

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

ELW Holy Communion - Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday in 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 - Through the Night of Doubt & 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

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 compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy.
By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your
love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Song - God Loved the World - ELW Hymn #323

God Loved the World

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made
3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all
5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in
trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues
sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by
Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.
Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.
Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.
Music: ROCKINGHAM ÖLD, Edward Miller, 1731-1807, adapt.

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from Joshua.

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

⁹ The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 32

Refrain: Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD. (Ps. 32:11)

¹ Happy are they whose transgressions ¹ are forgiven, and whose sin is ¹ put away!

² **Happy are they to whom the LORD im-¹putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there ¹ is no guile!**

R Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD.

³ While I held my tongue, my bones with-¹ered away, because of my groaning ¹ all day long.

⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the ¹ heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con-¹ceal my guilt. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.” Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they ¹ shall not reach them.**

R Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD.

⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve ¹ me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts ¹ of deliverance.

⁸ **“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that ¹ you should go;
I will guide you ¹ with my eye.**

⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no ¹ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will ¹ not stay near you.”

¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations ¹ of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust ¹ in the LORD.**

¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are ¹ true of heart.

R Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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 15:1-3, 11b-32

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believes it is his obedience that has earned his place in the father's home.

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: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, 'How

many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

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 - The Glory of These Forty Days - ELW Hymn #320

The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862-1947, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543
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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.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ. As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, your church may bear witness to your love. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce of the land may again support life. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any in need of compassion. Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Bless the work of disability ministries, ministries by and with neurodivergent people, and multicultural and ethnic-specific ministries; that the welcome of Jesus be extended to all. God, in your mercy,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. 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,**

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 -Let Us Break Bread Together - ELW Hymn #471

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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.

Sending of Communion (ELW p. 155)

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are in need. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing (ELW p. 155)

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

Amen.

Sending Song - Eternal Lord 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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Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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OFFICIATING & SERVING -March 30, 2025

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Pastor Asst. Weldon Kurtz
Communion Asst. Ronnie Persky
Lector: Lynn Stroud
Usher Captain: Tim Steglich
Greeters: Diane & Ted Sager
Altar Care: Pam Fleming & Mila Wegner
Teller Captain: Jill Marwitz
Teller: Cedalia Kurtz & David Tschoerner

OFFICIATING & SERVING - April 2, 2025

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Usher Captain: Lynn Roy Friedrich
Ushers: Jimmy Gommert

OFFICIATING & SERVING -April 6, 2025

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Pastor Asst. Wayne Zieschang
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

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

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentreck	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)			
Joe Bruntz (Son-in-law of Joann Zieschang)			
Fred Wende (Family friend of Carol Wilson)			
Mr. Hardy (Erin Steglich's Friend's Dad)			
Janice Atchison		Matthew Gamrod	
Tori Gartman(friend of Pam Fleming)	John Chaffin (Linda Chaffin's Husband)		

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

Rose Garden Dedication

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

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!

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.

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.