

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**Epiphany IV**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**January 30, 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 or on our Facebook page. If any problems happen during the service please let Del or Rory know so they can fix the problem immediately.
- **We are asking** that masks be worn again in the building since we have had a surge in the Covid virus. Thank you!
- **The Altar Flowers are given** in celebration of Rory Wolff's and Becky Larkins' 40th Birthdays.
- **The Vigil Candle** is given in celebration of Amy Rohaley's baptism birthday.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Jim & Jeanette Doerfler on the 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the choir stand by the bulletin stand.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of February. **Our lay reader today is Steve Manijak.**
- **Usher Steve Manijak**
- **Please join us on Sunday mornings** for a new bible study on the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians at 9:00 a.m.
- **Our fifth Sunday offering for today** will be going to Family & Community Services, Inc. in Ravenna.
- **The January-March Portal of Prayers** is available.
- **Service Projects...**the Lutheran World Relief is always in need for natural disasters relief. Please make check out to the church and place it in the offering plate.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime.
- **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 candidates in the next coming months. 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** 13 Adults 0 Children

Towards Budget:

|                 |          |                         |       |             |       |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| Current Expense | 1172.00  | Building Fund           | 15.00 | Benevolence | 5.00  |
| Mission         | 5.00     | 1 + 1 + 1               | 15.00 | Loose       | 20.00 |
| <hr/>           |          |                         |       |             |       |
| Total Offering  | 1,212.00 | Meet budget--\$1,112.21 |       |             |       |

**Family in need—the Austin family lost their home on Stewart Road in a fire a few weeks ago. They have a go-fund-me page under Roxanne Austin plus they are in need of clothing. Clothing can be dropped off at 694 Stewart Rex age 10 is a 10-12, husky or a men's small Maria is 4 and is a size 4-5T Dad is an XL Mom is 3X Thank you for all you can do!**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Lighting the Christ Candle

*The Christ Candle had been left unlit throughout the Advent season, reflecting our anticipation of the coming Savior. In the Epiphany season, we make it a point to light this candle to reflect the announcement of Isaiah, "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1)*

P: The promise You made, the work You have done, is fulfilled; we have seen it.

**C: Your rescue, Your salvation, Your coming into our world, and switching on the lights, so we can see where to go, and how best to live.**

P: The way You have chosen us, filled us with Your Spirit, with Your presence, with Your wisdom, the way you allow Your goodness and compassion and grace to peek through our brokenness—

**C: these are gifts beyond measure, these are what make life truly alive; and so we praise You, and celebrate You, Christ, Child of God, Light to the nations, and the Glory of Your people. Amen.**

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### The Song: "Christ Be Our Light" Insert

#### 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 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.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P: Our fear-driven hesitation to speak God's Word to others, we confess to the Lord:

**C: forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our use of words to tear down rather than build up, we confess to the Lord:

**C: forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our failure to let love guide our thoughts and actions, we confess to the Lord:

**C: forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our reliance on our own efforts and strength, we confess to the Lord:

**C: forgive us, Lord.**

P: Our ingratitude for the blessings God has showered into our lives, we confess to the Lord:

**C: forgive us, Lord.**

*After the final bidding the prayer of confession concludes:*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: The love of God is not bound; his forgiveness is open to all who turn to him; his love never ends. We are forgiven and reconciled to God through Christ our Lord. Brothers and sisters, rejoice!

**C: Amen.**

### Entrance Hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 315

## The 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.**

## The Prayer of the Day

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.**
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, we are in danger of peril from without...
- C: The newspapers scream "Danger!" The headlines proclaim "Peril!"**
- P: Almighty God, we are in danger of peril from within...
- C: For temptation whispers with a honeyed voice, and sin still broods within our souls.**
- P: Deliver us, Lord.
- C: Protect us from the dangers of this world.**
- P: Deliver us, Lord.
- C: Guard us from our own weakness.**
- P: That, like Your Son in riotous Nazareth, we might be bold to proclaim Your Word,
- C: and remain strong in the face of danger.**
- P: Through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who 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 Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm *“In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust”*

(Psalm 71) Insert

### The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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 4:21-30

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

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus began to say to them, *“Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”*<sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, *“Is not this Joseph’s son?”* <sup>23</sup> He said to them, *“Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’”* <sup>24</sup> And he said, *“Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.”* <sup>25</sup> *But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.”* <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Sermon** *“Love Must Also Be Tough”*

**Hymn of the Day** *“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”*

No. 336

**Affirmation of Faith**

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

**Who was promised to the people of Israel  
Who came in the flesh to dwell among us,  
Who announced the coming of the rule of God,  
Who gathered disciples and taught them,  
Who died on the cross to free us from sin,  
Who rose from the dead to give us life and hope,  
Who reigns in heaven at the right hand of God,  
Who comes to judge and bring justice to victory.**

**We believe in God His Father,**

**Who raised Him from the dead,  
Who created and sustains the universe,  
Who acts to deliver His people in times of need,  
Who desires all people everywhere to be saved,  
Who rules over the destinies of people and nations,  
Who continues to love people even when they reject  
Him.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**Who is the form of God present in the church,  
Who moves us to faith and obedience,  
Who is the guarantee of our deliverance,**

