

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX
Order of Service - Sunday, September 25, 2022
16th Sunday After Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude

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 - O Word of God Incarnate - ELW Hymn #514

O Word of God Incarnate

1 O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The church from you, dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the gift di - vine;
3 Oh, make your church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions your true light, as of old;

we praise you for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass that, all life's voy - age through,
oh, teach your wand - ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands still guides, O Christ, to you.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see you face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvereinigte Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song - Great Is Thy Faithfulness - ELW Hymn #733

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-
 stars in their courses a - bove; join with all na - ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love,
 hope for to - mor - row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Repeat

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need - ed thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, an - to me.

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

A reading from Amos.

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

- ^{1a} Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
- ⁴ Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,
and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock,
and calves from the stall;
- ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,
and like David improvise on instruments of music;
- ⁶ who drink wine from bowls,
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
- ⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 146

Refrain: The Lord gives justice to those who are oppressed. (Ps. 146:7)

- ¹ Hal- | lelujah!
Praise the Lord, | O my soul!
- ² **I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;**
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ³ Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.
- ⁴ **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**
and in that day | their thoughts perish. R
- ⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;
- ⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**
who keeps promis- | es forever;
- ⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The Lord sets the | captive free.
- ⁸ **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

the Lord¹ loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord cares ¹for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way ¹of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall ¹reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹Hallelujah! R

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from 1 Timothy.

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16:19-31

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is “lifted up” and the rich one is “sent away empty.” Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ ²⁷He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ ³⁰He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The gospel of the Lord.

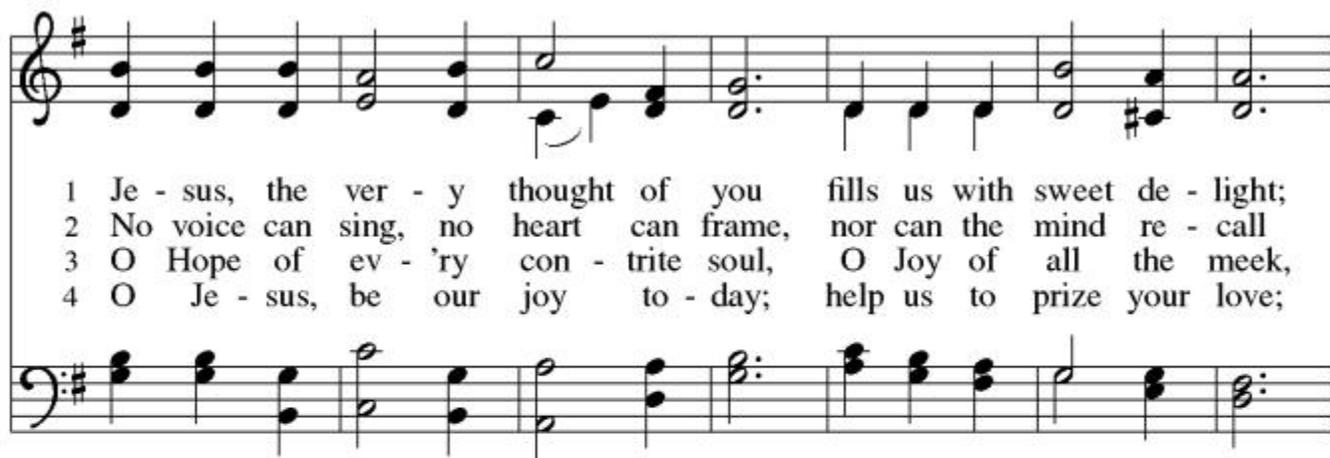
Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich

