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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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367

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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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

The First Lesson is from the ninth chapter of Acts

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’ Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, ‘Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.’

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

Revelation 21:1-6

The Second Lesson is from the twenty-first chapter of Revelation

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.’

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

John 13:31-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

P: This is the gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day

"Amazing Grace"

ELW 779

Recognition of High School Graduates

*Breanna Brandes**Reed Dittert**Callen Rabius**Lawson Meiers*

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: God, 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

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and believe
in 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

We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup
we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Blessing

God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

“ I Love to Tell the Story “

ELW 661

Dismissal

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God



The flowers on the altar today are given by
St John Lutheran Church
in honor of our Graduates !
Congratulations !

Weekly News 5/15-21/2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

15 Nancy Hartmann
16 Ethan Meier
20 Robin Haugen
Vana Froebel

Happy Anniversary

5-15 Alan and Erika Restivo
Dayne and Karla Rice
5-18 Ray and Sherry Menke

Summer Schedule Updates !

Adult Sunday School will continue throughout the summer.

Youth Sunday School will take a break for the summer.

St John Quilting Ministry will go back to the 1st and 3rd Monday every month at 8:30 am

St John Prayer Shawl will remain on the first Tuesday of every month at 9:30 am.

Congrats to **Calli and Kenzi Gray**, granddaughters of **Herbie and Elrose Kollatschny**, who graduated from A&M University on May 13, 2022. See the June Newsletter for full write up !

UPCOMING EVENTS

5-15 Honoring High School Graduates
5-16 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am
5-18 Senior Service 11:00 am
5-18 No Confirmation Class tonight
5/20-21 Synod Assembly Galveston
5-26 WELCA 6:30 pm
5-29 No Sunday School Youth or Adult
5-29 US Flags at St John Cemetery after service
6-6 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am
Staff Meeting 10:00 am
6-7 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry
9:30 am
“The Chosen” Potluck #1 6-730 pm
Fellowship Hall
(See Back Page of Bulletin for more info on “The Chosen”)

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Arbors of Briarwood– Bellville

Carrie Froebel

Kruse Village-Brenham

Elaine Thielemann

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Ludwig

Katherine Washburn

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Melvin and Johnnie Klatt
Greg Klatt
Joyce Amother
Ember and Easton Tomlinson
Shirley's sister, Jackie
Gloria Tipp
Charlene Bolton
William Ordner
Tomas Divin
Mike Mueller
Billy Schaffner
Allan Boehm
Cindi Harrison
Beverly White
Faye Johnson
David Wilkenson
Anita Zaskoda.
Debbie Haidusek
Fay Rice
Shirley Hering
Susan Boyett
Robert Klar
Jheri Sell
Melinda Brod
Richie Butler
Dennis Mauney
Colin Brock
Elrose Kollatschny
Deana Keller
Robert Emshoff
Paulette Miller
Deanna Ling
People of Ukraine and Russia
Diane Cook
Skylar Ordner
Carol Kudalak
Sharon

UPCOMING APRIL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY

May 15

May 22

Flowers:	St John	Faith and Ellie Haugen
Accompanist	Janet Allphin	Janet Allphin
Council Duty	Sharon and Jennifer	Melissa and Jennifer
Reader `	Chad Divin	Jennifer Logan
Acolyte	Reese Reichardt	Jolee Meiers
Altar Guild	Karen Landrum and Robin Haugen	



Memorial Day USA Flags

**Sunday May 29th after
Worship Service**

**St. John Lutheran Church
Cemetery**

Please join in and help place a
USA Flag on every Veteran's grave
, in honor of their service to our
country .

We will gather , after Sunday
Gospel Worship and hope you can
join us in this yearly event.

Bring the family and what a great
teaching moment , honoring those
who gave so much for us, on this
Memorial Day Weekend.

If you have any question let Sally
know and she will find out the
answer !

**May 29th is the 5th Sunday, so
remember to wear your
St John T Shirt !**

SENIOR SERVICE

Save the Date ! May 18th–11 am

Worship, Lunch and Games

Tell Your Friends -All Are Welcome

We'll be celebrating Cinco De Mayo!



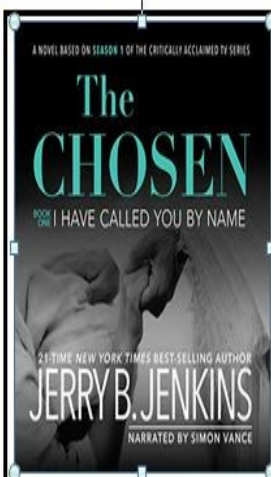
Mexican Food provided by us !

Bring a dessert if you wish !

Just make sure you bring yourself!

Ole'!

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"The Chosen"

"The Chosen" 1st Season

over an 8 week period.

Potluck every week along with view
and discuss sessions.

St John Fellowship Hall

6:00—7:30 pm

Every Tuesday starting June 7th

Sign up Sheet in the Narthex



Don't miss the next WELCA meeting !

Fellowship Hall

May 26, 2022

6:30 pm



Noodles with Tillie

Bring a friend!

Bring children!

It should be a great evening!