

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

## Order of Service - Sunday, November 13, 2022

### 23rd Sunday After Pentecost

#### **Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

#### **Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song - Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty! - ELW Hymn #413**

## Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee,  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty,  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823-1876

**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.

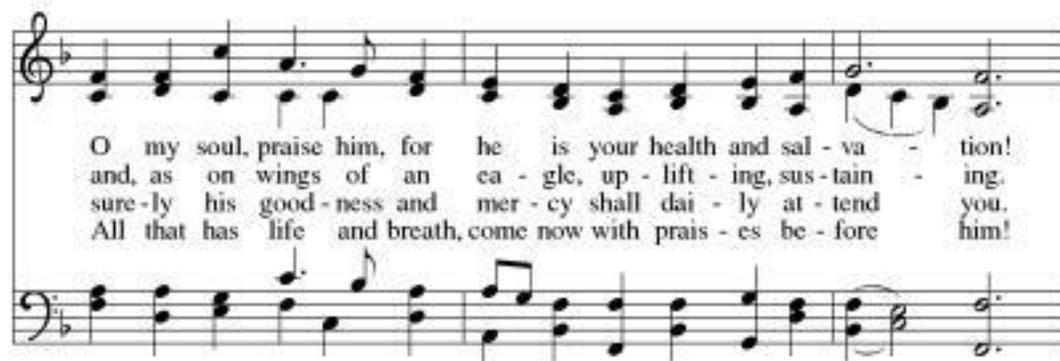
**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Song - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty - ELW Hymn #858**

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!  
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing  
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;  
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing,  
 sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,  
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do  
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 if with his love he be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN. *Erwachsenen Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

## First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

A reading from Malachi.

*Malachi, whose name means “my messenger,” warns that “the day is coming.” On that day, the evil will be destroyed like stubble in a fire, but the “sun of righteousness” will shine on those who honor God.*

<sup>1</sup>See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2a</sup>But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 98

*Refrain: In righteousness will the Lord judge the world. (Ps. 98:9)*

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done <sup>1</sup> marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have <sup>1</sup> won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, you have made <sup>1</sup> known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight <sup>1</sup> of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the <sup>1</sup> house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory <sup>1</sup> of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the Lord, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- <sup>1</sup> joice, and sing.**

**R: In righteousness will the Lord judge the world.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the Lord <sup>1</sup> with the harp,  
with the harp and the <sup>1</sup> voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound <sup>1</sup> of the horn  
shout with joy before the <sup>1</sup> king, the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and <sup>1</sup> all that fills it,  
the world and those who <sup>1</sup> dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers <sup>1</sup> clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to <sup>1</sup> judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The Lord will judge the <sup>1</sup> world with righteousness  
and the peo- <sup>1</sup> ples with equity.

**R: In righteousness will the Lord judge the world.**

## Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from 2 Thessalonians.

*Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, living off the generosity of other members of the community. The writer of this letter warns them bluntly that if they want to eat, they need to work.*

<sup>6</sup>Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>and we did not eat anyone's bread without

paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. <sup>9</sup>This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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: Luke 21:5-19**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and will be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.*

<sup>5</sup>When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, <sup>6</sup>"As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

<sup>7</sup>They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

<sup>8</sup>And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

<sup>9</sup>"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; <sup>11</sup>there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. <sup>13</sup>This will give you an opportunity to testify. <sup>14</sup>So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; <sup>15</sup>for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>You will be hated by all because of my name. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich**

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## Hymn of the Day - This Is My Father's World - ELW Hymn #824

### This Is My Father's World

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the  
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.  
morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.  
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the  
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.  
rus-ting grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.  
Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901  
Music: TERRA PATRIS, Franklin L. Sheppard, 1852-1930, adapt.

**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**

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times.

Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel (*specific ministries or initiatives may be named*). Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died (*especially*). Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our 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)**

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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 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 - On What Has Now Been Sown - ELW Hymn #550**

## On What Has Now Been Sown

1 On what has now been sown your bless - ing Lord, be - stow; the  
 2 To you our wants are known, from you are all our pow'rs; ac -  
 3 Oh, grant that each of us, now met be - fore you here, may

pow'r is yours a - lone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in  
 cept what is your own and par-don what is ours. Our prais - es,  
 meet to - geth - er thus when you and yours ap - pear, and fol - low

grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt.  
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731-1789

### Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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### OFFICIATING & SERVING Today

