

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX
Order of Service - Sunday, September 11, 2022
German English School Celebration
14th Sunday After Pentecost

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Song - God Is Here! - ELW Hymn #526

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 Bock and fold; here are bread and wine are tak - en;
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your par - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each,
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Greeting (ELW p. 147)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie (ELW p. 147)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 148)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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 of the Day (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Song - Built On A Rock - ELW Hymn #652

Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for his own hab - i -
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
 5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
 dwell - ing; high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
 ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
 bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
 ring - ing, man - y may come to hear God's Word where he this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing, Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
 prom - ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
 bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
 midst would show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
 us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
 world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you, A - men

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt.
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First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

A reading from Exodus.

While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people, and boldly asks for mercy for them.

⁷The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I

commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'”⁹ The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are.¹⁰ Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

¹¹ But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹² Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³ Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴ And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 51:1-10

Refrain: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love. (Ps. 51:1)

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your **I** steadfast love;
in your great compassion blot out **I** my offenses.

² **Wash me through and through **I** from my wickedness,
and cleanse me **I** from my sin.**

³ For I know **I** my offenses,
and my sin is ev- **I** er before me.

⁴ **Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil **I** in your sight;
so you are justified when you speak and right **I** in your judgment. R**

⁵ Indeed, I was born **I** steeped in wickedness,
a sinner from my **I** mother's womb.

⁶ **Indeed, you delight in truth **I** deep within me,
and would have me know wisdom **I** deep within.**

⁷ Remove my sins with hyssop, and I **I** shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be pur- **I** er than snow.

⁸ **Let me hear **I** joy and gladness;
that the body you have broken **I** may rejoice.**

⁹ Hide your face **I** from my sins,
and blot out **I** all my wickedness.

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. R

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from 1 Timothy.

The letters to Timothy and Titus are called the pastoral epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 151)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that their recovery brings joy in heaven.

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

German English School Video
Sermonette - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich
Hymn of the Day - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling - ELW Hymn #631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to
 3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in
 all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; let us see thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in

bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 as thy hos - a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart,
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Creed (ELW p. 152)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Prayers of Intercession

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community (*local ministries and partnerships may be named*), that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Peace (ELW p. 152)

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering (ELW p. 152)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offering Prayer (ELW p. 152)

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 154)

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

Blessing (ELW p. 155)

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song - God Be With You Till We Meet Again - ELW Hymn #536

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,
 with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain
 Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,
 meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we
 meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828-1906
 Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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OFFICIATING & SERVING Today

Pastor:

Jeremy Ullrich

Organist: Debra Caldwell

Lector: Coley Bruggman
Acolyte: Andrew Cospier
Usher Captain: Tim Steglich
Ushers: Justin Young, Michael, Joey & Travis Saverse
Greeters: Bill & Paula Unberhagen
Altar Care: Robert & Dorothy Marwitz
Teller Captain: Jill Marwitz
Tellers: Cedralia Kurtz & Linda Chaffin

OFFICIATING & SERVING September 18th

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Asst: Wayne Zieschang
Comm Asst: Glen Janke & Don Bruggman
Lector: Lynn Stroud
Acolyte: Addison Patterson
Usher Captain: Jay Don Gommert
Ushers: Glen Janke, Randall, Garrison, Weston & Landon Rafay
Greeters: Bill & Paula Unberhagen
Altar Care: Debi & Courtney Janke
Teller Captain: Jill Marwitz
Tellers: Charles Gersbach & Mona Smalley

OFFERING and ATTENDANCE

	Worship Attendance	Offering	YTD
September 4th	65	\$5,489	\$ 122,990.60

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, Men's Bible Study in TRC @ 7:30 am
 Thursday, PieceMakers @ 1:00 pm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Celeste Gamrod Kathy Balusek (Leanne Janke's friend)
 Edith Dalecki Donna Gamrod (Celeste Gamrod Mother in-law)

Ray Janke Stanley Glaser
 Pansy Lange Kathleen Valenta (friend of Shirley Fisher)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Polka Fest Work Day

We will have a work day today (September 11th) in order to prepare for the upcoming Polka Festival. Thank you in advance for staying a few extra minutes for the sake of our guests.

Children's Sunday School

Class begins at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

Class begins at 9:15 a.m.

Family Promise

Please donate as you are able for families in crisis. Needed items are laundry detergents, dryer sheets, toothpaste and brushes, bath soap, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Also some food items like cookies and cake mixer, etc. For further information get with Jesse Stroud
Thank you.

Flag Donations

3 x 5 sewn flags with grommets would be appreciated for our church. You can donate one in memory of a loved one or drop off currency at the office and have one ordered instead. For further information get with Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381 for any questions or you can call the church office as well @ 254-527-3341

Pastoral Visits

We are encouraging those hospitalized, nursing home residents (or, their family members), and the homebound members and friends who wish to schedule an in-person pastoral visit or phone call to contact Pastor Jeremy Ullrich @ 979-421-3303 or the church office @ 254-527-3341.

NOTE: Pastor Ullrich will need to be listed as a "visitor of choice" in hospitals or nursing homes. This will need to be established by a family member.

Third Thursday Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship

Due to the restriction on visitors, we were not able to meet with the residents in July. Our next worship with the residents is scheduled from August 18th. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing, we are currently the only opportunity that residents have to worship! Please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the Third Thursday of each month.

Articles for the Newsletter

If you have not already done so, please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the last Sunday of the month. As they are mailed out the following day. Thank you!

Worship Leaders

Help us make worship happen! We are looking to train members for different roles in worship. We will use an apprenticeship model for training, so you will have a mentor helping as long as you wish. For more information, contact the church office (254-527-3341).

Polka Fest

Instead of food items, the Church council decided to ask for monetary donations to defray the cost of the meal. The approximate cost of the meal is \$1,400.00. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Also, Piece makers are donating a Quilt to raffle off for Polka Fest. Tickets will be sold at the door and will be a dollar each or 6 for \$5.

Theology on Tap

We are having our next Theology on Tap meeting on October 19, 2022 starting at 6:30pm and lasting until 8:30pm. It will be held at the house of Judy and Leland Gersbach, located at 7872 Hackberry Road, Holland, TX 76534. The event is focused on having conversations about faith in a relaxed setting (where alcohol is permitted). Topics will be selected based upon the feedback of those attending. People of all ages are welcome to attend. The discussion topic for the evening is TBD.

German English School Video

Part of our history has been documented in video! Today we premiere a video about the German English School featuring some familiar faces. After worship, there will be light refreshments and a reception. A special thanks to Ryan Anderson (PaperKetchupProductions) and Whitney Myers (SacredStoriesFilms) for creating this video. The video can be found at the following link:
https://vimeo.com/735457656/37a7613667?embedded=false&source=video_title&owner=29471

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Prayer Requests

When you make a prayer request for a non-member, please provide us with contact information so that we can send them a card. Thank you.

**Thanks to everyone who sent cards & covered me in prayers. I am doing good,
just adjusting, but with God's help I will be fine.
- Glenna Hood**