**Who leads us to find God's will in the Word,  
Who assists those whom He renews in prayer,  
Who guides us in discernment,  
Who impels us to act together.**

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

***The Prayers of the Church***

P: We are the beloved children of God. In faith and love we come to pray for the church and for the world.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of all nations, look with love on this world and on its people. Bless the work of Your creation, and help us to be strong in following Jesus, who is our brother and our Lord, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so with the Church on earth and hosts of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

P: On the night when He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread into His hands, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples with the words,

*“Take and eat; this is My body, given for you.*

*Do this in remembrance of me.”*

In the same way He took the cup, spoke a prayer of thanks over it and said,

*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood,*

*which is shed for you*

*and for all for the forgiveness of sins.”*

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.*

*All are invited to take the communion packet that was provided as you came to worship this morning.*

**P:** Take and eat, this is the Body of Christ, broken for you to be made whole.

*All are invited to open the larger cup from the  
communion packet and partake of the wafer therein.*

**P:** Take, drink, the Blood of Christ, poured out for you to be filled with His endless life.  
*Please open the smaller cup to consume the wine.*

**P:** The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you  
in true faith to life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

**Song for the Eucharist “Come With Us, O Blessed  
Jesus” No. 219**

**Post-Communion Prayer**

**P:** Lord Jesus Christ, in this sacrament You offer Yourself to us.

**C: Teach us, likewise, to offer ourselves to You.**

**P:** Free us, through this gift, to give of ourselves as Your example taught us:

**C: with reckless abandon.**

**P:** You are the Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending**

**P:** Go now to all to whom God sends you,  
and speak whatever words God gives you.  
Rejoice in the truth and do not be afraid.  
Let all that you do and all that you say  
be filled with love, for love never ends.

God be with you always to deliver you;  
Christ Jesus put His gracious words in your mouth;  
the Holy Spirit bring you to completeness in faith, +  
hope, and love.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Song “Hope of the World”  
No. 493**

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**

#### **Bill & Sharon Crile—Bill recovering from surgery**

Jim Doerfler—serious mouth surgery—continued healing

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

#### **Nicole Johnson—healing from a dog bite(her dog) on her finger**

Stephanie Johnson—still struggling with a cough

Lorene Kozar—has moved to Mentor assisted living

Becky Larkins—post strep pneumonia since Christmas

Ken Nicely II—possible kidney failure due to diabetes

Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS

Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain

Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers

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.

Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce

#### **Ruth Bennett—pneumonia & Covid, on bypass machine—cousin of Marla**

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

Nickoles Bohne—dying from liver failure—in-law of Guy

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

#### **The Brna family on the loss of their mom Helen**

Carl—transition from Memory Care to move to Concord, OH—father of Carol Earle

#### **Russ & Lana Carnes—need assisted living—the Wolffs**

Debbie Conrad—home burned down—co-worker of Amy

Leona Corban—pneumonia, doing better—Marla's mom

#### **Deb Defer—thankful for successful eye surgery—sister of Diane Lee**

**Emma Borbely—surgery on the 26<sup>th</sup>—great niece of Diane Lee**

#### **Tim & Kathy Borbely—travel mercies to Florida and back**

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

Ken Granville—leukemia—retired Band Director and friend of many

Patty & Kenny Hansen—many mechanical problems with their home—friend of Amy Rohaley

Kelly Heritage—severe lack of blood flow to legs—co-worker's husband of Deb Wolff's

Anita Hlava—speedy recovery from hip surgery—Steve's mom

Evan Hlava—recovering from heart inflammation—nephew of Steve Hlava  
Karl Hlava—prayers for comfort & strength in loss of wife—brother of Steve Hlava  
Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck’s  
Debbie Hovanvetz—internal problems—neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck  
Janice—heart problems  
**Louise Jerina—brain aneurysm—healing at home—friend of Deb**  
**Laura—gall bladder surgery—Joyce’s sister**  
**Dave Lauver family—Dave passed away las week—cousin of the Wolffs**  
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy’s niece  
**Lynch family on the loss of Aunt Alice’s sister—Marla**  
Frank Manijak—failing health—Steve’s Dad  
Joe Manijak—complications after back surgery—brother of Steve  
Amanda Nicely—strength and peace—Trudy’s sister-in-law  
**Jodie Powers—addiction healing, doing much better—niece of Steve and Marla**  
Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle’s  
Leo Rohaley—declining health—uncle of Amy  
Family of June Schindler  
Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory  
Jim Shuster—hospitalized for several strokes—friend of Amy  
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert’s mom  
Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin  
Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile  
**Jay Valetta— advanced bile duct cancer—neighbor of Robin**  
**Linda Veletta—foot surgery—neighbor of Robin**  
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff’s  
**Benny & Mary Rose Wegener—Covid in California—friend of the Wolffs**  
Dan Wiley—undergoing radiation therapy—friend of Diane Lee  
Donny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce  
Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder  
**All natural disasters victims**  
**COVID 19 virus patients**