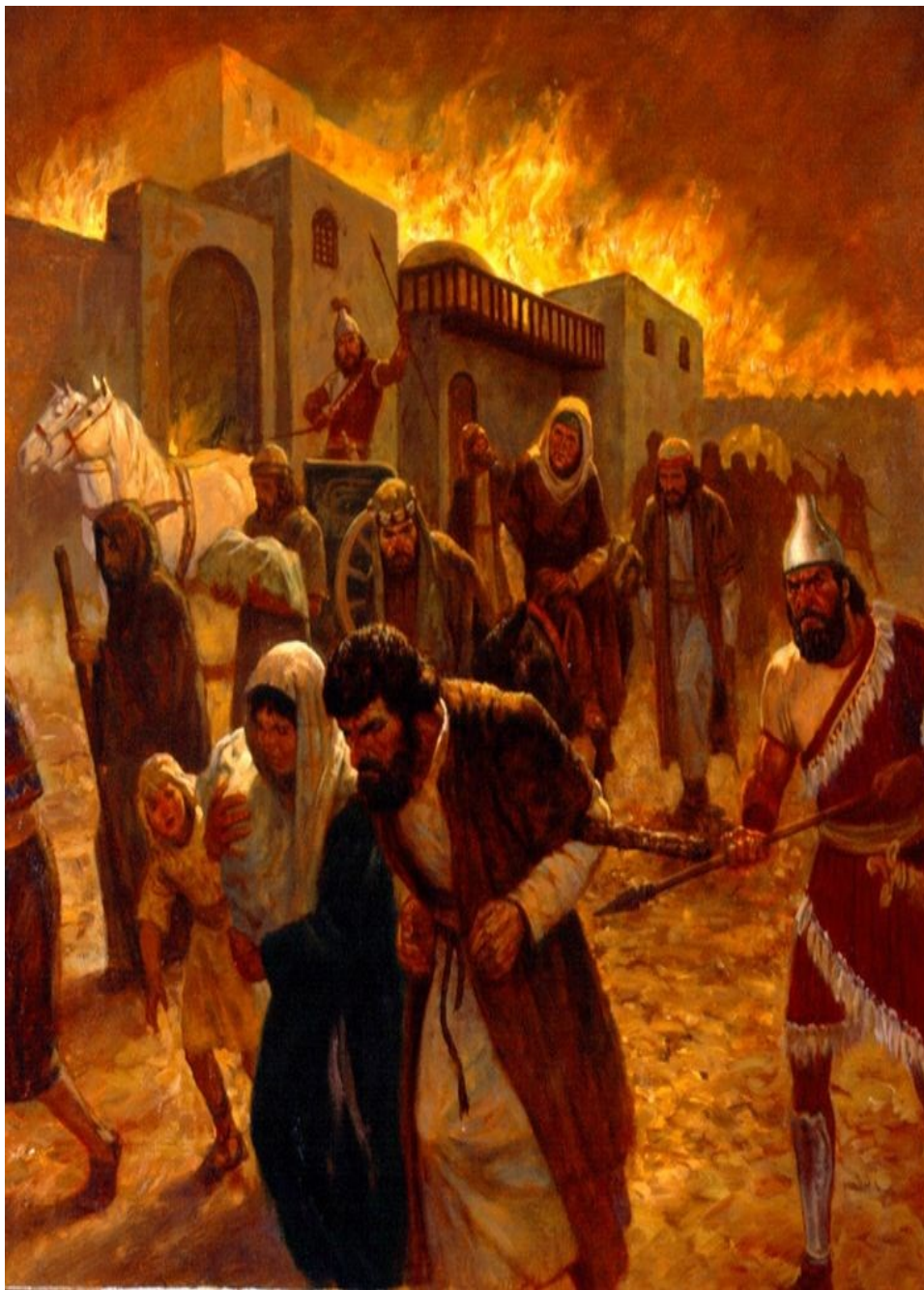


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We welcome all people from all walks of life to join us; whether you are seeking answers to questions about faith, or already have a strong relationship with Christ. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. In keeping with the teachings of Jesus and the witness of Martin Luther, we acknowledge that we are both sinners and saints in need of the grace and love of God. Council members on duty will be glad to answer any of your questions.

## **WELCOME**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who redeems us in Christ Jesus,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
and our neighbors.**  
**We have ignored voices  
that call for your justice.**  
**We have neglected actions  
that witness to your righteousness.**  
**We have spoken and acted  
in ways that disrupt your beloved community.**  
**We truly repent of things we have done  
and left undone.**  
**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**  
**Restore our troubled spirits,**  
**so that we may live in newness,**  
**follow the way of the Spirit,**  
**and build up the body of Christ.**  
**Amen.**

Rejoice and be glad!  
God hears the prayers of all who cry out,  
and restores us to life through the death  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
in the name of the Father,  
and of the ☐ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

**ELW 742**

**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.**

**Prayer of the Day**

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.**

**FIRST LESSON:****Malachi 4:1-2a**

The First Lesson is from the fourth book of Malachi

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. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

**R:** The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**C:**

**SECOND LESSON:****2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of 2 Thessalonians

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. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

**R:** The word of the Lord  
**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 21:5-19**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke , the twenty first chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, '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.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' 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.

