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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!



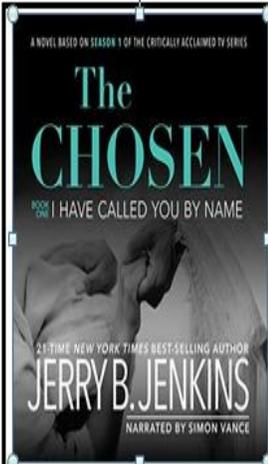
**Mexican Food provided by us !**

**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!**