

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

ELW Holy Communion - Sunday, March 16, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.


Amen.

Gathering Song - O Lord, throughout These Forty Days - ELW Hymn #319

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hermaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
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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.

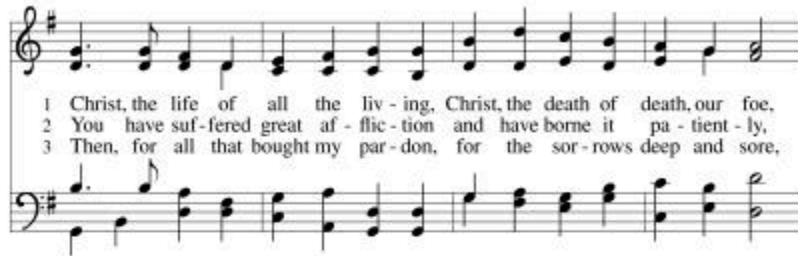
Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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 - Christ, the Life of All the Living - ELW Hymn #339

Christ, the Life of All the Living



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe;
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: JESU, MEINENS LEBENS LEBEN, Das grosse Cantonal, Darmstadt, 1687

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

A reading from Genesis.

God promises a childless and doubting Abram that he will have a child, that his descendants will be as numerous as the stars, and that the land of Canaan will be their inheritance. Abram's trust in God is sealed with a covenant-making ceremony, a sign of God's promise.

¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸ But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 27

Refrain: In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter. (Ps. 27:5)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then ¹ shall I fear?
 The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I ¹ be afraid?

² **When evildoers close in against me to de- ¹ vour my flesh,
 they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- ¹ ble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart ¹ will not fear. Though war rise up against me, my trust will ¹ not be shaken.

⁴ **One thing I ask of the LORD; onething I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.
 R In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.**

⁵ For in the day of trouble God will ¹ give me shelter,
 hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- ¹ on a rock.

⁶ **Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies ¹ who surround me.**

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music ¹ to the LORD.

⁷ Hear my voice, O LORD, ¹ when I call; have mercy on me and ¹ answer me.

⁸ **My heart speaks your message “Seek my face.” Your face, O LORD, ¹ I will seek.**
R In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.

⁹ Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser-¹ vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of ¹ my salvation.

¹⁰ **Though my father and my moth-¹ er forsake me, the LORD will ¹ take me in.**

¹¹ Teach me your ¹ way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of ¹ my oppressors.

¹² **Subject me not to the will of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³ This I believe—that I will see the goodness ¹ of the LORD in the land ¹ of the living!

¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD and be strong. Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

R In the day of trouble, God will give me shelter.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17–4:1

A reading from Philippians.

Although Paul’s devotion to Christ has caused him to be persecuted, he does not regret the course he has taken. Writing from prison, he expresses confidence in a glorious future and encourages other Christians to follow in his footsteps.

¹⁷ Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸ For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹ Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1} Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

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: Luke 13:31-35

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Neither Herod's plotting nor Jerusalem's resistance to maternal love will deter Jesus from his sacrificial mission.

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³² He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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 - Bless Now, O God the Journey - ELW Hymn #326

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993
Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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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.

Holy God, you long to gather your church under your wings. Bless the churches of Jerusalem, and all persecuted churches, that your people may take heart and stand firm as they witness and minister in your name. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you give shelter to living things as numerous as the stars. Strengthen the voice of prophets who call humanity to faithful care for the planet, that they would not be silenced but heeded as your messengers. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you raised up leaders like Abram, Sarai, and Paul to show your people what it means to rely on your promises. Guide today's leaders to work for justice and safeguard the world for future generations. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are the stronghold of our life. Care tenderly for those who are ill in body or mind, and for people living in fear or need. May all know they are not alone. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you offer us citizenship in heaven. Unite communities of faith who are divided over earthly things, that following the way of your Son, they may set aside grudges and serve their neighbors with generosity and love. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

Holy God, you are our light and our salvation. We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us. Help us to trust in you as they did and to live according to their example. 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;
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 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 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory - ELW Hymn #324

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing, light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
love up - on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
ra - dianciance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792-1872
Music: RATHBUN, Ithamar Conkey, 1815-1867

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 God of steadfastness and encouragement
grant you to live in harmony with one another,
in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song - Eternal God of Love, Behold Your Church - ELW Hymn #321

Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your church
2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,
3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,
so dai - ly liv - ing in your way of love,
you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,
we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,
and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:
know - ing our - selves hap - tized in - to your death;
glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flow'r,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.
so we are dead and live with you in God,
so in - to life and glo - ry shall we wake.

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Music: OLD 124TH, *Trois quatre passades de David*, Geneva, 1551
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Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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OFFICIATING & SERVING -March 16, 2025

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell
Pastor Asst. Amanda Harper
Communion Asst. Alan Shepherd
Lector: Coley Bruggman
Usher Captain: Michael Kurtz
Greeters: Judy Gersbach & Donna Campbell
Altar Care: Amanda Harper & April Marek
Teller Captain: Dorothy Marwitz
Teller: Deborah Martin & Charles Gersbach

OFFICIATING & SERVING - March 19, 2025

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell
Usher Captain: Tim Steglich
Ushers: Justin Young

OFFICIATING & SERVING - March 23, 2025

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell
Lector: Dorothy Marwitz
Usher Captain: Tim Steglich
Greeters: Sharon & Stan Koonsen
Altar Care: Judy Gersbach & Joey Saverse
Teller Captain: Imogene Morris
Teller: Kristi Dauge & Joyce Martinets

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Feb 23	56	\$2,072.00	\$ 21,621.82
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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentreck	Stanley Glaser	Clark Lindemann	Walt Saverse
Pansy Lange	Janell Janke	Risa Steglich	Ruth Janke
Gayle Bielss	Margie Lovellette	Janie Barron Lange	Aurdine Wutrich
Mr. Hardy (Erin Steglich's Friend's Dad)			Marwitz Family
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)		
	Joe Bruntz (Son-in-law of Joann Zieschang)		
	Fred Wende (Family friend of Carol Wilson)		
Shirley Fischer	Janice Atchison	Matthew Gamrod	Ardene Wutrich
Tori Gartman(friend of Pam Fleming)		John Chaffin (Linda Chaffin's Husband)	
	Marian Patillo mother of Jill Marwitz's co-worker, Jennifer Richards		

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 TBA.

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 will take a break until TBA.

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. If anyone is interested in another day or time we are open to suggestions. 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!

Cleaning Services

For many years, Walt Saverse and his wife Rita have been providing cleaning services for the church and TRC. They will be giving it up in June, so we are looking for someone who is interested in the job, which is on a contract basis. We would like to have someone who is part of or connected to the St. John Family. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact President Ronnie Persky, Pastor Jeremy Ullrich or Church Secretary Retha Shepherd.

Rose Garden Dedication

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

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Your Thrivent Choice Dollars can be designated to any of St. John's budgeted items. Thrivents phone number is 800-847-4836. The deadline is March 31, 2025.