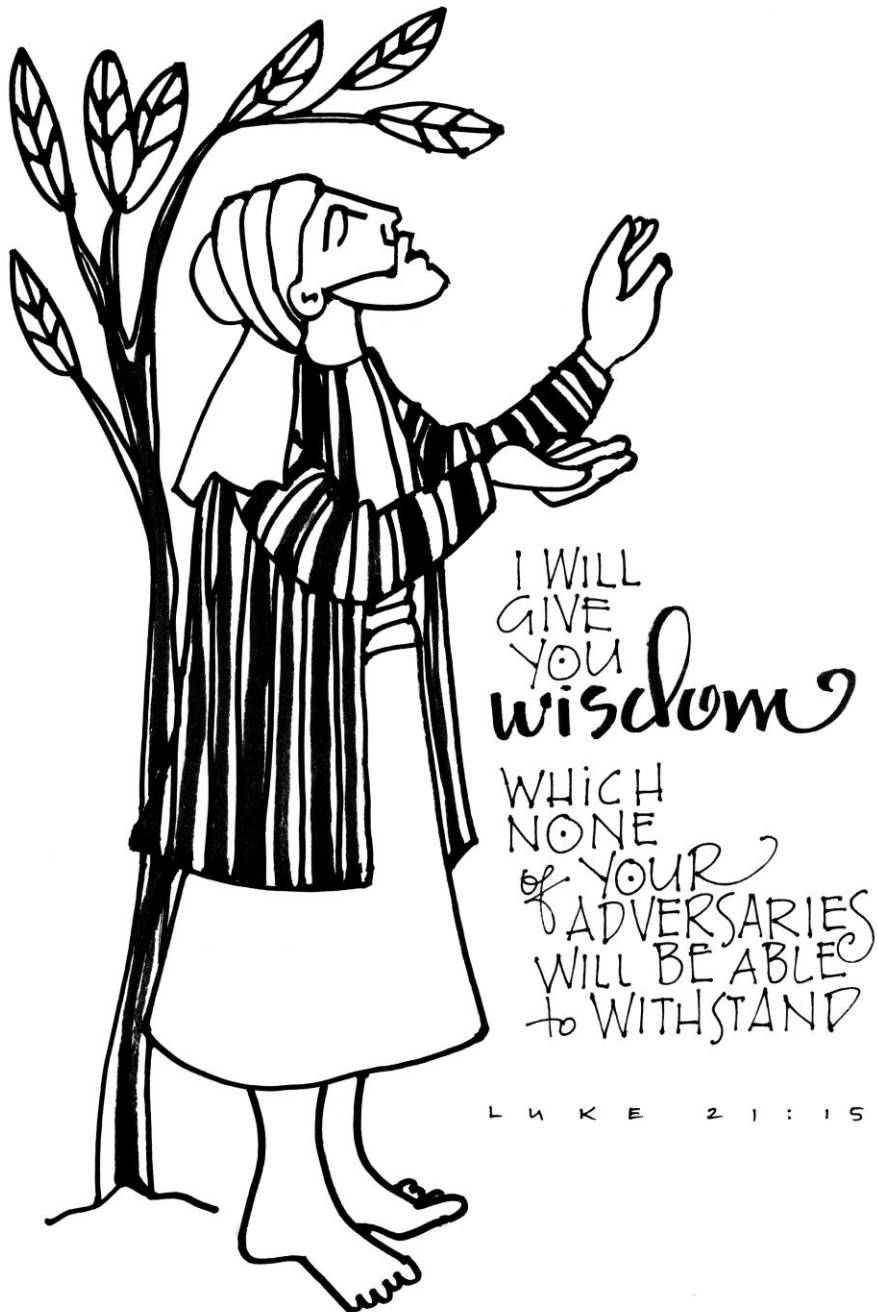


# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**Pentecost XXIII**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**November 13, 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 Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Grace Rohaley's birthday and Jarid Phillips baptism birthday.
- **The Prayer book** is on the music stand by the door.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of November. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Guy Jeanblanc.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The October-December Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Mark your calendar**—Annual Congregational meeting will be held Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> after the worship service. At least one council position will need to be filled. We will also be approving the 2023 budget and talking about our next step in seeking a pastor for our congregations plus any other subject the congregation would like to talk about. See one of the council members if you are interested in serving or need more information on what it entails. Refreshments will be provided.
- **Advent Worship and Soup Suppers** will begin on Thursday, Dec. 1 with Soup served at 6:30 and worship at 7:30. Please see the sign up sheet in the narthex to sign up to be a soup maker or to provide some other item for the supper.
- **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).
- **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.
- **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** 22 Adults 2 Youth

