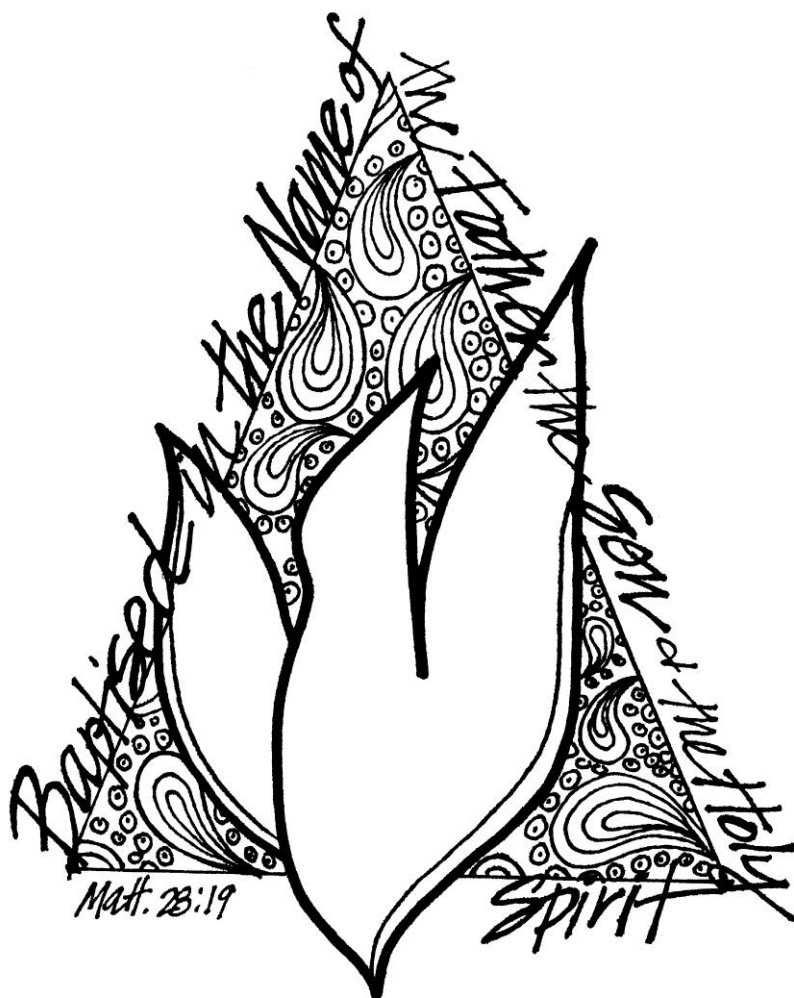


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



The Holy Trinity
10:00 a.m.
June 4, 2023

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 Deb Earle's 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 January. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The April-June and July-September Portal of Prayers** are on the stand.
- **Installation of Pastor Blake Martzowka** will be on Saturday, July 8 in the afternoon at St. Thomas and at Christ Lutheran in Mantua that evening. A dinner is being planned at Christ Lutheran. Helpers are needed. Also the parsonage at Christ will need to be updated. Helpers are needed there. A choir is being planned for that day. Rehearsals will be at Christ Lutheran on Wednesdays June 14, June 28 and July 5 at 6:30. Sheila asks that you attend all the rehearsals. If interested in any of these needs please see one of the council members.
- **Pastor Just** will be needing some help moving items out of the office before the arrival of our new pastor. See Pastor to volunteer.
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry is always in need of help. 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 volunteer program** at UH Portage Medical Center in Ravenna includes opportunities to serve patients and family members with spiritual care support. Volunteers typically commit 3-4 hours per week or serve on-call a few days per month. If interested please contact UH Portage Medical Center's Pastoral Care Dept. at 330-297-2445.
- **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 21 Adults 2 Youth

Towards Budget

Current Expense	742.19	Building Fund	10.00
Benevolence	10.00		
1 + 1 + 1	25.00	Loose	80.00
Total Offering	867.19	Weekly need	1,288.46

Welcome and Announcements

Confession

P: God, creator of all the wonders which make up this world:

When we treat our part of the world as a commodity to be used rather than a gift to be cherished;

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: When we fail to care for and protect this lovely land, with its mountains and ancient rock formations; its oceans, rivers and lakes; its unique flora and fauna;

C: Forgive us, Lord.

(silent confession)

P: God, bearer of our humanity in Jesus Christ;

When we fail to live out the commandment to love one another as Jesus loves us;

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: When we judge persons by the color of their skin, by their possessions or their achievements, rather than accepting them as persons loved and accepted by You;

C: Forgive us, Lord.

(silent confession)

P: God, Holy Spirit, Leader and Guide into all truth;

When we betray the truth of the gospel through our lack of integrity or our abuse of ethical and moral principles;

C: Forgive us, Lord.

P: When we fear the changes we may have to make if we allow Your power to flow into the places of our greatest weakness;

C: Forgive us, Lord.

(silent confession)

P: God, our Creator, Redeemer, Life-giving Spirit:

**C: Fill us anew with Your creative power that we may be reborn in Your image, glorifying You in and through who we are, and what we say and do and pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.**

Forgiveness

P: "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us and God's love for us is demonstrated in this: while we still were sinners Christ died for us."

(Romans 5:5,8 NRSV) The good news therefore is this: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

C: Thanks be to God!

Entrance Hymn "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" No. 165

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.

**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. You have made Yourself known, O God—

C: known in light-casting, heaven-decorating, world-forming, creature-calling, human-molding, life-breathing power, O Father.

