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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**

### **Blessing of the Quilts**

#### **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**

*Rock of Ages Clef for Me*

**ELW 623**

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**

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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:**

**Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18**

The First Lesson is from the seventh book of Daniel

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ‘As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.’

**R:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **SECOND LESSON:**

**Ephesians 1:11-23**

The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Ephesians

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**R:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Gospel:**

**Luke 6:20-31**

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

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

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

‘But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

‘Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

‘Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Stephanie Stark**

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**Hymn of the Day**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

**ELW 619**

**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

## **Remembering the Saints Who Have Gone Before Us**

## **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.**

## **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

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

**ELW 614**

## 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.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11-7 Melissa Schmidt  
Tommy Wade  
11-8 Tara Reibenstein  
11-9 James Tiner  
TJ Menke  
11-11 Shirley Hering



### Happy Anniversary

11-9 Neil and Deanna  
Ling



**Our weekly budgeted need:**  
**3698.37**

Offerings **10-30-22**

General Fund	2190.75
Total:	2190.75
Online Views	86
Attendance	98

### UPCOMING EVENTS

11-7 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am  
11-8 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30  
**Election Day ! Go Vote !**  
11-9 Confirmation 6:30 pm  
11-10 Handbell Practice  
11-14 Council Meeting 6:15 pm  
11-16 Senior Service  
11-16 Confirmation 6:30 pm  
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 6	Nov 13
Flowers:	Open	Open
Accompanist	Janet Allphin	Janet Allphin
Council Duty	Jennifer and Robin	Kyle and Ruth
Reader	Ethan Meiers	Melissa Schmidt
Acolyte	Reese Reichardt	Baylee Brabdes
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 !***



  
**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
GOBBLE  
ON**