

***St. John Lutheran Church of
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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,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

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 your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:
In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW 167

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

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST LESSON:**Isaiah 62:1-5**

The First Lesson is from the sixty-second chapter of Isaiah

Then God spoke all these words:

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

SECOND LESSON:**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

The second Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL:**John 2:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

ELW 488

Installation of Council

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 of Grace

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

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
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

Let us pray

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
+ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

ELW 545

Dismissal

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.



*The flowers on the altar today were given by **Allan and Ruth Walker**, in gratitude to those who have brought the joyful sound of music into our church. Thanks to **Cheryl Mellenthin** for heading up the Handbell Choir and to **Janet Allphin** for directing the "Loft Singers". Thank you to all who have joined these groups and blessed us with your musical talents. Thanks to Don Allphin who is always there for us in so many musical ways, whether with his voice or one of the many instruments he plays.*

Weekly News 1/16-22/2022

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1-13 Janet Allphin
 1-16 Kallie Kloss
 1-17 Cheyann Otto
 1-19 Don Allphin
 1-20 Christi Brown
 Christian Patterson
 Jeremy Wendt
 1-21 Hope Raesner
 1-22 Amy Tipp

UPCOMING EVENTS

1-17 Council Meeting 6:15 pm
 1-18 St John Quilting Ministry
 8:30 am
 1-19 Senior Service 11:00 am
 1-19 Confirmation 6:30 pm
 1-23 Singing in the Loft 9-9:30 am
 1-24 Staff Meeting 10:00 am
 1-26 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm
 1-31 **Reports due to office for Audit
 Committee review!**

Save the Date

2-20-22 Annual Congregational Meeting

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Melvin and Johnnie Klatt
 Carol and James Wenzel
 Joyce Amother
 Ember and Easton Tomlinson
 Shirley's sister, Jackie
 Gloria Tipp
 Ryan Kudlacek
 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
 Callen Rabiuss
 Susan Boyett
 Emmy Herzog
 Robert Klar
 Jheri Sell
 The family of Joseph H Wellborn, in their time of sorry.

Wedding Anniversary

1-22 Al and Sharon Peck

Our weekly budgeted need:
 \$3698.37

Offerings 12/24/21
 General Fund 4260.00
 Total: 4260.00
 Attendance 94
 Online Views 64

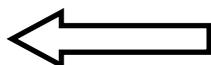
MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Arbors of Briarwood– Bellville
 Carrie Froebel
Kruse Village-Brenham
 Elaine Thielmann
HOMEBOUND:
 Katherine Ludwig
 Katherine Washburn



“Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.”

- Martin Luther



UPCOMING MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY

Flowers:
 Accompanist
 Council Duty
 Reader
 Acolyte
 Refreshments
 Altar Guild

1-16-22

The Walkers
 Janet Allphin
 Jennifer and Ryan
 Jennifer Logan
 Brooklynn Logan
 Open

1-23-22

The Beckendorffs
 Janet Allphin
 Ryan and Sharon
 Robin Haugen
 Reese Reichardt
 Open

January 2022

Elrose Kollatschny Rachel Divin

Marissa Divin

Senior Service

Wednesday, January 19th

11:00 am

In with New

Out with the Old!

The hostesses will be serving homemade soup flown in from the famous Cross Roads Tavern!

*Made , with love,
by Bonnie Hegemeyer!*

If you'd like to bring something, a dessert will be great.

January's WELCA Meeting will be on
Thursday, January 27, 2021
@ 6:30 p.m.

Bill Barr will be presenting about plants
(and there might be plants to take home!)

Spring on Over and

*Get a Jump on Spring Gardening with Bill
Right here in Cat Spring !*



ANNUAL CATHOLIC
DAUGHTERS AND
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**TURKEY
DINNER &
RAFFLE**

Sunday, February 6, 2022

11 am—1 pm

St. Roch Parish Hall * 1600 Frelsburg Road

DRIVE-THRU ONLY

Free-will offering for
delicious homemade DESSERTS

\$12.00 per person
(no advance ticket sales)

Raffle tickets available
at Columbus Chamber or
from any CDA Member



Save the Date !

*WELCA Valentine's
Cookie Exchange*

Sunday,
February 13, 2022

A Big Thank You to
Brandon Snyder, Herbert
and Elrose's son in law, for
updating our church sign ,
out front of the church.

It is just beautiful and we
appreciate you generous
offering of talent and time.



Please check in the narthex for your **2022 Offering Envelopes** .There will be a label with your name and box number on **YOUR** box ! If you don't see a box for you or you have never had one and would like one just let any council know or give Sally a call at 979-865—5444.

The new **2022 Altar Flower Calendar** ,to sign up to place flowers on the altar, is in the narthex ! Get your special dates reserved now !

I must say 2021 was a stellar year for altar flower sign up !

Thank you so much and lets do it again in 2022.