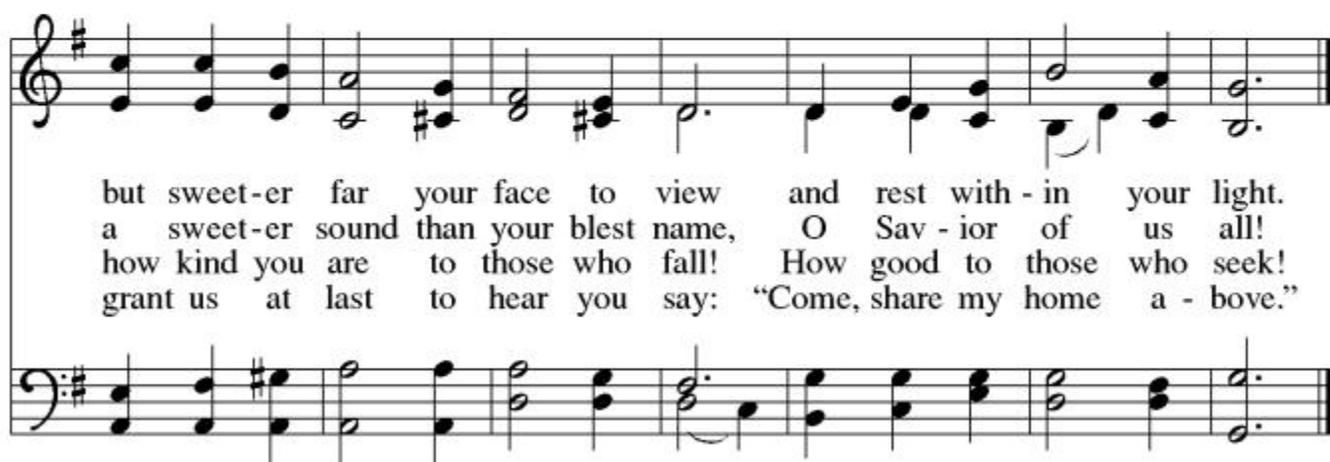
Sermon - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich

Hymn of the Day - Jesus, the Very Thought of You - ELW Hymn #754

Jesus, the Very Thought of You



1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet-er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet-er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: "Come, share my home a - bove."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878
Music: ST. AGNES, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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.

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment (*local authorities may be named*).

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill (*especially*). Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place (*those who plan and lead worship may be named*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. 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)

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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 - O Zion, Haste - ELW Hymn #668

O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion,
3 Give of your own to bear the mes - sage glo - rious,
4 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
give of your wealth to speed them on their way,
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
pour out your soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious,
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove,
and haste the com - ing of the glo - rious day.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Andante
Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

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:	Ronnie Persky	
Acolyte:	Addison Patterson	
Usher Captain:	Jay Don Gommert	
Ushers:	Glen Janke, Randall, Garrison, Weston & Landon Rafay	
Greeters:	Stan & Sharon Koonsen	
Altar Care:	Debi & Courtney Janke	
Teller Captain:	Sharon Koonsen	
Tellers:	Charles Gersbach & Mona Smalley	

OFFICIATING & SERVING October 2nd

Pastor:	Jeremy Ullrich	Organist: Debra Caldwell
Asst Pastor:	Wayne Zieschang	
Comm Asst:	Lynn Stroud	
Lector:	Sharon Randig	
Acolyte:	Katie Randing	
Usher Captain:	Harold Kurtz	
Ushers:	Joan Kurtz, Jerry & Lucille Decker	
Greeters:	Stan & Sharon Koonsen	
Altar Care:	Judy Gersbach, Joey Saverse	
Teller Captain:	Sharon Koonsen	
Tellers:	Mila Wegner, David Tschoerner	

OFFERING and ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
September 18th	305	\$ 5,479.64	\$ 137,335.24

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)

Pansy Lange
Fisher)

Kathleen Valenta (friend of Shirley

Ray Janke

Stanley Glaser

Anita Thomas (Shirley Janke's Daughters (Leanne) friend)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School

Class begins at 9:15 a.m. for Children and Adults.

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.

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. *2 *Flags in memory of Gilbert Fisher by Shirley Fisher.*

* 1 *Flag in memory of Bill Janke by Family.*

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 October 21st. 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).

German English School Video

Part of our history has been documented in 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.

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.

Polka Worship Thanksgiving

Polka Worship was the greatest we ever had! I have several people I want to thank: Pastor Wuthrich and Pastor Ullrich for leading the worship; my fellow Council Members for supporting me along with this great congregation who donated money for the meal, baked cakes, cleaned and set up tables and chairs, sold tickets, served and cooked the meal, mowed the grass, trimmed the trees, put out flyers, mailed invitations, and did many other jobs I may have forgotten to mention. We had the most volunteers I have ever seen. Everyone's help made this event successful, and allowed us to raise \$8083.37 for the Polka Festival and \$457.00 for the quilt (this latter portion being reinvested into the Piece Makers for future projects). Thanks again for all the help. Your support, alongside God's will, made this a big success! -Dorothy Marwitz

**Women's Bible Study will be on September 27th at 9:15am.
All are welcome!!**