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich

**Organist:** Debra Caldwell

**Lector:** Weldon Kurtz

**Acolyte:** Addison Patterson

**Usher Captain:** Duane Kurtin  
**Ushers:** Sharon Kurtin, Scott Janke, Pat & Lynn Stroud  
**Greeters:** Weldon & Cedralia Kurtz  
**Altar Care:** Frank & Connie Horak  
**Teller Captain:** Jill Marwitz  
**Tellers:** Duan & Sharon Kurtin

**OFFICIATING & SERVING November 20th**

**Pastor:** Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell  
**Pastor Asst:** Weldon Kurtz  
**Comm Asst:** Don Bruggman  
**Lector:** Carol Wilson  
**Acolyte:** Addison Patterson  
**Usher Captain:** Duane Kurtin  
**Ushers:** Sharon Kurtin, Scott Janke, Pat & Lynn Stroud  
**Greeters:** Lenard & Gloria Steglich  
**Altar Care:** Frank & Connie Horak  
**Teller Captain:** Judy Gersbach  
**Tellers:** Duan & Sharon Kurtin

**OFFERING and ATTENDANCE**

	Worship Attendance	Offering	YTD
November 6th	68	\$ 3,859.25	\$160,998.24

**FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

Wednesday, Men's Bible Study in TRC @ 7:30 am  
 Thursday, PieceMakers @ 1:00 pm  
 Women's Bible Study every 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 2 pm

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

Celeste Gamrod Edith Dalecki  
 Stanley Glaser Garland Wentreck  
 Dianne Sager Pansy Lange

Leanne Janke (daughter of Shirley Fisher)

Donna Gamrod (Celeste Gamrod Mother in-law)

On Nov. 6th Floyd (Pee Wee) passed away at 85 years old. He is the brother of Peggy Kautzch and has many family members in our congregation. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday School**

Class begins at 9:15 a.m. for Children and Adults.

**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 some food items like cookies and cake mixer, etc. For further information get with Jesse Stroud Thank you.

### **Third Thursday Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship**

Our next worship with the residents is scheduled from October 20th. Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing, we are currently the only opportunity that 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**

If you have not already done so, please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the last Sunday of the month. As they are mailed out the following day. 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 us with contact information so that we can send them a card. Thank you.

### **Women’s Bible Study**

Will be held the 3rd Tuesday of every month @ 2 pm. For more information contact Shirley Fisher & Janice Atchison

### **Bell Choir**

If you can read music, please let Hayden know that you would love to participate in our Bell Choir for Christmas Eve. We will tell you the dates of practice if we have enough participants. This will be our Christmas Eve special music at 6 pm. It is always special to hear the bells at Christmas!

### **Theology on Tap**

We are having our next Theology on Tap meeting on November 16, 2022 starting at 6:30pm and lasting until 8:30pm. It will be held at the house of Dorothy and Robert Marwitz, located at 8899 Hackberry Road, Holland, TX 76534. 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 Faith and Gratitude.

### **Flag Donations**

3 x 5 sewn flags with grommets would be appreciated for our church. You can donate one in memory of a loved one or drop off your currency at the office and have one ordered instead. For further information get with Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381 for any questions. Or you can contact the office.  
2 Flags in memory of Gilbert Fisher by Shirley Fisher.  
1 Flags in memory of Bill Janke by Family.

4 Flags in memory of Major Gilbert Meneley USFA WWII, Korea Vietnam (Grandfather)  
Walter Poppelz NAVY MOMM3 WWII (Grandfather)  
Lynwood Beyer US ARMY PVT First Class Army WWII (Cousin)  
Henry Beyer US ARMY PVT WWI (Great Uncle)  
donated from the family of Charles Gersbach and Darrell & April Marek and children.

### **Sunday School & Faith information**

Members as you know we are always seeking ways to improve our Sunday Classes for the Youth Members (Kindergarten - Seniors). So we are reaching out to the parents of the Youth, to help us out and give us some suggestions on how we can improve these classes. We are hoping to get feedback on how to improve them. Is there anything that you would suggest that we do change or do differently? We want your honest opinion so that we can make the best changes possible and give our youth an amazing learning experience. So please fill out the form that is provided or you can use the QR code below or follow the link that is provided below the code to fill out the form.

Thank you!!



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

# CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

It's time to help beautify our sanctuary with the gift of a poinsettia. Each plant is \$16.00. If you would like to order a plant, please fill out this order form and place it in the offering plate with your payment, or give it to the church secretary.

Deadline to order is December 11<sup>th</sup>.



**Please Print:**

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and/or E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$16.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Bulletin Wording:**

In Loving Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

To the Glory of God \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Plants not picked up on Christmas Day will be taken to our sick and homebound.