

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

ELW Holy Communion - Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;

we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;

we spoil rather than steward your creation;

we cause hurt though you call us to heal;

we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son,
so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you!

God embraces you with divine mercy,

† forgives you in Christ's name,

and revives you in the Spirit's power.

Amen.

Gathering Song - I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - ELW Hymn #325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

I want Je - sus to walk with me;
me: in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me: all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
when my heart is al - most break - ing,
when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me, walk with me.
Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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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)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength,
and honor and blessing and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God,
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

**Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert.
Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may
proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.**

Song - Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow - ELW Hymn #327

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow



1 Through the night of doubt and sor - row, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence on the
 3 One the strain that lips of thou - sands lift as
 4 On - ward, there - fore, sis - ters, broth - ers; on - ward,



goes the pil - grim band, sing - ing songs of ex - pec -
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the gloom and
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict, one the
 with the cross our aid. Bear its shame, and fight its



ta - tion, march - ing to the prom - ised land. Clear be -
 ter - ror, bright - 'ning all the path we tread. One the
 per - il, one the march in God be - gun. One the
 bat - tle till we rest be - neath its shade. Soon shall



fore us through the dark - ness gleams and burns the
 ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the faith which
 glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the far e -
 come the great a - wak - 'ning; soon the rend - ing



guid - ing light; pil - grim clasps the hand of
 nev - er tires, one the ear - nest look - ing
 ter - nal shore, where the one al - might - y
 of the tomb! Then the scat - t'ring of all



pil - grim step - ping fear - less through the night.
 for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 Fa - ther reigns in love for - ev - er - more.
 shad - ows, and the end of toil and gloom.

Text: Bernhard S. Ingemann, 1789–1862; tr. Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834–1924, alt.
 Music: EBENEZER, Thomas J. Williams, 1869–1944

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 126

Refrain: *Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

¹ When the LORD restored the for-¹ tunes of Zion,
then were we like ¹ those who dream.
² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with ¹ shouts of joy.**
Then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great ¹ things for them.”
³ The LORD has done great ¹ things for us, and we are ¹ glad indeed.
⁴ **Restore our for-¹ tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses ¹ of the Negeb.**
R Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.
⁵ Those who ¹ sowed with tears will reap with ¹ songs of joy.
⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry-¹ ing the seed,**
will come again with joy, shoulder-¹ ing their sheaves.
R Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Philippians.

Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.

Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.
⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that

comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 151)

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

Gospel: John 12:1-8

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich
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Hymn of the Day - Take My Life, That I May Be - ELW Hymn #583

Take My Life, That I May Be *Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad*

Refrain/Estrófalos



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás, ten - drás.
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra, es - té
1 Take my hands and let them move
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
2 Take my voice and let me sing
3 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sir - gra - da, a ti, Se - ñor;
at the im - pulse of thy love;
not a mite would I with - hold;
al - ways, on - ly for my King;
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que, a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
take my feet and let them be swift and
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
take my lips and let them be filled with
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall



Refrain/Estrófalos

pul - so de tu a - mor.
beau - ti - ful for thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose.
mes - sag - es from thee.
be thy roy - al throne.

- 2 *Que mis pies tan sólo, en pos de lo santo puedan ir, y que a ti, Señor, mi voz, se complazca en bendecir.* Estribillo
- 3 *Que mis labios al hablar hablen sólo de tu amor; que mis bienes dedicar yo los quiera, a ti, Señor.* Estribillo

- 4 *Que mi tiempo todo, esté consagrado a tu loor; que mi mente y su poder sean usados en tu honor.* Estribillo

Text: Francis R. Havergal, 1836-1879; adapt.: Spanish text: Vincent Mendota, 1875-1955
Music: TOMA MI VOLUNTAD, Willem Dehlermer Pharis, b. 1956
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Nicene Creed (ELW p. 152)

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with 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,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

Prayers of Intercession.

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

The church declares your praise, O God. Guide us in the example of Isaiah's imagination, Paul's transformed identity, and Mary's faith and devotion; that our lives, too, may be poured out in love as we trust in your promises. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The earth declares your praise, O God. Make a way for the planet's future in the sea and the wilderness, the mountains and plains, the tundra and wetlands. Repair habitats and sustainable ecosystems on, above, and beneath the ground. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The nations declare your praise, O God. Where religious differences divide, bring together those who worship you in the name of Jesus Christ and those who call to you with different names.

Guide interreligious dialogue, that faith may unite rather than divide communities. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The people declare your praise, O God. Restore those whose hope has been dampened through a health diagnosis, job or home loss, divorce, or death. Bring healing to those in need.

May all who weep now sing songs of joy again. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The gifts of the Spirit declare your praise, O God. We thank you for artists who proclaim the gospel. Inspire music, poetry, and images that proclaim the new thing you are doing. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

The communion of saints declares your praise, O God. Giving thanks for those who have died, we trust in the one who has made them his own: Christ Jesus, our crucified and risen Savior. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

Peace (ELW p. 152)

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering (ELW p. 152)

**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 (ELW p. 152)

Let us pray.

