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CHRIST THE KING

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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

Collection of the Thankoffering

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

ELW 855

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

ELW 203

Hymn of Praise

ELW 204

Prayer of the Day

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

The First Lesson is from the twenty-third book of Jeremiah

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

SECOND LESSON:

Colossians 1:11-20

The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Colossians

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel:

Luke 23:33-43

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ He replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’

P:The Gospel of the Lord.

C:Praise to you, O Christ.

Noisy Offering

Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Hymn of the Day

Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

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: Receive our prayer

The Sharing of the Peace

Special Music

Now Thank We All Our God

St John Bell Choir

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.**

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

We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world
and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

ELW 634

Dismissal

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

C: Thanks be to God.



The flowers on the altar today were given by
Chad, Amanda and Waylon Blezinger in celebration and gratitude
on **Peyton Blezinger's 7th birthday, today !**

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11-20 Peyton Blezinger
 11-21 Hunter Hewson
 Warren Severin
 11-23 Janie Tipp
 11-25 Nicole Otto



Happy Anniversary

11-21 Louis and Rebecca
 Blackmon
 11-25 John and Martha
 Simpson

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Holden Evening Prayer, an
 Advent Service
 6:00 pm
 12-5 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am
 Staff Meeting 10 am
 12-6 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry
 9:30 am
 12-7 Holden Evening Prayer, an Advent
 Service 6:00 pm
 Confirmation Christmas Party 6:30 pm
 12-9 Austin County Chorale Concert
 Faith Academy 6:00 pm

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 Grash
 James and Carol Wenzel
 Kermit Dittert
 Clifton and Florine
 Stuessel
 Doug Neva
 Mike Klar
 Katherine Ludwig
 Otto Reichardt
 Dorothy Mersmann
 Karen Landrum
 Gloria Havemann
 Claire Vengaus
 Hart Oshman

Our weekly budgeted need: 3698.37

Offerings 11-13-22

General Fund	2659.00
Total:	2659.00
Online Views	25
Attendance	63

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

UPCOMING MINISTRY Assignments

SUNDAY

	November 20	November 27
Flowers:	Chad and Mandy Blezinger	The Divins
Council Duty	Kyle and Ruth	Ruth and Sharon
Reader	Melissa Schmidt	Ruth Walker
Acolyte	Cade Thielemann	Jolee Meiers
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.

Mailing Address:

Sealy Christian Pantry
P.O. Box 162 Sealy, TX 77474

**Thank you !
Betty Hengst**

From the Desk of Betty Hengst:

Request from the Sealy Christian Pantry.

We are in need of bags for the food distribution. The sackers have requested that the bags to be flat instead of a ball.

Thank You !

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**SAVE THE DATE
SAVE A LIFE**

St John of Cat Spring Blood Drive

January 12th, 2023

4-8 pm

Fellowship Hall

More details soon !