

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

ELW Setting Four - Sunday, May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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 - God Is Here! - ELW Hymn #526

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOTS LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

Text © 1979 and Music © 1942, ren. 1970 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

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)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Song - Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service - ELW Hymn #712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed;
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share,
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
Text © Oxford University Press

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

A reading from Acts.

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

Refrain: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard. (Ps. 66:8)

⁸Bless our **I** God, you peoples;
let the sound of **I** praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us a- **I** mong the living
and has not allowed our **I** feet to slip.**

R: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

¹⁰For you, O God, have **I** tested us;
you have tried us just as sil- **I** ver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us in- **I** to the net;
you laid heavy burdens up- **I** on our backs.**

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through **I** fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place **I** of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house **I** with burnt offerings
and will pay **I** you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised **I** with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I **I** was in trouble.

¹⁵ I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the smoke of rams;

I will give you oxen and goats.

R: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you who believe,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷ I called out to God with my mouth,
and praised the Lord with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁹ but in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

R: Bless our God, you peoples; let the sound of praise be heard.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from 1 Peter.

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

¹³ Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Word of God, word of life.

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: John 14:15-21

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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 - For All the Faithful Women (v. 1-4)- ELW Hymn #419

For All the Faithful Women

Saints and Servants



1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,
3 in praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
O whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

Text © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Duplication in any form prohibited without securing permission from copyright administrator or reporting usage under valid license.

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.

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

Prayers of Intercession

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God our faithful companion, you promise to never leave us and to send your Spirit to guide us in wisdom and truth. Send your people into the world to serve as mirrors that reflect and magnify your love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the earth sings praises to you. Grant your care to the creatures, plants, and places that are suffering, and equip us to respond to their song. Make us agents of restoration and refreshment for all your beloved creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You call all people of the world your children. Judge the nations justly, show mercy to all who are oppressed, and speak truth to power through your prophets. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurturing Lord, you sent your Spirit to grant us peace. Make your presence known to those who feel abandoned or alone, and to all who are sick or grieving. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You hold us in your loving care. We pray for mothers and mother figures. Console all who long to be mothers, children estranged from their mothers, anyone grieving the death of a mother, and mothers who have lost a child. Support all for whom this day is difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you give life and breath to all things. We give thanks for the apostle Matthias and all your saints. Sustain us by your love until we join the saints in glory. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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.

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.

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)

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Amen.

Sending Song - Abide, O Dearest Jesus - ELW Hymn #539

Abide, O Dearest Jesus

1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace,
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your word
3 A - bide with heav'n - ly bright - ness a - mong us, pre - cious Light;
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun - teous Lord;
5 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;

that e - vil may not harm us nor we to sin give place.
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.
your truth di - rect and keep us from er - ror's gloom - y night.
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your word.
grant stead - fast - ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923
Music: CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

From sundaysandseasons.com. Copyright © 2023 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Hymns available under One License A - 710028.

OFFICIATING & SERVING - MAY 14th

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich

Organist: Debra Caldwell

Lector: Kristi Dague
Acolyte: Addison Patterson
Usher Captain: Harold Kurtz
Ushers: Joan Kurtz, Jerry & Lucille Decker, Jerry, Frank & Mona Smalley
Greeters: Robert & Dorothy Marwitz
Altar Care: Dorothy & Robert Marwitz
Teller Captain: Imogene Morris
Tellers: Charles Gersbach & Mona Smalley

OFFICIATING & SERVING - MAY 21st

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Pastor Assist: Amanda Harper
Comm Assist: Don Bruggman
Lector: Ronnie Persky
Acolyte: Addison Patterson
Usher Captain: Weldon Kurtz
Ushers: Cedralia Kurtz, Brandon & Debi, Kris, Kody & Courtney Janke
Greeters: Robert & Dorothy Marwitz
Altar Care: Dorothy & Robert Marwitz
Teller Captain: Imogene Morris
Tellers: Deborah Martin and Kristi Dague

OFFICIATING & SERVING - MAY 28th

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Lector: Dorothy Marwitz
Acolyte: James Steglich
Usher Captain: Weldon Kurtz
Ushers: Cedralia Kurtz, Brandon & Debi, Kris, Kody & Courtney Janke
Altar Care: Paula Unberhagen & Pat Stroud
Greeters: Charles Hill & Jimmy Gommert
Teller Captain: Pam Fleming
Tellers: Deborah Martin and Kristi Dague

OFFERING & ATTENDANCE

	Worship Attendance	Offering	YTD
May 7	66	\$ 5,322.00	\$75,545.87

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

Garland Wentrcek Stanley Glaser Melinda Kurtz Pauline Wolbrueck
Celeste Gamrod Holly Naiser(Marie Karl's daughter)
Janet Rasmussen(Carol Wilson's friend) Monica Blane(Pastor Daniel Blane's daughter)
Jeff Sparks (friend of Ray and Ruth Janke) Mike Bartek (friend of Alan and Retha Shepherd)
Darrell Kurtz(Twin Brother of Harold Kurtz) Pansy Lange

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.

Sunday School

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

Theology on Tap

We are having our next Theology on Tap meeting on May 17, 2023 starting at 6:30pm and lasting until 8:30pm. The location is still being determined. The event is focused on having conversations about faith in a relaxed setting (where alcohol is permitted). Topics will be selected based upon the feedback of those attending. People of all ages are welcome to attend. The discussion topic for the evening is still being decided.

Summer Worship

We are considering doing Heart Hymn Services during the summer. We will need you to complete a form for your favorite hymns and return to the office before May 21st. The form will be furnished by the ushers at worship service or you can pick up from the 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.

Family Promise

THANK YOU! For April Donations!

Please donate as you are able for families in crisis. Needed items are toilet paper, paper towels, female products, diapers, 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 at 10AM.

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!

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).

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.

Sisters in Christ Bible Study

The Sisters in Christ Bible study will not be meeting in May. They will meet again on June 17th @ 10am in the TRC and begin "Help is Here" by Max Lucado. If interested in attending, please contact Joey Saverse.

Save the Date

The 140th Anniversary of St. John Lutheran Church is scheduled for December 10, 2023.

Personal Care Kits

Goal 150-200 kits



Personal Car Kits

Price	Items	Collected
3.00	27X52 Towels (non-White)	22
1.00	Wide Tooth Combs	68
.50	Wrapped Toothbrushes	14
1.00	Soap (Ivory) 2 per kit	184
\$5.50		

Items are needed between now and September. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Dianne Sager at 512-413-0520. I welcome your help.

Thank You

WECLA would like to thank all of the ladies who brought sandwiches and helped with the Rose Planting Celebration.

Graduation Breakfast

Graduation Breakfast and Recognition for Huston Martin will be May 21 @9:15am in the TRC.



<https://stjohnbartlett.breezechms.com/form/24c29c61883931078>