

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX**  
**ELW Setting Four - Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
**Third 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 Heard the Voice of Jesus Say - ELW Hymn #332**

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;

lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast,"  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright;"

I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;

I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

Text: Honorius Bonar, 1808-1889  
Music: THIRD MODE MELODY, Thomas Tallis, 1505-1585

### 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.**

**Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 150)**

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Song - 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 - diance 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 Cooley, 1815-1867

### First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

*Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

<sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 95**

*Refrain: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing <sup>l</sup>to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of <sup>l</sup>our salvation.

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence <sup>l</sup>with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the <sup>l</sup>Lord with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, Lord, <sup>l</sup>are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- <sup>l</sup>bove all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns <sup>l</sup>of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are <sup>l</sup>also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, <sup>l</sup>for you made it,  
and your hands have molded <sup>l</sup>the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship <sup>l</sup>and bow down,  
let us kneel before the <sup>l</sup>Lord our maker.**

**R: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

<sup>7</sup>For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep <sup>l</sup>of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would <sup>l</sup>hear God's voice!

<sup>8</sup>**"Harden <sup>l</sup>not your hearts,**

**as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah <sup>l</sup>in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors <sup>l</sup>tested me, they put me to the test, though they had <sup>l</sup>seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that gener- <sup>l</sup>ation, saying,**

**'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not <sup>l</sup>know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore <sup>1</sup>in my anger,  
'They shall never come <sup>1</sup>to my rest.'"

**R: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

A reading from Romans.

*Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
<sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

<sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, word of life.

**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 4:5-42**

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glorify you, O Lord.**

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something."<sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."<sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?"<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work."<sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."<sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper

may rejoice together.<sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.'<sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The gospel of the Lord.

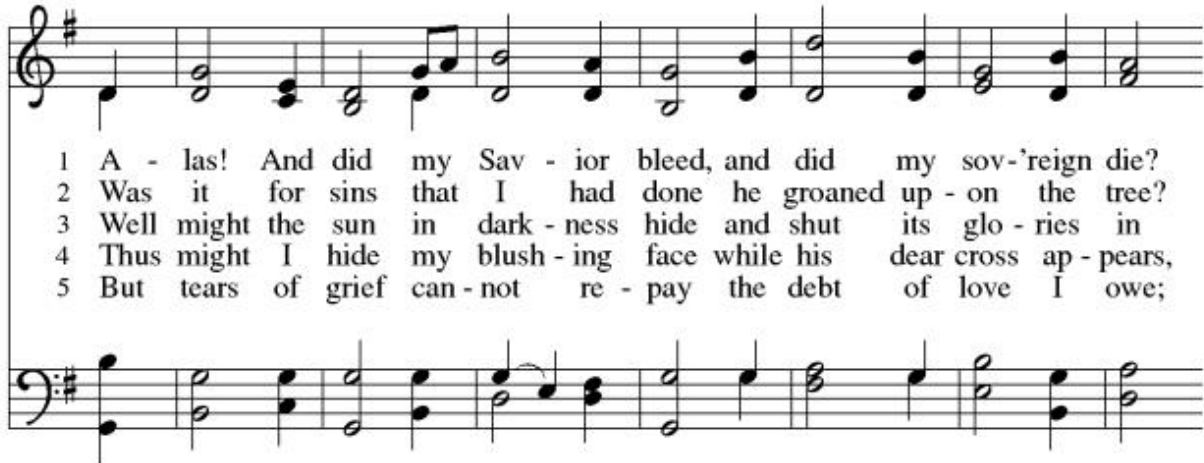
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich**  
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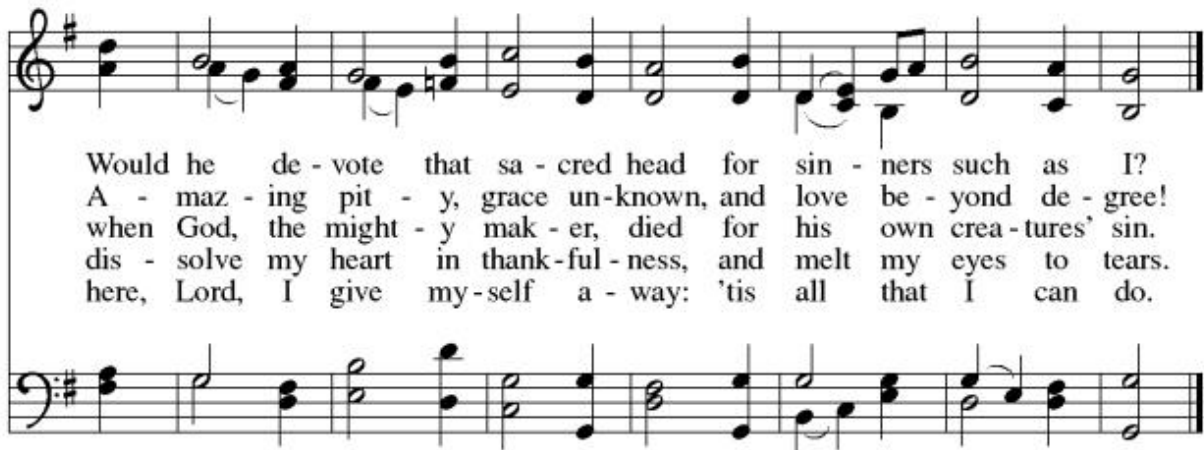


Hymn of the Day - Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed - ELW Hymn #337

## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

### Creed (ELW p. 152)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. Give them your living water always. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

### **Peace (ELW p. 152)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **Offering (ELW p. 152)**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.

