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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

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,
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.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

ELW 733

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

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON:

Genesis 15:1-6

The First Lesson is from the fifteenth chapter of Genesis

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’ But Abram said, ‘O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’ And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’ But the word of the Lord came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’ He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’ And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The Second Lesson is from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel:

Luke 12:32-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

P: This is the gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Christa Klar

Sermon

Pastor Morgan Gates

Hymn of the Day

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638

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: Merciful God

C: Hear our prayer

The Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Music

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

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.
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.

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

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements**Sending Hymn**

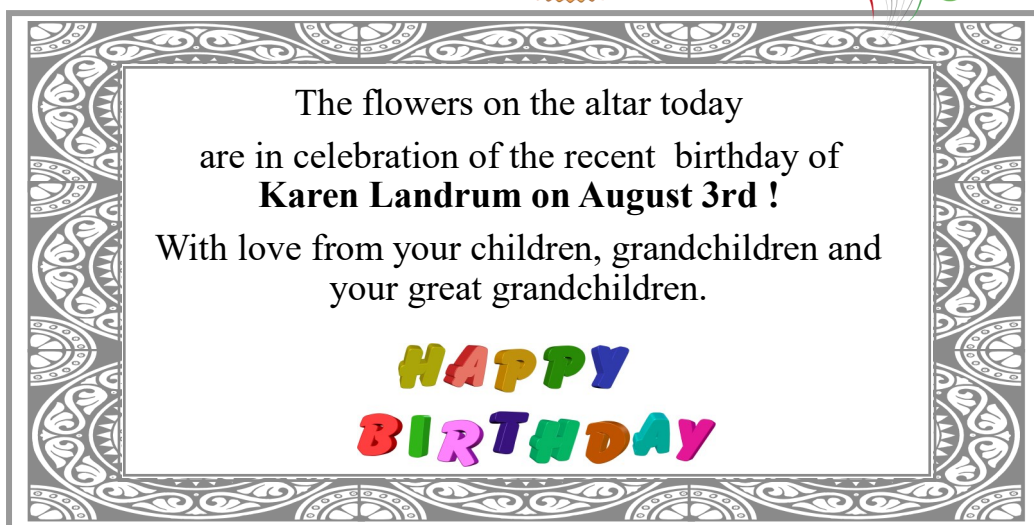
“Here I Am Lord “

ELW 574

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.



Weekly News 8/7-12/2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8-7 Byron Simpson

8-8 Randy Lange

8-11 Denise Lange

Happy Anniversary

8-11 Jacob and Amy Tipp

Our weekly budgeted need: \$3933.08

Offerings 7/31/22

General Fund 4286.00

Community Care 40.00

Total: 4326.00

Attendance

In Person 59

Online N/A



UPCOMING EVENTS

8-7 Dittert Reunion 1-5 pm
Fellowship Hall

8-14 Blessing of the Backpacks

8-15 Council 6:15 pm

St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am

Staff Meeting 10:00 am

8-21 1-7 pm EEG Association
Fellowship Hall-Karen
Landrum

8-31 Confirmation Pool Party 6:30-
7:30 pm

Save the Date : Sept 11

Rally Day 9:00 am Rocky Railroad

"Gods Work. Our Hands" Sunday

Grandparents Day

Luncheon

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

Melvin and Johnnie
Klatt

Greg Klatt

Gloria Tipp

Tomas Divin

Mike Mueller

Billy Schaffner

Allan Boehm

Cindi Harrison

Elrose Kollatschny

David Wilkenson

Debbie Haidusek

Fay Rice

Susan Boyett

Robert Klar

Melinda Brod

Richie Butler

Colin Brock

Deana Keller

Paulette Miller

Deanna Ling

Diane Cook

Sharon

Glenn Whitehead

Debbie Reichardt

Barbara

Beverly White

Dennis Mauney

Bubba Bencal

Rebecca Cole

Jerry Hennecke

Carolyn Poehi

UPCOMING AUGUST MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY

August 7

August 14

Flowers: The Haugens , Herzogs & Rabius

Open

Accompanist Janet Allphin

Janet Allphin

Council Duty Melissa and Sharon

Jennifer and Kyle

Reader ` Marissa Divin

James Tiner

Acolyte Jolee Meiers

Baylee Brandes

Altar Guild

Christa, Lacy, Melissa



From the Desk of the Scholarship

Committee:

Reminder!

If you are a senior in high school this year and would like to apply for a scholarship for college next year, PLEASE fill out the **Attendance Cards** every time you attend St Johns!

Please contact Cheryl Mellenthin at 979-732-5591 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP



"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



Sept. 11
2022

St. John Lutheran Church provides \$1,000 per semester college scholarships for all students graduating high school who meet a few requirements.

We help pay for four year colleges as well as community colleges. Students must attend church at least once a month for a year prior to applying

for college funding, and help with one church function per year (do a reading, put flowers on the altars, etc).

Please contact Cheryl Mellenthin at 979-732-5591 for more information.

WELCA is collecting school supplies for Lutheran World Relief (LWR).

There are blocks and little people that are labeled in the narthex and in the kitchen pass through.

Please pick up an assignment, and return it before the school supplies disappear from the local stores.

Save the date!!!

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is
Sunday, September 11, 2022.

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor..

Jennifer Logan (713 408 6593) and Rachel Divin (281 750 1135) need your help!

We will need to plan where our service projects will be. Do you have an idea of where we could serve our community? No job is too small.

Please reach out to Jennifer or Rachel in person, by text, or by call. We want to complete service projects in Sealy, Bellville and Cat Spring. We want to find service projects for all members no matter their size, age, or athletic ability.

We are excited to show our community how much St John Cat Spring cares!

WELCA Giving Back for the Upcoming School Year !

WELCA wants to give teachers a supply kit!

We want to give teacher supply kits to not only our members, but to our family and friends.

Please email Sally with the names of your teacher friends and family.

secretary@ stjohncatspring.org

The Sealy Ministerial Alliance Announces

GOOD SAMARITAN SHOP BACK-TO-SCHOOL CLEARANCE SALE

Fill a bag of merchandise for \$5

Thursday, August 4 – Saturday, August 6 - 8am – 6pm

Thursday, August 11 – Saturday, August 13 - 8am – 6pm

219 West Front Street in Downtown Sealy

The shop will be closed from September – November for renovations