

# Welcome to St. Thomas Lutheran Church



But the Son  
of Man  
has no where to  
lay his head



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**Pentecost VI**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**July 17, 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 loving memory of Don Corban, Marla's dad.
- **Happy Birthday** to Bob Earle on the 20th and Sharon Crile on the 23rd.
- **Happy Anniversary** to Bob & Carole Earle on the 21<sup>st</sup>.
- **Prayer book** is on the music stand by the door.
- **The Lay Reader** list is available for volunteers for the month of April. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex. **Our lay reader today is**
- **Usher—Steve Manijak**
- **The July-September Portal of Prayers** are available now.
- **Church Council** will be meeting today after the worship service.
- **Service Projects...**Lutheran Missions Ministry to help those in Haiti and Ukraine. Please make check donation made out to St. Thomas.
- **Let's continue** to remember the Community pantry. Bring food or monetary donations anytime. This is a 5 week month and we have chosen this organization to help out this month.
- The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod celebrates its 175th Anniversary this year. We invite you to listen to the sermon by Synodical President Matthew C. Harrison on the theme, "Only Jesus." You can access the sermon by going to <https://resources.lcms.org/175-years>.
- **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 potential candidates. 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**    11 Adults   1 Child

**Bible Study Attendance**    6 Adults   1 Child

Towards Budget:

|                       |               |                    |                 |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Current Expense       | 645.00        | Building Fund      | 15.00           |
| Benevolence           | 15.00         | Mission            | 0.00            |
| Loose                 | 00.00         | 1 + 1 + 1          | 10.00           |
| <b>Total Offering</b> | <b>685.00</b> | <b>Weekly need</b> | <b>1,229.52</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: For freedom Christ has set us free.

Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit to a yoke of slavery; do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence.

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

P: Do not be deceived; God is not mocked.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have sinned.**

P: The works of the flesh are obvious:

**C: immoral ways, filthy thoughts, shameful deeds, idolatry and sorcery, enmity and strife, jealousy and anger, drunkenness and carousing.**

**For such as these we ask forgiveness for the sake of Jesus Christ.**

P: According to the will of God our Father.

Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to set us free.

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

**C: We have been crucified with Christ.**

**Now we live by faith in the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us.**

P: Rejoice and give thanks. The Lord has put away your sin.

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

**Entrance Hymn “Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here”**      WOV No. 666

### **The Kyrie** pg. 57

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**

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

**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: Let us pray. Almighty and Everlasting God, we have heard your call—

**C: a call given to Elijah and to Elisha, to James and to John, to Peter and to Paul.**

P: Teach us to listen.

**C: Teach us to follow. For Your call is difficult...**

P: “Foxes have holes and birds have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

**C: To follow You means to abandon all else...**

P: “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” Pour, then, Your love into our hearts

**C: Then we will follow. Then we will be faithful.**

P: Then we will accomplish what You have called us to do;

**C: “Go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”**

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 1 Kings 19:9b-21**

<sup>9</sup>At that place Elijah came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

<sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but

the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup> He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah<sup>[a]</sup> said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant. This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm Hymn “*Shelter Me, O God*” (Psalm 16) Insert**

### **The Second Lesson Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery...<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. 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 8:26-39

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

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for him to be taken up, [Jesus] set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, <sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, "*Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.*" <sup>59</sup>To another he said, "*Follow me.*" But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup>And Jesus said to him, "*Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.*" <sup>61</sup>Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup>And Jesus said to him, "*No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.*" This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**The Sermon** "*Call and Commitment*"

**Hymn of the Day** "*The Summons*" Insert

**Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God, Creator of all,  
whose love is more than mind can measure or time contain.**

**We believe that God's desire is fullness of life for all,  
and from the heights of heaven to the depths of hell,  
nothing and no one has fallen beyond the reach of God's mercy.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who unveiled the divinity of human flesh  
and revealed to us the nature of God;  
who embodied God's holy wisdom  
and brought forth fruits of love, joy, peace,  
goodness, faithfulness and humility.**

**We believe in the way of the cross,  
for when Christ embraced the outcasts and unmasked the arrogant,  
He stirred into deadly confrontation  
The power of love and the love of power.  
The enemies of life had their way with Him, tearing spirit from flesh,  
but God's saving power raised Him to life,**

**so that we and every person on earth  
might follow Him into the fullness of life  
which death cannot overcome.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit**

**God's ceaseless and mysterious Go-between,  
who kindles the fires of passion and integrity.  
Elusive and uncontrollable, comforting and disturbing,  
He purges our delusions with fire  
and whispers grace with a lover's breath,  
empowering us to refuse what is evil, and be taken up with praise.**

**Though sometimes fearful, in God we trust.**

**We lay ourselves open to the Spirit's touch**

**that we might be the body of Christ.  
offering our life for the life of the world,  
and being drawn into the mysterious dance of the Trinity,  
through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and praise forever. Amen.**

*The Prayers of the Church*

P: The God who yearns for us calls us to come to Him as His people. That we not turn away,  
but rather go to God with our needs, let us come now with our intercessions.

