

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

Order of Service - Sunday, September 4, 2022 Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

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

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

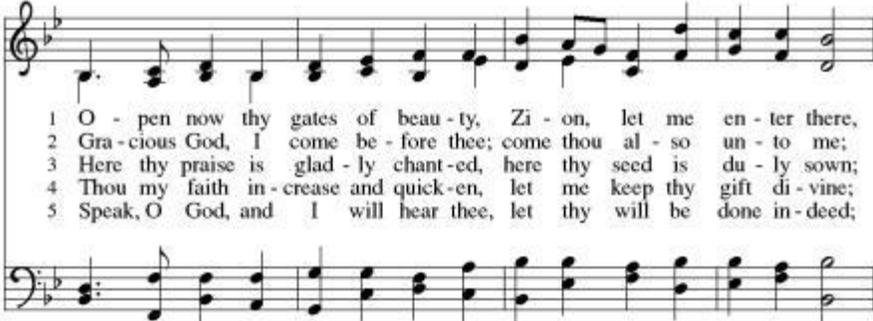
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

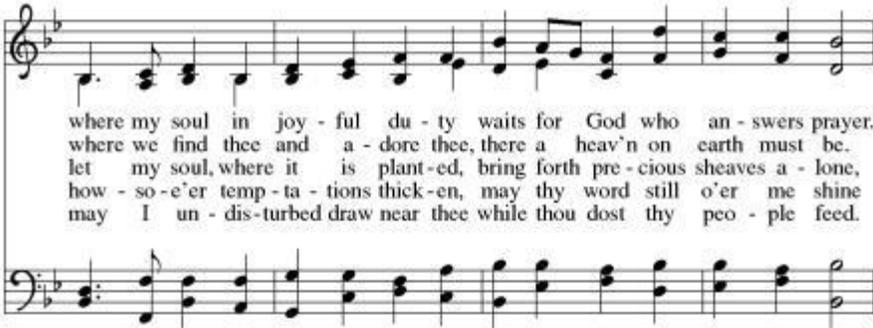
Amen.

Gathering Song - Open Now the Gates of Beauty - ELW Hymn #533

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650-1680

Greeting (ELW p. 147)

Pastor: 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)

Pastor: 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)

Pastor: 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.

**Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works,
begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your
mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Hymn - God Who Stretched the Heavens - ELW Hymn #771

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A reading from Deuteronomy.

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then

you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 1

Refrain: They are like trees planted by streams of water. (Ps. 1:3)

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law [|] of the Lord,
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night. R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so [|] with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed. R**

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

A reading from Philemon.

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by Onesimus, a man who had run away from Philemon, a slaveowner and a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to Philemon and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me

cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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 - O Day Full of Grace - ELW Hymn #627

O Day Full of Grace

1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, the Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for

earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub -
 cross was hang - ing; and then he a - rose and moved the
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more in death be
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a -

be a - bun - dant in joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 lime, great joy for us all re - triev - ing; for Je - sus all
 stone, that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 lost, its pow'r o - ver us dis - pel - ling. This flame will the
 glow, all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and there we will

now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all shame and des - pair re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing,
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all true heal - ing.
 join God's end - less praise, with an - gels and saints a - dor - ing.

Text: Scandinavian folk lyrics; a. Gerald Thoreson, 1921–2001, alt.
 Music: DEN SIGNEDE DAG, Christoph E. F. Weyse, 1774–1842

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Creed (ELW p. 152)

**We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,**

true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Prayers of Intercession

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors (*especially Peter Claver, priest and missionary*). Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; 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)

Offertory Response (ELW p. 152)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offering Prayer (ELW p. 152)

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 153)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Thanksgiving at the Table (ELW p. 153)

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 154)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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)

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Communion (ELW p. 154)

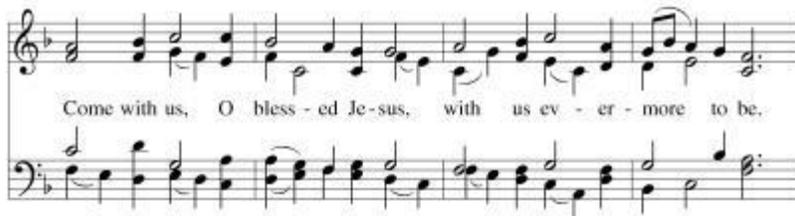
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

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 -Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus - ELW Hymn #501

Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus



Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more to be.



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee!



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;



but in us, thy lov - ing chil - dren, come, bring peace, good will to men.

