSANNA  
and MANY OTHERS  
CONTRIBUTING  
from THEIR PRIVATE  
MEANS to the SUPPORT  
OF JESUS and HIS  
DISCIPLES · LUKE 8:2,3

Pentecost IV  
10:00 a.m.  
July 3, 2022

Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor  
St. Thomas Lutheran Church  
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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 Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Diane Lee's baptism birthday.
- **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 sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **We have** returned to the practice of gathering the offering during our worship service. The Peace will be shared after the Prayer for the Church, followed by the Offering, the Offertory, and the Offering Prayer.
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry to help those in Haiti and Ukraine. Please make check donation made out to St. Thomas.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime. This is a 5 week month and we have chosen this organization to help out this month.
- The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod celebrates its 175th Anniversary this year. We invite you to listen to the sermon by Synodical President Matthew C. Harrison on the theme, "Only Jesus." You can access the sermon by going to <https://resources.lcms.org/175-years>.
- **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 potential candidates. 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**    15 Adults 0 Children

**Bible Study Attendance**    3 Adults

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	405.00	Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	5.00	Mission	5.00
Loose	00.00	1 + 1 + 1	10.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>440.00</b>	<b>Weekly need</b>	<b>1,229.52</b>

## Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us come before God in hope and trust. It is not a perfect life we live, O God; we are people of ambivalent goodness, with too fragile desires for justice and righteousness.

**C: We need your grace and forgiveness, and your strength to bring grace into the world.**

P: Ours is not a perfect world, O God. There is greed and want, exploitation and marginalization, and too many people excluded for indefensible reasons.

**C: We need your grace and forgiveness, and your strength to bring grace into the world.**

P: Remind us, O God, that it is perfection you demand, but tempered with humility, brokenness, and repentance.

Lead us into a love for you that is reckless and selfless; that, because we have been forgiven much, will risk everything for you, washing your feet and those of the poor and suffering, weeping over you and with you and all those who grieve, standing with the rejected and mocked, even as we share their lot.

**C: We need your grace and forgiveness, and your strength to bring grace into the world. Amen.**

P: According to the will of God our Father, Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free. In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

**C: We have been crucified with Christ. Now we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us.**

P: The Lord has put away your sin. You are restored.

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

**Entrance Hymn “Come, Ye Disconsolate”** 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**

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

**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.**

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

### **The First Lesson 2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15**

<sup>26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. <sup>27</sup>When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, **12** <sup>1</sup>and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, “There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had very many flocks and herds, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup>Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him.” <sup>5</sup>Then David’s anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; <sup>6</sup>he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity.”

<sup>7</sup>Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; <sup>8</sup>I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. <sup>9</sup>Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife...<sup>13</sup>David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan said to David, “Now the LORD has put away your sin; you shall not die. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD,<sup>[a]</sup> the child born to you shall die.” <sup>15</sup>Then Nathan went to his house. The LORD struck the child whom Uriah’s wife bore to David, and it became very ill. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm Hymn “Blessed Are Those” (Psalm 32) Insert**

## The Second Lesson Galatians 2:15-21

<sup>15</sup> We ourselves are Jews by birth and not gentile sinners, <sup>16</sup> yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. <sup>17</sup> But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! <sup>18</sup> But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. <sup>19</sup> For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, <sup>20</sup> and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing. 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 7:36-8:3

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

<sup>36</sup> One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. <sup>37</sup> And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. <sup>38</sup> She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." <sup>40</sup> Jesus spoke up and said to him, "*Simon, I have something to say to you.*" "Teacher," he replied, "speak." <sup>41</sup> "*A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.* <sup>42</sup> *When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?*" <sup>43</sup> Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "*You have judged rightly.*" <sup>44</sup> Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "*Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair.* <sup>45</sup> *You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet.* <sup>46</sup> *You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment.* <sup>47</sup> *Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little.*" <sup>48</sup> Then he said to her, "*Your sins are forgiven.*" <sup>49</sup> But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" <sup>50</sup> But he said to the woman, "*Your faith has saved you; go in peace.*"

**8** Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, <sup>3</sup> and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and

many others, who ministered to them out of their own resources. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