*(after each petition)*

P: Lord in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: God of light and life, strip us of selfishness and the loneliness it brings. Help us to accept  
the gift of mutual love, with its shared pleasures and pain. Tear down all our walls and  
fences that we may run to You as one family, one people, called and committed to serve You  
as we serve in Your world; through You Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**Peace**

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

**C: and also with you.**

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

**Offering and Offertory pg. 67**

**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: Father in heaven, Your call is a call to freedom.

**C: Freely we have received Your grace. Freely we give.**

P: Accept these gifts, we pray.

**C: And shelter us forever in Your glorious grace.**

P: 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; 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: 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.”*

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving Passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again, we give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able; and we implore you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us, your servants, with these your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy; and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all your saints. All honor and glory are yours, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and 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.

### **Post-Communion Cantic**

**C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Lord Jesus, You call us to Your table.

**C: Here we experience Your presence.**

P: Enliven us through this gift.

**C: Make us faithful to Your blessed calling.**

P: We bless You now and evermore.

**C: Amen.**

### **Sending**

P: Go now, and proclaim the reign of God.

Do not let bodily desires enslave you, but live by the Spirit.

Use your freedom to grow in love for one another.

God reach out to you and save you;

Christ Jesus give you a double portion of His Spirit;

the Holy Spirit bear fruit within you

and guide you + in all your ways.

**C: Amen.**

**The Closing Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 415**

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**

Aggie Blankenship—congestive heart and pneumonia  
Bill & Sharon Crile—doing well  
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  
Lorene Kozar—strength and peace  
Becky Larkins—for successful adoption of Holly and new foster child  
**Marla, Stephanie and Jen—safe travels home from Pennsylvania**  
The Nicely/Ayers/Torres families on the passing of Ken Nicely II  
Stephen Nicely—safe travels while in Honduras  
Carol & Heather Poston—strength and healing from MS  
Rory Wolff—shoulder and back pain  
Our College Students— Abigail Ayers, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Grace Rohaley  
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.  
Patty Abramovich—metastatic lung cancer—friend of Deb Wolff  
David Adkins—bells palsey—friend of Joyce  
Alexa—swollen spleen—granddaughter of Joyce  
Diane Altier & family—bone issues after surgery—cousin of Bob Earle  
Chip Black—loss of her husband, Roger--sister of Deb  
Nick Bohne—in hospital again—friend of Guy  
Peggy Bower—cancer—in nursing home—friend of Steve and Marla  
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 Wolff's  
**Margaret Carr family—passed away at 99—2<sup>nd</sup> mom to Joyce and grandma to Trudy**  
Leona Corban—doing better—Marla's mom  
Victoria Crawford—bypass surgery-friend of Robin  
Dan Erlandson—severe depression-hopelessness—friend of Robin  
Daryl, brother of Larry—pancreatic cancer opting for surgery—friend of Diane Lee  
George Foerster—father of Dianne Reynolds  
Christine Frank—cancer—friend of Jim  
Ava Gillum—15 year old with soft tissue cancer—friend of Robin  
**Nancy Granville family—Nancy passed away July 5<sup>th</sup>—Streetsboro friend of many**  
Mary Hardesty—metastatic colon cancer—co-worker of Deb  
Charles Hovanvetz—triple bypass surgery—friend of Beuck's  
Debbie Hovanvetz-internal problems-neighbor of Tom & Linda Beuck  
Janice—heart problems  
Lexi—Praise! No cancer but a bacterial infection—Trudy's niece  
Steve Mamber—complications leukemia treatments—Amy's brother-in-law  
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—friend of St. Thomas and Choir  
Larry & Sally Powell—failing health—friends of the Wolffs  
Peter Power—diabetes—friend of the Earle's  
Leslie Slanina—healing—Gilbert's mom

Angela Smith—stage 4 cancer—friend of Robin

MaryLou Snider—upcoming surgery—friend of the Wolff's

John Szabo—multiple myeloma—family friend of Amy

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

Tim Tolodzieski—recovering—brother-in-law of Steve Crile

Linda Veletta—loss of husband Jay—neighbor 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

Carol Yurkschatt—hospitalized—Rocky and Kim Kinder

**Ukraine refugees**

**All natural disasters victims**

**COVID 19 virus patients**