**Offering Prayer (ELW p. 152)**

Let us pray.

**God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 154)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Blessing (ELW p. 155)**

God, the giver of love,  
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,  
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth  
bless you in this Lenten journey.  
**Amen.**

## Sending Song - Dearest Jesus, at Your Word - ELW Hymn #520

### Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from  
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,  
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -  
fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and  
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and  
all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.  
all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.  
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.  
earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, stc. 1–3; Georgbaur's, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.  
Music: LIEBSTER JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

### Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**OFFICIATING & SERVING - MARCH 12th**

*Pastor:* Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell  
*Lector:* Shirley Fischer  
*Acolyte:* James Steglich  
*Usher Captain:* Darrell Marek  
*Ushers:* April Marek, Dustin & Amanda Harper  
*Greeters:* Donna Campbell & Joann Zieschang  
*Altar Care:* Paula Unberhagen & Pat Stroud  
*Teller Captain:* Jill Marwitz  
*Tellers:* Darrell & April Marek

**LENTEN WORSHIP - 7pm - MARCH 15th**

*Pastor:* Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell  
*Usher Captain:* Darrell Marek  
*Teller Captain:* Judy Gersbach  
*Tellers:* Dorothy Marwitz

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - MARCH 19th**

*Pastor:* Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell  
*Pastor Assist:* Weldon Kurtz  
*Comm Assist:* Glen Janke  
*Lector:* Coley Bruggman  
*Acolyte:* Andrew Cospier  
*Usher Captain:* Tim Steglich  
*Ushers:* Justin Young, Michael, Joey & Travis Saverse  
*Greeters:* Harold & Joan Kurtz  
*Altar Care:* Robert & Dorothy Marwitz  
*Teller Captain:* Imogene Morris  
*Tellers:* Deborah Martin & Kristi Dague

**LENTEN WORSHIP - 7pm - MARCH 22nd**

*Pastor:* Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell  
*Usher Captain:* Tim Steglich  
*Teller Captain:* Imogene Morris  
*Tellers:* Deborah Martin

**OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

	Worship Attendance	Offering	YTD
March 5	53	\$4,252.00	\$38,534.87

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Wednesday: Men's Bible Study meets each Wednesday in the TRC @ 7:30 am

Thursday: Piece makers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Edith Dalecki

Pansy Lange

Garland Wentreck

Stanley Glaser

Mila Wegner

Imogene Morris

Donna Gamrod (Celeste Gamrod's mother-in-law)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Worship in the Fellowship Hall

Due to maintenance of the Sanctuary handrails, our worship services will be held in the TRC. When the rails return, we will return to the Sanctuary.

### Lenten Services

The Worship Committee met on February 9, 2023 and decided to have two Lenten Worship Services each Wednesday beginning March 1, 2023 thru March 29, 2023, during the Lenten Season. The first service will be at 12:00 noon without meal or music, the second service will start with a meal at 6:00 pm followed by Worship Service at 7:00 pm with music.

### Rose Garden Ceremony

We need names of any members turning 90 this year so we can prepare for the Rose Ceremony in April. Please let Debra Caldwell, Mona Smalley, or the church office know.

### 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.

### Sunday School

Both the children's and adult's classes begin at 9:15 am.

### Pastoral Visits

We are encouraging those hospitalized, nursing home residents (or, their family members), and the homebound members and friends who wish to schedule an in-person pastoral visit or phone call to contact Pastor Jeremy Ullrich @ 979-421-3303 or the church office @ 254-527-3341.

**NOTE:** Pastor Ullrich will need to be listed as a "visitor of choice" in hospitals or nursing homes. This will need to be established by a family member.

### Family Promise

Please donate as you are able for families in crisis. Needed items are laundry detergents, dryer sheets, toothpaste and brushes, bath soap, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. Also needed are food items like cookies and cake mixes, etc. For further information contact Cedalia Kurtz at 254-657-2588.

### **Third Thursday 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, we are currently the only opportunity that nursing home residents have to worship! Please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the third Thursday of each month.

### **Articles for the Newsletter**

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

### **Worship Leaders**

Help us make worship happen! We are looking to train members for different roles in worship. We will use an apprenticeship model for training, so you will have a mentor helping as long as you wish. For more information, contact the church office (254-527-3341).

### **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.

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

Women's Bible Study meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the TRC @ 2 pm. 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.

### **Youth Sunday School & Faith Information**

We are always seeking ways to improve Sunday school for our youth members (Kindergarten - Seniors). So, we are reaching out to parents of our youth, and asking for suggestions on how we can improve our classes. Can we change or do anything differently? Give us your honest opinion to help give our youth an amazing learning experience. Please fill out the form provided by using the QR code, or the link, shown below. Thank you!!