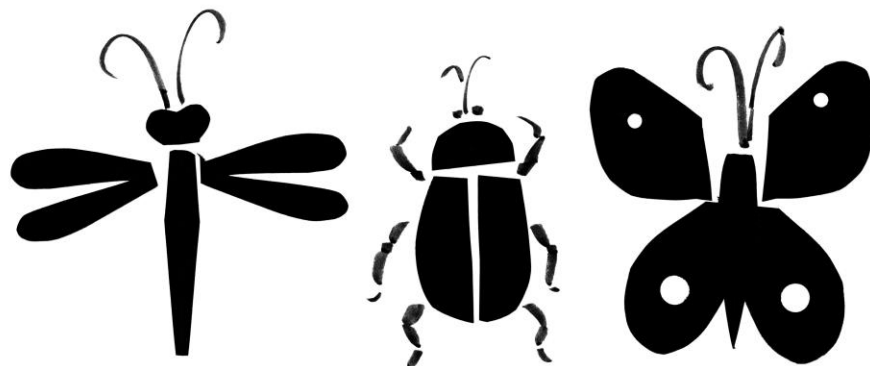


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



*and in Him
all things
hold together*



C O L O S S I A N S 1 : 1 7

Pentecost IX
10:00 a.m.
August 7, 2022

Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor
St. Thomas Lutheran Church
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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 Denise Nicely and Steve Manijak birthdays.
- **On Sunday, Aug. 21** we will be having an informal session to look ahead and begin to shape some ideas for the future of our congregation after the worship service from 11-1. Your input is greatly appreciated. Please join us. Refreshments will be served.
- **Lutheran Campus Ministry of Kent (LCMK)** is seeking people to serve on their board of directors. A variety of experiences and skills are needed in this ministry to college students. Two pressing needs are in publicity/communication and finance. If you are interested in any way, please contact pastor Eric Tritten at pastort@gloriadeihudson.org.
- **On Monday, August 22**, at American Legion Post 685 in Streetsboro, Life Line Screening will offer residents an opportunity to be proactive with their health by checking their risk factors for stroke, vascular disease and osteoporosis, offering residents safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that do not require you to disrobe. These screenings are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be proactive about your health for yourself and your family, register for these health screenings today. See the narthex bulletin board for more information.
- **The Prayer book** is on the music stand by the door.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of August. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Steve Manijak.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry to help those in Haiti and Ukraine. Please make your check donation made out to St. Thomas.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime. Thank you.
- **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 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	285.00	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00	Mission	5.00
Altar Flowers & Candle	28.00	Pantry	175.00
Loose	00.00	1 + 1 + 1	14.00

Total Offering 517.00 Weekly need 1,229.52

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: Let us confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Maker of all things, Judge of all people,
we admit and confess our sinfulness.**

**We have turned away from each other in our
thinking, speaking, and doing.**

**We have done the evil You forbid and have not done
the good You demand.**

We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins.

**Have mercy on us, kind Father,
because of the obedience of our Brother, Jesus
Christ, Your Son.**

**Forgive us all that is past,
and with the power of the Holy Spirit move us to
serve You faithfully.**

**Set our feet upon the new path of life,
and build Your kingdom here through Jesus
Christ, our Lord.**

P: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him.

May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit,
lead you to greater faith and obedience,
and bring you to live with him forever,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn “The God of Abraham Praise” No. 544

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 Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” ¹⁰Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Hymn “Who, O Lord, Shall Dwell with You?” (Psalm 15) Insert

The Second Lesson Colossians 1:15-29

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, ²³ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

²⁴ I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ For this I toil and strive with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me. 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 10:38-42

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

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ Pg. 63

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant us the Spirit of Abraham,

C: who welcomed You into his home, who killed his finest calf and fed You with rich food.

P: Grant us the Spirit of Martha,

C: who opened her house to Your Son and the disciples, busying herself in Your service.

P: And grant us, also, the Spirit of Mary, who chose the better part.

C: Make us to sit at Your feet, to listen to Your voice, to revel in Your presence.

P: Then we will think and do what is right.

C: Then we will live according to Your will.

P: We choose the better part...

C: which will not be taken away.

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 “A Promise, A Power, A Presence”

Hymn of the Day “Lord, Grant Us Grace to Know the Time” Insert

Affirmation of Faith

**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: Like Martha, we have much to do; like Mary, we listen to the Lord's voice. From the complexity of our lives, we lift our voices in prayer.