'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.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'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. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Stephanie Stark**

**Sermon**

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**Hymn of the Day**

*Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer*

**ELW 618**

**Apostles Creed**

**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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** Lord ,in your mercy

**C:** Receive our prayer

## **The Sharing of the Peace**

### **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**

Blessed are you, Maker of all things.  
As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,  
now gather our gifts,  
nourish us with this sacrament,  
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Blessing**

The God of peace,  
who creates all things and calls them good,  
who makes us alive in Jesus,  
and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,  
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Sending Hymn**

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**ELW 611**

### **Dismissal**

**P:**Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

**C:** Thanks be to God.





### **2022 Christmas Season Worship Dates**

Pastor Stephanie has announced the **Holden Evening Prayer; an Advent Service**, on Wednesday nights, this Advent Season.

**The dates will be November 30, December 7, 14, and 21.**

This service will begin at **6:00 pm .**

A **Blue Christmas Service** will be held for the Advent Service on **December 21st, at 6:00 pm .** A time to acknowledge that grief and heartache don't go away because it is Christmas.

**Christmas Eve Service** will be held at **6:00 pm on Saturday, December 24th .**


**Christmas Day Service , December 25, 10:00 am .**

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11-13 Ellie Haugen  
Ken Wienken  
11-17 Charlotte Reichert  
Kaleigh George  
11-18 Grant Blackmon  
Riley Hewson



### Happy Anniversary

11-13 Wes and Audra  
Blackmon  
11-17 Marty and Karen  
Reichert  
Randy and Debbie  
Reichardt



### UPCOMING EVENTS

11-14 Council Meeting 6:15 pm  
11-16 Senior Service  
11-16 Confirmation 6:30 pm  
11-17 Handbell Choir Practice  
11-17 WELCA Meeting 6:30 pm  
11-20 Thankoffering Service  
Noisy Offering  
St John Bell Choir  
11-21 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am  
11-24 and 25 Office Closed  
11-30 Advent Service 6:00 pm

### MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

#### Argent Court –Brenham

Cecil and Carrie Froebel

#### Kruse Village-Brenham

Elaine Thielemann

#### Columbus Oaks

Marilyn Wendt

#### HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Ludwig

Katherine Washburn

### THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Tipp  
Tomas Divin  
Mike Mueller  
Allan Boehm  
Cindi Harrison  
Elrose Kollatschny  
David Wilkenson  
Fay Rice  
Susan Boyett  
Robert Klar  
Melinda Brod  
Richie Butler  
Colin Brock  
Deana Keller  
Paulette Miller  
Deanna Ling  
Sharon  
Bubba Bencal  
Jerry Hennecke  
Carolyn Poehi  
Darrell Grasb  
James and Carol Wenzel  
Kermit Dittert  
Clifton and Florine  
Stuessel  
Doug Neva  
Mike Klar  
Katherine Ludwig  
Otto Reichardt  
Dorothy Mersmann  
Karen Landrum  
Gloria Havemann

### UPCOMING MINISTRY Assignments

SUNDAY	Nov 13	November 20
Flowers:	Open	Blezingers
Council Duty	Jennifer and Robin	Kyle and Ruth
Reader	Ethan Meiers	Melissa Schmidt
Acolyte	Reese Reichardt	Baylee Brandes
Altar Guild	Sharon K, Chris B , Sherry B	

### From the Desk of Betty Hengst:

The Sealy Christian Pantry will pass out food for Thanksgiving during the coming months. Our church has been asked to collect canned Yams and Cranberry Sauce.

**Thank you for your continued support ....Betty**

**Blue Christmas Service  
December 21 at 6pm**

The Christmas season is a time of parties and decorations, family get-togethers, and fun carols, but our sadness doesn't just hide away for the festivities. As we celebrate the coming of our Lord, we remember that God is a God of love. He loves us in our times of joy, as well as, our times of sorrow. Whether you are missing someone this year or just want to experience the quiet side of Christmas this service is for you.

**From the Desk of Betty Hengst:**

In the past The Sealy Food Pantry has asked each church for a particular food donation. Due to shortages, the Pantry has had to place a food order now to receive in time for Thanksgiving.

The Pantry is asking each church in the area the area church for monetary donations to help defray the cost. The cost of the meat for the boxes is estimated to be \$7500.00 for 150 turkeys and 150 hams.

I should have a container for the donations by this Sunday.

***WELCA Thankoffering will be collected and blessed at the November 20th Worship Service.***

**You Don't Want to Miss the next  
WELCA Meeting !**

These ladies are having some fun !  
Don't miss out !

The next WELCA meeting will be earlier this month due to Thanksgiving.

**THURSDAY November 17 at 6:30**

We will be making SIMPLE  
Chrismons.

**There will be a sign up sheet in the  
narthex so that we have enough  
supplies for everyone.**



**ORDER FORM**

**RED Poinsettias** will be placed in the sanctuary for Christmas. If you would like to purchase one or more of these flowers, fill out this form and place your order and

payment of **\$10 each** into a labeled envelope and place it in the box provided. **Order deadline is December 18, 2022.**

Please place my flower(s):

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

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

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

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

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

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

Or \_\_\_\_\_ **To the Glory of God**

*Please use the back of this form for additional orders if needed.  
Be sure to indicate "Memory of" or "Honor of" or  
"To the Glory of God" on additional orders.*

**Purchased by:** \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of flowers: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to: St. John Lutheran WELCA**

Please pick up your flowers on Dec 24 after  
the Christmas Eve service or Dec 25 after Worship Service

**Senior Service**

**November 16th 11:00 am**

The hostesses will be serving turkey, ham and all the  
trimmings!

***So, there is only one thing to do !***

