

# **ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX**

## **ELW Holy Communion - Sunday, March 31, 2024**

### **Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW p. 97)**

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

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **Gathering Song - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today - ELW Hymn #365**

#### **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.

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **Song - The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done - ELW Hymn #366**

#### **First Reading: Acts 10:34-43**

A reading from Acts.

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.:  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*Refrain: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
“God's mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

**R This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>18</sup> The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.

**R This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**R This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

<sup>1</sup> Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

<sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

**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: Mark 16:1-8**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich**  
**Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich**  
**Hymn of the Day - Thine is the Glory - ELW Hymn #376**

### **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.**

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**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.

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
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)**

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son...

We praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;

through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.  
**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.**

**Invitation to Communion (ELW p. 154)**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*At St. John, we practice open communion. Anyone who feels called by Jesus to receive the Lord's Supper is welcome to do so.*

**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 - Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing - ELW Hymn #389**

**Prayer after Communion (ELW p. 155)**

Let us pray.

**Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 - Christ is Risen, Alleluia - ELW Hymn #382**

#### **Dismissal (ELW p. 155)**

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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#### **OFFICIATING & SERVING - March 31– Easter**

<i><b>Pastor:</b></i>	Jeremy Ullrich	<i><b>Organist:</b></i> Debra Caldwell
<i><b>Pastor Asst.</b></i>	Wayne Zieschang	
<i><b>Communion Asst.</b></i>	Weldon Kurtz	
<i><b>Lector:</b></i>	Ronnie Persky	
<i><b>Usher Captain:</b></i>	Michael Kurtz	
<i><b>Ushers:</b></i>	Melinda Kurtz, Garrett Kurtz, Ricky Ranthum	
<i><b>Greeters:</b></i>	Duane and Sharon Kurtin	
<i><b>Altar Care:</b></i>	Frank & Connie Horak	
<i><b>Teller Captain:</b></i>	Jill Marwitz	
<i><b>Teller:</b></i>	Charles Gersbach & David Tschoerner	

#### **OFFICIATING & SERVING - April 7**

<i><b>Pastor:</b></i>	Jeremy Ullrich	<i><b>Organist:</b></i> Debra Caldwell
<i><b>Pastor Asst.</b></i>	Wayne Zieschang	
<i><b>Communion Asst.</b></i>	Lynn Stroud	
<i><b>Lector:</b></i>	Kristi Dague	
<i><b>Usher Captain:</b></i>	Duane Kurtin	
<i><b>Ushers:</b></i>	Sharon Kurtin, Scott Janke, Collin Randig	
<i><b>Greeters:</b></i>	Walt & Rita Saverse	
<i><b>Altar Care:</b></i>	Donna Campbell & Daffney Pajestka	
<i><b>Teller Captain:</b></i>	Judy Gersbach	
<i><b>Teller:</b></i>	Duane & Sharon Kurtin	

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - April 14**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Lector:** Kristi Dague  
**Usher Captain:** Duane Kurtin  
**Ushers:** Sharon Kurtin, Scott Janke, Collin Randig  
**Greeters:** Walt & Rita Saverse  
**Altar Care:** Donna Campbell & Daffney Pajestka  
**Teller Captain:** Judy Gersbach  
**Teller:** Duane & Sharon Kurtin

**OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Mar 3	62	\$4,167.00	\$27,264.75
Mar 6	12	\$ 186.00	\$27,450.75
Mar 10	65	\$3,908.00	\$31,358.75
Mar 13	26	\$ 121.00	\$31,479.75
Mar 17	75	\$2,660.00	\$34,139.75
Mar 20	20	\$ 640.00	\$34,779.75
Mar 24	102	\$4,178.00	\$38,957.75

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Garland Wentreck	Stanley Glaser	Janie Barron Lange	Eldon Lange
Celeste Gamrod	Pansy Lange	Janelle Janke	Risa Steglich
Darrell Kurtz(Twin Brother of Harold Kurtz)		Ruth and Ray Janke	
Monica Blane(Pastor Daniel Blane's daughter)		Gayle Bielss	
The Bartek family (friends of Alan and Retha)		Sharon Randig	
James Chapman(Dorothy Marwitz's Brother-in-law)		Kim Ferguson	
Josh Ramirez & Sheena Woods(friend of Sharon Randig)		Garland Townsend	
Margie & Jeff Burton Family-Deborah Martin's friend		Allen Persky's Family	
Jimmy Dubose-grandfather of Kendal & Jr Gersbach and Great-grandfather to Cayson & Barrett			

**FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

Monday: Dominoes each Monday in TRC @ 2:00 pm  
 Wednesday: Men's Bible Study each Wednesday in the TRC @ 7:30 am  
 Thursday: Piece Makers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Piecemakers Request**

The Piecemakers have asked for any sewing, crocheting, knitting, and supplies for sewing quilts. This would include sewing machines, scissors, rotary cutters, fabric, thread, pins and needles or anything that pertains to quilting.

### **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.

### **Sunday School**

Adult Sunday School is at 9:15am in the TRC  
Youth Sunday School starts February 11 @9:30am.

### **Articles for the Newsletter**

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

### **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.

### **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.

### **Live Stream Learning**

St. John has purchased a camcorder to help with our live stream. We are looking for tech-inclined volunteers interested in testing out different settings. 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).

### **Martha's Circle Bible Study**

Martha's Circle Bible Study is the 4th Wednesday of every month @ 10am, for more information contact Janice Atchison (254-721-8477).

### **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.

### **Sisters in Christ Bible Study**

The Sisters in Christ Bible study (Saturday Bible Study) is every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10am They are studying a new series titled “Fierce” by Jennifer Cowart. The study covers lesser known ladies in the Bible and the ways they changed the world by living into God’s calling.

### **Men's Bible Study**

The Men's Bible Study meets each Wednesday at 7:30am in the TRC..

### **Congregation**

I want to thank everyone for their continued prayers, words of encouragement, cards and love sent to me. My family at St. John is amazing, as you continue to lift me up in prayer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for making my days brighter and easier. God Bless You All, Celeste Gamrod .

### **Youth Sunday School**

Youth Sunday School every Sunday. Class will begin at 9:30am and end at 10:15am. Youth ages 3 through 12th grade are encouraged to attend. We will sing, hear a Bible story and work on crafts. There is a need for volunteers. Anyone who can help in any way, please text Sharon Randig at 512-713-4433.

### **Childcare for Pastor's Children**

My family is looking for childcare help. Specifically, we seek trustworthy and caring individuals to sit with the kids (7/5/3) for two to three hours while they watch their age-appropriate shows in our home. Our biggest needs are during the week, especially for Wednesday nights in Lent (Feb 14 to March 27). \$20 per hour. Super friendly family dog. Please call or text your interest or potential leads at 979-421-3303. Thank you in advance for blessing my family! -Pastor Jeremy

### **Dominoes**

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

### **Rose Garden**

On April 14 after the worship service we will be celebrating Betty Wendler Rose Dedication with a light noon meal. All members are invited to attend.

### **Altar Flowers**

The Altar flowers are given in Memory of Cynthia Gersbach by Charles Gersbach.

### **Heart of Texas (HOT) Spring Gathering**

The Spring Gathering will be held at Covenant Lutheran Church in Temple Texas on Saturday April 27, 2024 from 9 am to 1 pm. Registration forms are available in the TRC and are due April 1st. WELCA will cover the registration fees for those who attend. Please turn forms into the church office.