(after each petition)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Father of our Lord Jesus, hear our prayers. Hear in them the voice of Your Son, Your Word of love to us. We listen for His voice as we pray in His Name; Jesus Christ, Lord of heaven and earth forever.

C: Amen.

Prayer for Peace and Unity

P: Let us pray as we greet one another in peace: God the Father of us all, Ruler of the universe, look from heaven upon Your Church, upon all Your people and upon this congregation. Give us Your peace, Your love, and Your help. Send us the gifts of Your Spirit, so that with a clean heart and a good conscience we may greet one another, not deceitfully nor hypocritically but blamelessly and purely, in the bond of peace and love. Take from us the desire to control the freedom of others, for there is only one body and one Spirit, and one faith as we have been called in one hope of our calling. Bring us to the fullness of Your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord, with whom You are blessed in the unity of the Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

The Invitation

P: Luke the Evangelist wrote of our risen Lord that when He was at table with the disciples at Emmaus, He took bread and blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared. Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened His heart to us, and God will be glorified. The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ reign in your hearts.

C: Amen.

Here all present may 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.

*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: We thank You, almighty Lord, that You are a God of all mankind, that You are not ashamed to be called our God, that You know us by our name, that You keep the world in Your hands. For You have made us and called us in this life to be united to You, to be Your people on this earth.

Blessed are You, Maker of all that exists.

Blessed are You, who have given us space and time in which to live.

Blessed are You for the light of our eyes and the air we breathe.

We thank You for the whole of creation, for all the works of your hands, for all You have done in our midst, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Therefore we praise Your Majesty, almighty God, with all Your faithful people; therefore we bow before You and adore You with the words:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of all living. Earth and heaven are filled with Your glory. We bless Your name. Blessed is he who comes in the midst of His people.

P: Blessed are You, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world You chose us to be Your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. For Him the universe was made. In Him we have received redemption and forgiveness of sins.

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.
Each time you drink of this cup,
do it in remembrance of Me.”*

When we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we
proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes, 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.

The Dismissal

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God,

**C: we thank you for having fed us with the body and
blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby
that we are truly members of His body, the Church.
And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that
we may continue in this fellowship and do the good
works which You desire us to do; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, to whom, with You and
the same Spirit, be all honor and glory, forever and
ever. Amen.**

P: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold to
what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the
faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering;
honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in
the power of the Holy Spirit. And may almighty God,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn *"How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word"* Insert

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—doing well

Bill & Sharon Crile—doing well

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

Lorene Kozar—strength and peace

Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly and new foster child

Stephanie Johnson and family—safe travels while vacationing in NY

Steve & Marla and Leona—safe travels while vacationing in MD

The Nicely/Ayers/Torres families on the passing of Ken Nicely II

Steffen Nicely—traveling mercies for relocating in Orlando, Florida

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Steve Poston family—passing of Steve last week

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

Ally-Marriage struggles—friend of Joyce

Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle

Barb—heart attack and complications—cousin of Joyce

Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb

Nick Bohne—dialysis at Cleveland Clinic—friend of Guy

Peggy Bower family—passed away June 17--friend of Steve and Marla

Patty Bowman—covid—Bill & Sharon Crile's daughter

Russ & Lana Carnes—need assisted living—the Wolff's

Margaret Carr family—passed away at 99—2nd mom to Joyce and grandma to Trudy

Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom

Ted & Aliza Cowling—married June 16th—nephew of Amy

Victoria Crawford—bypass surgery-friend of Robin

Aida Donohue—severe congested heart defects—baby daughter of friend of Deb Wolff

Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin

Daryl, brother of Larry—pancreatic cancer surgery—friend of Diane Lee

George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds

Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim

Ava Gillum—15 year old with soft tissue cancer—friend of Robin

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

Joyce's supervisor's dad—hospitalized on life support

Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce

Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece

Steve Mamber—complications leukemia treatments—Amy's brother-in-law

Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad

Joe Manijak—hip replacement—brother of Steve
Mary—recovering from oral surgery—friend of Diane
Bill Murphy—hip surgery and emergency bowel surgery—friend of Deb and Rory
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
Debbie Rohaley—death of her mother Maxine Lusky—cousin of Amy
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
Tyler—dealing with depression—14 year old grandson of Joyce’s friend
Linda Veletta—loss of husband Jay—neighbor of Robin
Victoria—complications after back surgery—mother of Robin’s friend
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s
Whiteleather Dairy Farm—loss of barns and livestock due to fire
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