P: You have made Yourself know, O God—

C: known in truth-teaching, demon-casting, miracle-performing, sin-killing, death-destroying, grave-opening love, O Christ.

P: You have made Yourself know, O God—

C: known in Church-filling, life-breathing, holy-making, unity-forming, sin-forgiving, eternity-granting presence, O Spirit.

P: You have made Yourself know, O God—

C: one God in trinity, the Trinity in unity.

P: As we confess the true faith, O God,

C: enable us to worship You.

P: For you live and reign, one God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—now...

C: and forever. Amen.

All readings are from the New Revised Standard Version

The First Lesson Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹ Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³ And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴ And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵ and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. ¹⁶ God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷ God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸ to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹ And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰ And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^[d] and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

²⁷ So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ²⁹ God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ² And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all

the work that he had done. ³ So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

⁴ These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalm Song “*Lord, Our Lord, o’er Earth’s Vast Frame*” (Psalm 8) Insert

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sequence Hymn “*Kyrie, God Father*” No. 168

Holy Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon “*Trinity Means Power*”

Hymn for the Day “*Voices Raised to You*” Insert

Affirmation of Faith Athanasian Creed Insert

Prayers of the Church

P: Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to our Father God, saying:

(After each petition)

P: ...we pray:

C: Holy Trinity, hear us.

P: Gracious God, who Jesus called Abba, Father, accept our prayer this day. By the inner workings of Your Spirit, deepen our communion with You, the source and goal of our life, and make us more and more signs of Your enduring love. This we pray through Christ, who lives and works with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Peace

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

C: And also with you.

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

Offering and Offering Music

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: Let us pray. You give us all things, O Holy Trinity—

C: All of creation is ours. Salvation has been granted us. Your Spirit fills our hearts and minds.

P: You give us all things, O Holy Trinity. Give us one thing more—

C: Give us the gratification of knowing that you accept our gifts. Use them to spread the one true faith.

P: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

The Invitation

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 be with you all.

C: Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with you, His servant.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: To do so is both right and proper.

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 breath.

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; there we bow before You and adore You with the words:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of all the 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, He took bread into His hands, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples with the words,

“Take this, and eat it; 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 this 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.

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.

Communion Hymn “Now We Join in Celebration” No. 203

Post-Communion Prayer

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, in this meal we experience your grace,

C: we accept the love of God,

P: and we enjoy the communion of the Holy Spirit.

C: Unite us, Lord, to open your kingdom to all people.

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

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 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.

Closing Hymn “All Glory Be to God on High” No. 166

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

Kathy Brashear—vertigo

Palagia Hlava—complications from MS

Robin Hoffman—back injury and toxic neuropathy

Lorene Kozar—strength and peace

Becky Larkins—successful adoption of Rowan

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Ben Wolff—healing of repaired rotator cuff

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

Our military members—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
Adalyn—diagnosed with cancer—great-granddaughter of Mary Lott
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce
Ally—Marriage struggles—friend of Joyce
Barb Basmagy—possible pneumonia—doing well--wife of Dusty
Paul Berry—internal bleeding—friend of Joyce
Ray Bishop—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's
Archer Bradshaw—fighting leukemia-3 year old family friend of Joyce
Carl—lost his wife Linda and is all alone now—neighbor of the Earle's
Russ & Lana Carnes—need assisted living—the Wolff's
Christine—knee replacement surgery—teacher friend of Joyce
John Cowling—finished course of chemo for leukemia—brother-in-law of Amy
Jonelle Cillo—cancer treatment for acute leukemia—sister of Steve Hlava
Evelyn French—macular degeneration—Carol's mom
Dennis Fuldauer—on the wrong path—son of Kathy Brashear
Daniel Gump—stroke—friend of Pastor Just
Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb
Kari Hendrix—hip surgery and healing—neighbor of the Earle's
Heather Hendrix—acute onset leukemia—family friend of Amy
Jaylah—lost her mother to overdose—single parent home—bus student of Joyce
Naomi Just—fell and broke hip—Pastor's sister
Linda Kuzniakowski—brain cancer—co-worker of Deb Earle
Lance—dementia—friend of Joyce
Laurance Jeanblanc—withstand malignant tumor, anemia and weight loss—brother of Guy
Laurie—breast cancer, undergoing Chemo—friend of Diane
Leo—healing from broken hip and dementia—uncle of Amy
Christine Lowdin—2nd knee replacement and healing—friend of Joyce
Steve Mamber—home from hospital and making small improvements—brother-in-law of Amy
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve's Dad
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy's sister-in-law
Delilah Nicely—recovery from pneumonia—granddaughter of Joyce
Paul—had stroke—came through now hoping on rehab bed—friend of Joyce
Karen Power—family searching for care facility, she keeps falling—aunt of Carol Earle
Barb & Dan, Carl & Linda, Pat—elderly health issues, difficulty moving around—neighbors of the Earle's
Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs
Angela Reker—continued healing after knee replacement surgery—friend of Amy
Joan Rupp—recovering from surgery to repair retinal detachment—good friend of Amy
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert's mom
Mary Lou Snider—health issues—friend of the Wolffs
John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy
Deacon Robert Szalai—born prematurely—home may have brain issues—grandnephew of Steve Hlava
Tyler—dealing with depression—14 year old grandson of Joyce's friend
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's
Renee White—new diagnosis of cancer—friend of Deb Wolff
Darcy Wood—lymphoma diagnosis—cousin of Joyce
Donny Wood—healing from cancer—friend of Joyce
Chris Zimmerman—recovering from sepsis—friend of the Wolff's

Ukraine refugees

All natural disasters victims

COVID 19 virus patients