

***St. John Lutheran Church of
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If this is your first time to worship with us, please sign our Guest Book in the entry hall of the church. If you have questions about our facilities, the order of service, or if you need help with anything at all, see our Greeters or Ushers of the day. You can also ask any member for assistance. We pray this service is a blessing for everyone in attendance and that you'll all worship again soon. All who believe are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Please fill out an attendance card and indicate if you would like to partake and hand to the Usher during Communion.

WELCOME

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.

Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

ELW 858

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen**

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 35:4-7a

The First Lesson is from the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah

Then God spoke all these words:

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Here ends the reading.

SECOND LESSON:

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of James

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[For the one who said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’, also said, ‘You shall not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Here ends the reading.

Gospel Acclamation

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GOSPEL:

Mark 7:24-37

The Holy Gospel according to Mark , the seventh chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Hymn of the Day

“ Healer of Our Every Ill ”

ELW 612

Nicene Creed

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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

Prayers of Intercession

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

The Sharing of the Peace (Please give your neighbor a verbal acknowledgement or the peace sign. Please lets wait on hugs and handshakes for a bit longer)

Offering Hymn

“Doxology “

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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.

Canticle “*Lamb of God*”

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The Distribution

All who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to partake. Please fill out an attendance card to indicate your intention to participate and hand it to the usher.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, + one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

“How Great Thy Art”

ELW 856

Dismissal

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God



The flowers on the altar today are given by

The Brandt Family

in loving memory of

Ila Mae and Everett Tomlinson

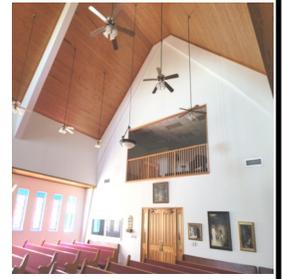
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The Loft Singers are off to a great start and would love for you to join them! We are meeting on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:30 in the balcony loft to rehearse future music for services. Our aim is to sing on the 3rd Sunday of each month, at least through 2021.

PLEASE JOIN US!

Every voice counts!



Janet

It is Church Directory Picture Time !

Christa Klar will be available to take pictures for the directory, after Worship Service, on Sunday mornings.

If Sunday mornings don't work for you to take the picture, let us know and we can arrange something ! If you already have the perfect picture, just send it to us via email or bring it in to the office.

Call 979-865-5444 with any questions.



Senior Service Day will be on

Wednesday, September 15th at 11:00 am !

Had lots of fun in August and hope everyone will join us in September.

Autumn Days Are Here Again !

Worship, Lunch and Games

480 Ross Street– Cat Spring

Bring a Guest !



August Senior Service

NEWS FLASH

THE CAT SPRING VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT BBQ THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 18TH, HAS BEEN CANCELLED

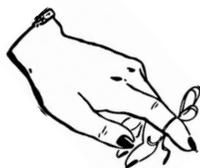
Weekly News 9/5-11/21

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9-7 Christy Ordner
 Dennis Marek
 Jennifer Brandes
 9-8 Carla Reichardt
 9-10 Ervin Mieth
 9-11 Marilyn Wendt

Happy Anniversary

9-5 James and Shirley Hering
 9-10 Matt and Jill Thielemann



UPCOMING EVENTS

9-5 Come Sing in the Loft 9:00-9:30 am
 9-7 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am
 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am
 9-9 **Thursday** Handbell Choir 5:30 pm
 9-12 **Rally Day !**
Youth Sunday School 9:00 AM
Grandparent Day!
 9-13 Council 6:15 pm
 9-15 Senior Service 11:00 am
 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm
 Fellowship Hall
 9-16 Handbell Choir 5:30 pm
 9-19 Loft Singer perform at Worship Service

Our weekly budgeted need: \$3698.37

Offerings	8-29-21	
General Fund		2130.00
Scholarship		20.00
Noisy Offering –Senior Service		19.88
Total:		2169.88
Online Views		90
Attendance		48

***Schools Supplies for the LWR
 school supply kits are due on
 Sunday, September 12.
 Don't Forget !***

UPCOMING MAY MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY	Sept 5	Sept 12
Flowers:	The Brandt Family	Kim George
Accompanist	Janet Allphin	Janet Allphin
Council Duty	Ruth and Ryan	Ruth and Melissa
Reader	Ralph Grinde	Dan Howell
Acolyte	Volunteer	Baylee Brandes
Refreshments	Open	Open
Altar Guild	Kim George Laurie Eckhardt	

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Melvin and Johnnie Klatt
 Denise Lange
 Carol and James Wenzel
 Joyce Amother
 Easton Tomlinson
 Pat Neff
 Jerry Richardson
 Shirley's sister, Jackie
 Gloria Tipp
 Jennifer Barnes
 Ryan , Richard and Carol Kudlacek
 Pastor Katrina Walther
 Charlene Bolton
 William Ordner
 Tomas Divin
 Emmy Herzog
 Penni Bennett
 Janie Neff
 Mike Mueller
 Billy Schaffer
 Allan Boehm
 Cindi Harrison
 Beverly White
 Mary Lou Winkleman
 Faye Johnson
 David Wilkenson
 Lee Gaskamp
 Anita Zaskoda.

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Arbors of Briarwood– Bellville
 Carrie Froebel
Kruse Village-Brenham
 Elaine Thielmann
HOMEBOUND:
 Marjorie Criswell
 Katherine Ludwig
 Katherine Washburn