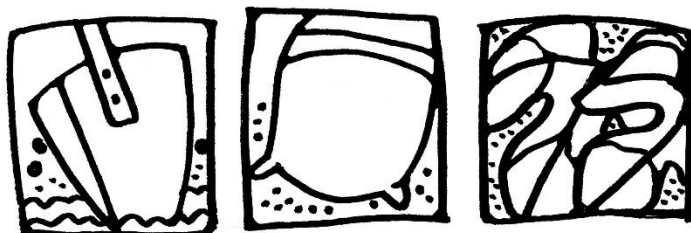
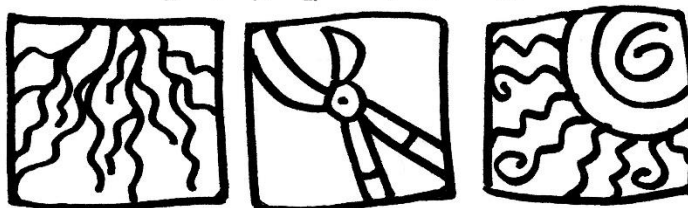


Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



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3rd Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m.
March 20, 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 Tom Beuck, Palagia Hlava and Ian Phillips birthdays and Ken Nicely III'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 March. Please see the signup sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is Steve Manijak.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **Soup Suppers are being held** Thursday evenings with soup being served at 6:30 and worship at 7:30 p.m. If you didn't make it last Thursday you missed some awesome soup and salad. We will be meeting every Thursday in Lent. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex to volunteer to bring soup, bread, salad or other items that will make our supper delicious.
- **Church Council** will be meeting today after the worship. During the worship we will be installing our members—Steve Hlava, Jim Doerfler, Diane Lee, Deb Wolff, Joyce Torres, Del Groff and Marla Manijak.
- **The April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime.
- **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.
- **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. We have been given a list of names to view and to decide if you would like to interview. 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 for Thursday 9 Adults 4 Children

Attendance last Sunday 13 Adults 2 Children

Bible Study 5 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	557.00	Building Fund	5.00
Benevolence	5.00	Mission	10.00
1 + 1 + 1	13.00		
Total Offering			590.00

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Rite: A responsive *singing* KYRIE

Refrain

All Sing: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O

Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom should I fear? The Lord is my life and my refuge, when I call God hears...(to refrain)

Cantor: If you dwelt, O Lord, upon our sinfulness, then who could stand? But with you there is mercy and forgiveness and a guiding hand...(to refrain)

Cantor: O Lord, hear the sound of my call and answer me. My heart cries out for your presence; it is you I seek...(to refrain)

(spoken)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(sung)

Cantor: Lord Jesus, obedient in the desert: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation: Christ have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Cantor: Lord Jesus, the flood of living water: Lord have mercy.

All: Lord have mercy.

(spoken)

Pastor: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

(sung)

All: Remember your love and your faithfulness, O Lord. Remember your people and have mercy on us, Lord.

P: Let us pray. Almighty Father, Your desire to forgive is strong.

C: Stronger, we fear, than our desire to repent.

P: Guard us, by Your strong right hand, in all temptation and testing.

C: Defend us in all adversity to body and spirit.

P: And tend to us, as Your living plants.

C: Loosen our roots that they might dig deep into Your word. Fertilize us that we might grow strong.

P: And lead us not only to repent,

C: but to live lives of repentance.

P: So shall we praise and bless You,

C: praise and bless You all our days!

P: Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...
C: and forever. Amen.

All lessons are taken from the NRSV

The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 2:12-21

¹² So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly; for what can the one do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. ¹³ Then I saw that wisdom excels folly as light excels darkness.

¹⁴ The wise have eyes in their head, but fools walk in darkness. Yet I perceived that the same fate befalls all of them. ¹⁵ Then I said to myself, "What happens to the fool will happen to me also; why then have I been so very wise?" And I said to myself that this also is vanity. ¹⁶ For there is no enduring remembrance of the wise or of fools, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How can the wise die just like fools? ¹⁷ So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me; for all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

¹⁸ I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Psalm Hymn: "*I Will Praise You*" (Psalm 63) Insert

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Gospel Verse: pg. 63

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

*The Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9

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

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, “*Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?*” ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “*A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’*” This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ. Pg. 63

Song for the Season “Called to Be” Insert

The Sermon “Called to be Foolish”

Hymn of the Day “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” No. 104

Installation of Officers

The following members of our Church Council are officially installed to the offices for which they have been elected:

President/Treasurer: Steven Hlava

Vice-President: James Doerfler

Secretary: Joyce Torres

Financial Secretary: Debra Wolff

At-Large: Delbert Groff, Diane Lee, Marla Manijak

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became 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** pg. 65

P: Now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people, that by repentance the Lord may draw us close to Himself.

(after each petition the following is said)

P: Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. 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: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*“Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of Me.”*

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

*“This cup is the new covenant in My blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of Me.”*

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.**

Song for the Eucharist “As the Grains of Wheat”

WOV 705

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.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Lord Jesus Christ, our Gardener, You have fertilized us that we might grow.

C: You have loosened our roots from the bondage of sin.

P: Now send Your Spirit upon us. Help us to grow,

C: that we might bear good fruit for You.

P: We bless You now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Sending

P: Go now; turn to the Lord, and let His thoughts fill your minds.

Do not expend your resources on that which cannot satisfy,

and do not become overly sure of yourselves,

lest you fall into temptation,

Instead seek the Lord while He may be found,

and take the path to freedom that opens before you.

God's love be better to you even than life;

Christ Jesus be to you a rock and a life-giving spring;

The Holy Spirit strengthen you and guide you + in the ways of life.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said” No. 398

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 and a fall, broke leg

Lorene Kozar—was moved to an apartment in Mentor—needs peace about the move

Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly

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

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
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
Carl—transition from Memory Care to move to Concord, OH—father of Carol Earle
Russ & Lana Carnes—need assisted living—the Wolffs
Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom
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
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
Suzanne Latham—kidney stone surgery Wednesday—sister of Marla
Laura—gall bladder surgery—Joyce's sister
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece
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
Sharon—heart valve infection—friend of Rory
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 at 4 lbs. 11 oz with health problems—stopped breathing twice—may have brain
issues—grandnephew of Steve Hlava

Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile
Linda Veletta—foot surgery—neighbor of Robin
Bennie Wegener—pancreatic cancer—friend of the Wolff's
Donny Wood—cancer surgery recovery—friend of Joyce
Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

Ukraine refugees

All natural disasters victims

COVID 19 virus patients

