

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**March 6, 2022**

**Rev. Dr. Christian F. Just, Pastor**  
**St. Thomas Lutheran Church**  
**9042 S.R. 43, P.O. Box 2247**  
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## 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 Joyce Torres and Trudy Nicely's birthdays and Becky Larkins and Abigail Ayers baptism birthdays.
- **The Prayer book** is available on the desk by the door. Steve can bring it to the cars.
- **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 Guy Jeanblanc.**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **Soup Suppers are being held** Thursday evenings with soup being served at 6:30 and worship at 7:30 p.m 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 you may think for our supper.
- **The January-March and April-June Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **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. 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 last Sunday** 16 Adults 1 Child

Bible Study 4 Adults 1 Child

Towards Budget:

Current Expense	497.00	Building Fund	55.00
Benevolence	55.00	Mission	5.00
1 + 1 + 1	17.00	Altar Flowers	25.00
Total Offering	654.00		

## 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 God, the darkness deepens. The jackals howl. The ancient foe digs deep into his antique bag to trick us with his dread deceits and flat-falling promises.

**C: We, like Your chosen people, have entered the wilderness.**

P: Guard us this Lent, O God. Reach out to help us with Your strong right hand. Defend us against all that threatens our life in Christ.

**C: Guide us with your holy Word. Keep us steadfast in your will.**

P: And give us hope...

**C:** Hope that sees the meaning in this wilderness walk. Hope that glimpses the Promised Land. Hope that anticipates Easter's joy.

P: When we grow weak, encourage us.

**C:** When we fall, raise us up.

P: And lead us ever forward, as You led Your people, Israel,

**C:** that we might see Your glory.

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:** Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house. This is the word of the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**The Psalm:** "Because Your Trust Is God Alone" Psalm 91 Insert

**The Second Lesson:** Romans 8:31-39

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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 4:1-13

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "*It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'*"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "*It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'*"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'<sup>11</sup> and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "*It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'*" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. 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 Conquerors*"

**Hymn of the Day** "*From the River to the Desert*" Insert

**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: In this holy season let us turn to God in prayer.

*(after each petition the following is said)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Strong and faithful God, hear us as we cry to you. Stretch out your hand to save us, that we may praise you for your mercy. We ask this through 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: We do not presume to come to Your table, merciful  
Lord, trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in Your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the  
crumbs under Your table.

But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to  
have mercy.

Blessed are You, gracious Lord,  
and blessed is Your dear Son, Jesus Christ,  
who feeds us with his own flesh and blood  
that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us.

Consuming Him and consumed by Him  
we are thus strengthened to walk in His footsteps,  
even knowing that to do so  
will inflame the fury of hell.

We bless You for Christ, who has gone on before us,  
enduring the cross and disregarding its shame,  
to open a new trail for all to follow,  
a trail of justice and liberating peace,  
which presses on through suffering and beyond,  
all the way to the banqueting room of heaven.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter  
of our faith; who, on the night when he was  
betrayed,

took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and said

*“This is my body, which is for you. Do this to remember me.”*

In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying:

*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.”*

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**C: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, here in this place,  
we celebrate the life that was born at Bethlehem,

the life that Jesus has shared among his community  
through the centuries, and shares with us now.  
Made one with Him, and thus one with each other,  
we lay before You these gifts of bread and wine,  
in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
for here we offer and present to You ourselves,  
our bodies, minds and spirits,  
to be a holy and continuous sacrifice to You.  
Come now, O Spirit of Christ, brood over these bodily  
things, this bread and this wine.  
May they be for us Your body and blood,  
vibrant with life, healing, renewing and making us  
whole.  
And embrace us with Your life-giving power,  
that as bread and wine are made one with us,  
we may become one with You,  
bone of Your bone, flesh of Your flesh,  
living our prayer and praying our life  
until love and fidelity embrace, peace and  
justice kiss, and all are free as Christ is free.  
Because You are one with us, O Christ, make us one  
with You as we pray the prayer You taught us:

### **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 *Godhead Here in Hiding*"** Insert

#### **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, as the manna miraculously nourished Your wandering children, so, too, this gift of life refreshes us.

C: **teach us to prefer this nourishment. Teach us to hunger for this food. Teach us to follow where the Spirit leads.**

P: You are the Lord forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: Go now, confessing Christ as Lord, in word and deed.

Worship and serve the Lord your God and no other. Stand firm in the time of trial; tell the story of God's goodness, and trust in the Lord whose saving word is always with you.

God instruct angels to guard you wherever you go;

Christ Jesus be your refuge and stronghold;

The Holy Spirit lead you and put God's Word on your lips and + in your hearts.

C: **Amen.**

### **Closing Hymn "From God Can Nothing Move Me" No. 468**

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

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

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

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

Dan Wiley—In remission. Praise God! Prayers for family concerns—friend of Diane Lee

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**