### **The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, You are a  
God rich in forgiveness:

**C: “Nathan said to David, ‘The Lord has put away Your sin; You shall not die.’”**

P: You stand alone as a Lord of mercy:

**C: Jesus said to the woman who had wet his feet with her tears, “Your sins are forgiven.”**

P: Insofar as Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, has forgiven our sins, which were many

**C: so shall we show great love.**

P: Justified in Your sight,

**C: freed from sins’s prison,**

P: it is not we who live,

**C: but Christ who lives in us!**

P: Now make us your missionaries—

**C: missionaries of mercy.**

P: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

**C: and forever. Amen.**

### **The Sermon “Restoration”**

**Hymn of the Day “Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”** Insert

**Affirmation of Faith \*The Apostles Creed pg. 65**

**We believe in Jesus Christ the Lord,**

**Who was promised to the people of Israel,**

**Who came in the flesh to dwell among us,**

**Who announced the coming of the rule of God,**

**Who gathered disciples and taught them,**

**Who died on the cross to free us from sin,**

**Who rose from the dead to give us life and hope,**

**Who reigns in heaven at the right hand of God,**

**Who comes to judge and bring justice to victory.**

**We believe in God His Father,**

**Who raised Him from the dead,**

**Who created and sustains the universe,**

**Who acts to deliver His people in times of need,**

**Who desires all people everywhere to be saved,**

**Who rules over the destinies of people and nations,**

**Who continues to love people even when they reject Him.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**Who is the form of God present in the church,**

**Who moves us to faith and obedience,  
Who is the guarantee of our deliverance,  
Who leads us to find God's will in the Word,  
Who assists those whom He renews in prayer,  
Who guides us in discernment,  
Who implies us to act together.**

**We believe God has made us His people,  
To invite others to follow Christ,  
To encourage one another to deeper commitment,  
To proclaim forgiveness of sins and hope,  
To reconcile all people to God through word and deed,  
To bear witness to the power of love over hate,  
To proclaim Jesus the Lord over all,  
To meet the daily tasks of life with purpose,  
To suffer joyfully for the cause of right,  
To the ends of the earth,  
To the end of the age,  
To the praise of His glory. Amen.**

### ***The Prayers of the Church***

P: Mindful of the wonderful works and great deeds of the Lord, let us pray for the kingdom of God and for all people everywhere.

*(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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 or 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: Merciful God, You have given and forgiven us so much.

**C: Help us to give ourselves in love to You and to others. In Jesus' name we pray. 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; 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 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.”*

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, with these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy; and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and 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.

## **Post-Communion Canticle**

**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: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, this meal offers more than bread and wine,

**C: It gives life...new life.**

P: Encourage us in our faith,

**C: and give us the hope of everlasting life.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

**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 nation's 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 live by faith in the Son of God.  
Pray for God's justice,  
Never welcome evil,  
pour out your love freely.

God hear your cries for help;  
Christ Jesus stand with you in the face of hostility;  
the Holy Spirit fill you with faith + and life.

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn “*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*”**

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**

Aggie Blankenship—congestive heart and pneumonia  
Bill & Sharon Crile—Bill recovering from surgery  
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  
Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly and new foster child  
The Nicely/Ayers/Torres families on the passing of Ken Nicely II  
**Sam Nicely and family—safe travels back home to Maryland**  
Stephen Nicely—safe travels while in Honduras  
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS  
Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain  
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, 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.

**Patty Abramovich—metastatic lung cancer—friend of Deb Wolff**

David Adkins—bells palsey—friend of Joyce  
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce  
Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle  
Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb  
Peggy Bower—cancer—in Cleveland Clinic—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  
Victoria Crawford—bypass surgery-friend of Robin  
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—not doing well—Streetsboro friend of many  
Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb  
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  
**Steve Mamber—complications leukemia treatments, in ICU—Amy's brother-in-law**  
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad  
Joe Manijak—back problems—brother of Steve  
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law  
Kathy Peters—breast cancer—friend of St. Thomas and Choir  
Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs  
Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's  
**Shearer family—passing of Chuck Shearer—uncle of Joyce**  
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert's mom  
Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin  
MaryLou Snider—upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff's

John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy

Deacon Robert Szalai—born prematurely—home 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

**Darcy Wood—lymphoma diagnosis—cousin of Joyce**

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**