**Confirmation** Pastor and 2 youth

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	1537.00	Building Fund	105.00
Benevolence	63.00	Altar Flowers	25.00
Loose	5.00	1 + 1 + 1	17.00
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>1752.00</b>	<b>Weekly need</b>	<b>1229.52</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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Almighty and most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against You  
in thought, word, and deed.**

**We have spurned our duty and looked down on others.**

**We grow weary in doing what is right.**

**We truly deserved Your wrath and punishment.**

**But we pray You, for the sake of Jesus Christ,**

**Your obedient and faithful Son,**

**heal us of our unrighteousness,**

**that we may rise to live before You**

**in true righteousness and holiness.**

P: For those who revere the Lord's name, the Sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. For the sake of Jesus Christ, and in his name, I declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins.

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

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

### Kyrie

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

*\*The Hymn of Praise—Glory to God pg. 59*

**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.**

**Prayer for the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: O Lord, protect us from the dangers of this world—

**C: earthquake and famine, warfare and plague—**

P: signs of this world's deathward decay. O Lord, protect us from the dangers of sin—

**C: for we are in bondage and cannot free ourselves.**

P: Loose our chains, O Lord.

**C: Open our shackles.**

P: And free us from the fear of the unknown. For You are with us.

**C: Your good and gracious will is, even now, being done.**

P: And the promises of Your eternal kingdom are both sure...

**C: ...and secure!**

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.**

**All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version**

**The First Lesson Malachi 4:1-6**

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup>And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>4</sup>Remember the teaching of my servant Moses, the statutes and ordinances that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>5</sup>See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup>He will turn the hearts of parents to their children and the hearts of children to their parents, so that I will not come and strike the land with a curse. This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm Hymn: “I Will Praise You, O Lord” (Isaiah 12) Insert**

**Second Lesson 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living irresponsibly and not according to the tradition

that they received from us. <sup>7</sup> For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not irresponsible when we were with you, <sup>8</sup> and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup> This was not because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup> For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup> For we hear that some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup> Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right. This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **The Verse**

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel Luke 21:5-19**

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

<sup>5</sup> When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, <sup>6</sup> *“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”*

<sup>7</sup> They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, *“Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.*

<sup>9</sup> *“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.”* <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, *“Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup> there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.*

<sup>12</sup> *“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup> This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup> So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you words<sup>[c]</sup> and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your souls.”* This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Sermon** “Do We Know What’s Coming?”

**Hymn for the Day** “*Lord Christ, When First You Came To Earth*” No. 421

### **Affirmation of Faith Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
He came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
He was born of the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered, died, and was buried.  
On the third day He rose again  
In fulfillment of the Scriptures;  
He ascended into heaven  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living  
and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and  
glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole people 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: Blessed God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ Your Son You have destroyed death and comforted the whole earth. Let his reign come soon among us, among all whose lives cry out to You for mercy, among all the people of the earth. For unto You is due all honor and glory to the Father and the Son and

the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Peace**

P: Jesus said, “When you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift” [Matthew 5:23-24] 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 [Luke 24:30]. 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 be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

*All those present share with each other a word and gesture of peace.*

### **Offering and Offertory**

**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: Almighty God, You have given us every good thing.

**C: More than we need...more than we deserve.**

P: Accept these signs of our love. And fill us with Your Holy Spirit,

**C: that we may never be weary in doing what is right.**

P: Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving** (spoken)

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: Thanks and praise be to You, O Father, who sent Your only Son into the world to be a man, born of a woman, to die for us on a cross that was made by us.