Text: John H. Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891
Music: JESU, JOY OF MAN'S DESIRING, Johann Schop, 1600-1665, arr. J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

Prayer after Communion (ELW p. 155)

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.

Closing Hymn - Savior, Again to Your Own Name - ELW Hymn #534

Savior, Again to Your Dear Name

1 Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
 2 Grant us your peace up - on our home - ward way;
 3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us your peace through - out our earth - ly life,

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
 with you be - gan, with you shall end the day;
 for us trans - form its dark - ness in - to light.
 our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;

once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
 guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 Keep us from harm and dan - ger till the dawn;
 then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace,
 that in this house have called up - on your name.
 your eve - ning pres - ence to your own.
 call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826-1893, alt.
 Music: ELLERS, Edward J. Hopkins, 1818-1901; arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1842-1900

Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

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OFFICIATING & SERVING Today

Pastor:

Jeremy Ullrich

Organist: Debra Caldwell

Pastor Asst: Wayne Zieschang
Comm Asst: Alan Shepherd
Lector: Carol Wilson
Acolyte: Andrew Cospier
Usher Captain: Tim Steglich
Ushers: Justin Young, Michael, Joey & Travis Saverse
Greeters: Robert & Dorothy Marwitz
Altar Care: Robert & Dorothy Marwitz
Teller Captain: Dorothy Marwitz
Tellers: Cedalia Kurtz & Linda Chaffin

OFFICIATING & SERVING September 11th

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich **Organist:** Debra Caldwell
Lector: Coley Bruggman
Acolyte: Andrew Cospier
Usher Captain: Tim Steglich
Ushers: Justin Young, Michael, Joey & Travis Saverse
Greeters: Bill & Paula Unberhagen
Altar Care: Robert & Dorothy Marwitz
Teller Captain: Jill Marwitz
Tellers: Cedalia Kurtz & Linda Chaffin

OFFERING and ATTENDANCE

	Worship Attendance	Offering	YTD
Aug 28st	53	\$1,83.25	\$ 122,990.60

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Wednesday, Men's Bible Study in TRC @ 7:30 am
 Thursday, PieceMakers @ 1:00 pm

IN OUR PRAYERS

Celeste Gamrod Kathy Balusek (Leanne Janke's friend)
 Edith Dalecki Donna Gamrod (Celeste Gamrod Mother in-law)

Ray Janke Stanley Glaser
 Pansy Lange

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Schedule

Due to work on the handrails, services will be conducted in the TRC through the end of August. Services will return to our regular schedule during the month of September (9:15 am - Sunday School; 10:30 am - Worship).

Children's Sunday School

Classes will resume on September 11th.

Adult Sunday School

Classes will resume on September 4th. We will be studying the parables of Jesus.

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.

Central Texas Food Bank

The Texas Food Bank is asking for volunteers to help distribute free groceries out to families in need. You may pre-register to volunteer at <http://bell.cafb.volunteerhub.com/> or contact Lysa Kraft at 512-684-2509. Help make families aware of when food will be distributed
<https://fb.me/e/2P89FXFaC>

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 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 call the church office as well @ 254-527-3341

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.

Third Thursday Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship

Due to the restriction on visitors, we were not able to meet with the residents in July. Our next worship with the residents is scheduled from August 18th. 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).

Theology on Tap

We are having our next Theology on Tap meeting on September 7, 2022 starting at 6:30pm and lasting until 8:30pm. It will be held at the Bartlett American Legion Hall. 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 Sexuality.

Polka Fest

Instead of food items, the Church council decided to ask for monetary donations to defray the cost of the meal. The approximate cost of the meal is \$1,400.00. All donations will be greatly appreciated. Also, Piece makers are donating a Quilt to raffle off for Polka Fest. Tickets will be sold at the door and will be a dollar each or 6 for \$5.

Polka Fest Work Day

We will have a work day on Sunday September 11th in order to prepare for the upcoming Polka Festival. Thank you in advance for staying a few extra minutes for the sake of our guests.

German English School Video

Part of our history has been documented in video! On Sunday September 11th, we will premiere a video about the German English School featuring some familiar faces. Join us in worship to see the video, and after worship for light refreshments.

Labor Day

The office will be closed on Monday September, 5 2022 due to a holiday. Normal hours will resume the following day September 6th.

Thanks to everyone who sent cards & covered me in prayers. I am doing good, just adjusting, but with God's help I will be fine.

- Glenna Hood