**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Dialogue (ELW p. 152)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface (ELW p. 153)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 153)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution (ELW p. 153)

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.

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.**

Invitation to Communion (ELW p. 154)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion (ELW p. 154)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;**

have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn - Break Now the Bread of Life - ELW Hymn #515

Break Now the Bread of Life

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Break Now the Bread of Life'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt.
Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826-1888

Prayer after Communion (ELW p. 155)

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing (ELW p. 155)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

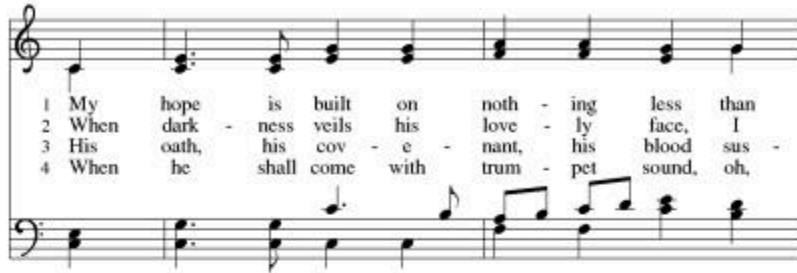
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less - ELW Hymn #597

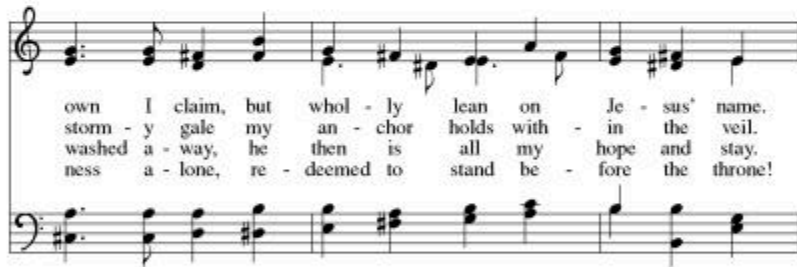
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



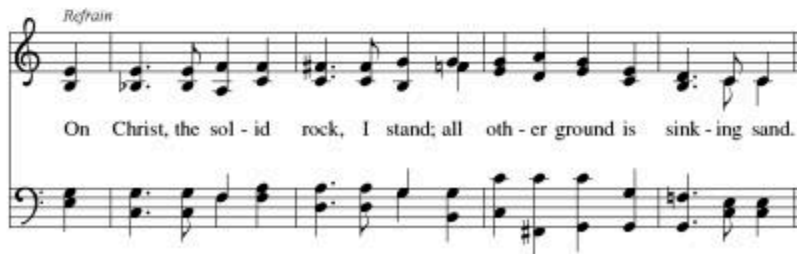
1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!



Refrain
On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.
Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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OFFICIATING & SERVING -April 6, 2025

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell
Pastor Asst. Weldon Kurtz
Communion Asst. Weldon Kurtz
Lector: Sharon Randig
Usher Captain: Tim Steglich
Greeters: Harold & Joan Kurtz
Altar Care: Connie & Frank Horak
Teller Captain: Dorothy Marwitz
Teller: Barbara Voight

OFFICIATING & SERVING -April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell
Lector: Garrett Kurtz
Usher Captain: Darrell Marek
Greeters: Robert & Evelyn Steglich
Altar Care: Judy Gersbach & Joey Saverse
Teller Captain: Jill Marwitz
Teller: Retha Shepherd

OFFICIATING & SERVING - April 17, 2025--Maundy Thursday

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell
Pastor Asst. Wayne Zieschang
Communion Asst. Alan Shepherd
Lector: Coley Bruggman
Usher Captain: Duane Kurtin
Greeters: Weldon & Cedralia Kurtz
Altar Care: Dorothy Marwitz
Teller Captain: Judy Gersbach
Teller: Mila Wegner

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Mar 2	58	\$4,511.00	\$ 26,234.32
Mar 5	42	\$ 550.00	\$ 26,784.32
Mar 9	56	\$2,652.00	\$ 29,436.32
Mar 12	19	\$ 361.00	\$ 29,797.32
Mar 16	65	\$2,208.00	\$ 32,005.32
Mar 19	25	\$ 111.00	\$ 32,116.32
Mar 23	50	\$2,532.00	\$ 34,648.32
Mar 30	57	\$2,878.00	\$ 37,526.32

IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentrcek	Stanley Glaser	Clark Lindemann	Ricky Ramthun
Pansy Lange	Janell Janke	Risa Steglich	Ruth Janke
Gayle Bielss	Margie Lovellette	Janie Barron Lange	Aurdine Wutrich
Marian Patillo mother of Jill Marwitz's co-worker, Jennifer Richards			
Victor Marek(Darrell, April Marek & family)	Tammy Rodriguez (sister of Joey Saverse)		
Jimmy Dubose (grandfather of Kendal & Jr Gersbach and Great-grandfather to Cayson & Barrett)			
Fred Wende (Family friend of Carol Wilson)		Mr. Hardy (Erin Steglich's Friend's Dad)	
Kayla Williams(she is donating a kidney for a co-worker-Friend of Retha Shepherd)			
Janice Atchison		Matthew Gamrod	
Tori Gartman(friend of Pam Fleming)		John Chaffin (Linda Chaffin's Husband)	

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Monday: Monday in TRC @ 1:00 pm-Pickleball and 2PM Dominoes
 Tuesday: Pickleball 6:00 pm in the TRC Gym (we are trying another evening)
 Wednesday: Men's Bible Study each Wednesday in the TRC @ 7:30 am
 Thursday: PieceMakers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Service Helpers

If you are not able to do the job you are assigned, it is your responsibility to get someone to do the job for you. Also, please let the church office know of the change if there is adequate time.

Worship Committee Request

We are in need to fill the vacancies on the worship duty roster. Pastor Assistant, Teller Captain, and Usher duties are needed. All volunteers are welcomed, please contact the church office.

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.

Adult Sunday School

We will gather Sundays in the TRC at 9:15am for coffee / fellowship. Class will begin at 9:30am.

Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study is on hold until further notice.

Martha's Circle Bible Study

Martha's Circle Bible Study is on hold until further notice.

Sisters in Christ Bible Study

The Sisters in Christ Bible Study every third Saturday @10am with a new bible study "What Happens Next" by Max Lucado. This study reminds us that we are headed to a far better place than where we started.

Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing-along, please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Granger and on the third Thursday of each month at 10AM in Bartlett. Please come and make a resident smile.

Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is on hold till further notice.

Flag Donations

3x5 U.S. Flags with grommets are appreciated for our church. In memory of loved ones, you may donate flags, or make cash donations, at the church office. For further information contact Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381, or contact the church office @ 254-527-3341.

Prayer Requests

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

Dominoes

Every Monday @ 2PM in the TRC– Domino games (42 and Straight and Moon)

Anyone want to PLAY pickleball?

Monday afternoons in the TRC Gym at 1pm and/or Tuesday night at 6pm. Please come join us. All you need is a good and comfortable pair of sneakers. We have extra paddles and balls. Come and enjoy the fun, exercise and being with people.

Youth/Children Events

Sunday School–Every Sunday at 9:30am

Piecemakers

The PieceMakers have bundles of fabric that are waiting to be cut into squares (10 ½ X 10 ½ inches) to be sewn into an 80 X 60 LWR Quilt. Please ask any Piecemaker member or go into the basement and the Kits are on the first cedar chest tied up with fabric.

Articles for the Newsletter

Please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the 19th of each month, as they are mailed out the following week. Thank you!

Rose Garden Dedication

Please let the church secretary, Retha Shepherd, know if any of your loved ones are turning 90 this year 2025.

Easter Candy

We are looking for wrapped Easter Candy for the Easter Egg Hunt on April 20, 2025.

Casserole Ministry

We have casseroles available in the large freezer for distribution to shut-ins, family members, friends, and neighbors in need of a meal. Please feel free to take them as needed to help support our community.

Worship Committee

As your newly elected worship committee council member, I want to thank everyone for your commitment to the St. John Lutheran Church community - you're the reason we **are** a church. A special thank you is extended to those volunteers whose willingness to serve our congregational community in various positions helps us all in so many ways. Many of you are long-time members while a few, like me, are fairly new to this congregation. We are looking forward to growing our church as we approach the 150th anniversary of the founding. To continue our growth, and to meet our goal of 150 new ideas by the time of our sesquicentennial, I am hoping we can get additional volunteers to serve in a variety of positions. All volunteers will be welcomed and given guidance and assistance as needed. Additionally, any ideas and suggestions to help our worship services be more accommodating to your needs will be appreciated. Please feel free to contact me by phone/text at 254-231-7166 or by email at sue-mcclintick@sbcglobal.net if you are interested in volunteering and/or have any questions about what positions are available. You can also provide your information and input to the church office. Thank you, Sue McClintick

Piecemakers

The Piecemakers have chosen Orphan Grain Train Charity as a service project for this year. They will be making baby quilts for orphans to be shipped to places in Texas. The quilt will be made with 5 inch squares. We have infant fabric available in the basement. Volunteers are needed to cut 5 ½ inch squares, sewing quilt tops-6X7 squares and pressing seams would be greatly appreciated. See any of the Piecemakers for assistance.

WELCA News

The 2025 WELCA Heart of Texas Conference Spring Gathering will be hosted by St. John Lutheran Church, Coryell City, Texas on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025. This year's theme is "Shine Jesus Shine!" The registration form has been posted on the bulletin board in the TRC and is due by April 12th. Please turn in your form to the church office and registration fee will be covered by WELCA.