**C: He came for us. Help us to accept His coming.**

P: He walked among us, a man, on our earth, in our world of conflict, and commanded us to remember His death, His death which gives us life; and to wait for Him until He comes again in glory.

**C: We remember His death; we live by His presence; we wait for His coming.**

P: On the night when He was betrayed, He 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, remembering His death, believing in His rising from the grave, affirming His presence, now in this place, we obey His command; we await the gift of Himself.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send down on us, O Father, the spirit of life and power, glory and love, that in this Holy Communion we may be made one with Him, and He with us, and that we may remain faithful members of His body until we eat with Him in His heavenly kingdom.

**C: Come, risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.**

P: Now with all the faithful who ever were, are, and will be, with all creation in all time, with joy we say:

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty. All space and all time show forth Your glory now and always.  
Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 Prayer**

P: Lord Jesus Christ, the workings of this world instill fear in our hearts.

**C: But at Your table we find comfort and grace.**

P: Give Your people peace, O Lord.

**C: Make us heavenly ambassadors to this dying world.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

### **Closing Litany**

P: As the time of our return draws closer, O Lord,

**C: keep our eyes of faith focused on You.**

P: As the time of our return draws closer, O Lord,

**C: keep us firm in our belief in You.**

P: As the time of our return draws closer, O Lord,

**C: keep us away from false prophets and teachings.**

P: As the time of our return draws closer, O Lord,

**C: keep our spirits high and our hearts unafraid.**

P: As the time of our return draws closer, O Lord,

**C: keep us safe and protected from harm.**

P: As the time of our return draws closer, O Lord,

**C: keep us in mind of the glory that is soon to come. Amen.**

### **Sending**

Go now and tell the world what God does.

Do not chase after self-proclaimed messiahs, but draw deeply from

God's saving well and speak the words the Spirit gives you.

Do not be weary in doing what is right.

God delight in you and give you strength;

Christ Jesus lead you in the ways of new life;

The Holy Spirit give you the words and wisdom to withstand + all

that would tear you down.

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn “Lead On, O King Eternal” No. 495**

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**

The Ayers family on the passing of Ken Nicely II

Aggie Blankenship—stress test—came back good—heart is good

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Lorene Kozar—strength and peace

Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly and Rowan

Steffen Nicely—traveling mercies for relocating in Orlando, Florida

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Rory Wolff—continued improvement

Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Grace Rohaley, Jacob Zimmerman, Jenna Zimmerman

Our military member—Troy Roman and Ben Wolff

**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

Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce

Ally-Marriage struggles—friend of Joyce

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

Paul Berry—internal bleeding—friend of Joyce

Shirley Blackerby—advanced breast cancer—friend of Robin

Paul Bower—depression after losing wife--friend of Steve and Marla

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

Leona Corban—continued healing—Marla’s mom

Carlton Dorris—broken clavical—grandson of Bob Earle

Dennis Fuldauer—on the wrong path—son of Kathy Brashear

Carl Gautner—all good with colonoscopy and endoscopy—father of Carol Earle

Daniel Gump—stroke—friend of Pastor Just

Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb

John Johnson—heart surgery recovery—friend of Robin

Naomi Just—fell and broke hip—Pastor’s sister

Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce

Laurance Jeanblanc—withstand malignant tumor, anemia and weight loss—brother of Guy

**Nancy Kirkpatrick—in hospital with COVID—dear friend of Wolff’s**

**Steve Mamber—bone marrow transplant Dec. 8—Amy’s brother-in-law**

**Sam Mamber—son who is donating bone marrow to dad**

Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve’s Dad

Joe Manijak—hip replacement—brother of Steve

Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy’s sister-in-law

Kathy Peters—breast cancer, finished treatments—friend of Marla and Deb

Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs

Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom

Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin

John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy

Deacon Robert Szalai—born prematurely—home may have brain issues—grandnephew of Steve Hlava

Dave Tregoning—stroke—family friend of Amy

Tyler—dealing with depression—14 year old grandson of Joyce's friend

Linda Valetta—health and family—friend 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

**Ukraine refugees**

**All natural disasters victims**

**COVID 19 virus patients**