

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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Pentecost X  
10:00 a.m.  
August 14, 2022

Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor  
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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 Vigil Candle** is given to the glory of God.
- **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](mailto: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 Guy Jeanblanc.**
- **Usher—Del Groff**
- **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** 18 Adults 2 Children

**Confirmation Class** Pastor and 2 youth

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	969.00	Building Fund	15.00
Benevolence	13.00	Mission	5.00
Loose	00.00	1 + 1 + 1	22.00

Total Offering            1024.00    Weekly need    1,229.52

## Welcome and Announcements

### Opening Dialog

P: When no one else seems to listen or to care,

**C: may we come to You in prayer, O Lord, asking and seeking and knocking.**

P: When we have questions that need to be answered.

**C: may we come to You in prayer, O Lord, asking and seeking and knocking.**

P: When we have troubles that are pulling us apart,

**C: may we come to You in prayer, O Lord, asking and seeking and knocking.**

P: When we are struggling to make certain decisions in our lives,

**C: may we come to You in prayer, O Lord, asking and seeking and knocking.**

P: When we are concerned about the welfare of others,

**C: may we come to You in prayer, O Lord, asking and seeking and knocking.**

P: When we are wondering about what You have in mind for us,

**C: may we come to You in prayer, O Lord, asking and seeking and knocking.**

P: And when we want to grow in our relationship with You,

**C: may we come to You in prayer, O Lord, asking and seeking and knocking, so that we may be drawn ever closer to You. Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn** *“Come, My Soul, with Every Care”*    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 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**

### **Prayer for the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, Your ears are open always to the prayers of Your servants.

**C: Open our hearts and minds to You, that we may live in harmony with Your will and receive the gifts of Your Spirit; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

### **The First Lesson Genesis 18:20-32**

<sup>20</sup> Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup> I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup> So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup> Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup> Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup> And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup> Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup> Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup> Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup> He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup> Then he said, "Oh, do not let my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm Hymn “*I will Sing Praises to My God*” (Psalm 138)Insert

### The Second Lesson Colossians 2:6-19

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from 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 11:1-13

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” <sup>2</sup>So he said to them, “*When you pray, say:*

*Father, may your name be revered as holy.*

*May your kingdom come.*

<sup>3</sup> *Give us each day our daily bread.*

<sup>4</sup> *And forgive us our sins,*

*for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.*

*And do not bring us to the time of trial.”*

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, “*Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.*

<sup>9</sup> “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”  
This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Sermon “Is There Power in Prayer?”**

**Hymn of the Day “In Holy Conversation” 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—**

**who 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 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.**

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

P: If we who are evil know how to give good gifts to our children, there is no doubt that our heavenly Father will give all good things to us His children. So as dear children ask their dear fathers, let us pray to our Father in heaven.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, dear Father, we commend ourselves and all those for whom we pray, trusting Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **An Act of Reconciliation**

P: Let us confess our sins before God and in the presence of one another.

**C: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned both in our actions and in our failure to act.**

*A brief silence for individual prayer and reflection. A series of biddings if offered. The people respond to each.*

P: Our failure to recognize the hurting and forgotten among us, we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our primary focus on ourselves, we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our ignorance of, and blindness to, global pain and suffering, we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our lack of prayer for the needs of others, we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our hearts made captive by consumerism and materialism, we confess to the Lord.

**C: Forgive us, Lord.**

P: Merciful Father, give us pardon and peace and free us from our sin for the sake of Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen**

P: We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Therefore, let us be reconciled with one another and share the peace of the Lord.

*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.**

## Offering Prayer

P: Saving God,

**C: You have forgiven us and set us free to be Yours. Help us to offer ourselves and all we have for Your service; through Christ our Lord. 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: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who of Your tender love for mankind gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption.

Assembled in His name and in the communion of all saints, we pray You to send down Your Holy Spirit on us, and through Him to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who

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, eat; this is my (+) body,  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, and when He had given thanks, gave it to them, saying

*“Drink of it, all of you;  
this is my (+) blood of the new covenant,  
which is poured out for you  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of Me.”*

Remembering therefore His whole work of redemption, His conception and birth, His suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, and looking for His glorious coming again, we here present before You the remembrance which Your Son has commanded us to make, beseeching You graciously to accept this our



sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

We pray You that we who here receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may be filled with all heavenly blessing and grace.

Grant to us, who trust in You, our part and fellowship with all saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, O Father Almighty, Forever and ever.

**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.

### **Prayer after Communion**

P: Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung Your praise in the sanctuary may glorify You in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voice of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen Your great love may also behold Your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed Your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of Your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: Go now as people in whom love and fidelity embrace; peace and justice kiss.  
Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in Him, full of thanksgiving and praying as He taught us.

God give good gifts in answer to your prayers;  
Christ Jesus establish you in the faith;  
the Holy Spirit pour out heaven's riches + upon you.

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn** "*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*" No. 439

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—2<sup>nd</sup> mom to Joyce and grandma to Trudy

Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom

Ted & Aliza Cowling—married June 16<sup>th</sup>—nephew of Amy

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

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

**Daryl Krause—surgery successful—more tests necessary—friend of Diane Lee**

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—successful surgery Praise God!—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 Valetta—car accident and cerebral aneurism—friend 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**