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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. Please sign the guest book in the narthex and our Council members on duty will be glad to answer any of your questions.

## **WELCOME**

### **Call to Worship**

**The St John Singers**

### **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**

*Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**ELW 886**

**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.

## Hymn of Praise

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## Prayer of the Day

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The First Lesson is from the eighth chapter of Nehemiah

Then God spoke all these words:

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Here ends the reading.

## SECOND LESSON:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The Second Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of 1 Corinthians

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged

the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Here ends the reading.

**Special Music**

*Come, Holy Spirit*

**The St John Singers**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Gospel:**

**Luke 4:14-21**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke , the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Stephanie Stark**

**Sermon**

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**Hymn of the Day**

*Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*

**ELW 582**

## **Apostles Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**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.**

## **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.**

## **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**

*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

**ELW 551**

## **Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**HAPPY  
ANNIVERSARY**

The flowers on the altar today are given by  
**Milton and Chris Beckendorff**  
in gratitude and celebration on their upcoming  
**Wedding Anniversary on January 27th.**

*So these three things remain: faith, hope, and love.  
But the best one of these is love. 1Corinthian 13:13*

## Weekly News 1/23-29/2022

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1-23 Betty Hengst  
 Butch Rabius  
 Carol Stayton Henneke  
 Richard Hewson  
 1-25 Cameron Herzog  
 Shiree Elliott  
 1-26 Kim Herzog  
 1-28 Wes Blackmon

### Happy Anniversary

1-27 *Milton and Chris Beckendorff*  
 1-28 *Daryl and Nancy Hartmann*

### Our weekly budgeted need:

\$3933.08  
 Offerings **1-16-22**  
 General Fund  
 2262.00  
 Total: 2262.00  
 Attendance 48  
 Online Views 74

### UPCOMING EVENTS

1-24 Staff Meeting 10:00 am  
 1-26 Confirmation Class 6:30 pm  
 1-30 St John Singers 9-930 am  
 1-30 Gospel Sunday-Wear your St John T Shirt !  
 1-31 **Reports due to office for Audit Committee review!**  
**Save the Date**  
 2-13 WELCA Valentine Cookie Exchange  
 2-16 Senior Service 11:00 am  
 2-20-22 **Annual Congregational Meeting**

### 2022 St John Church Council

**President**-Jennifer Logan  
**Vice President**-Sharon Meiers  
**Secretary**-Melissa Schmidt  
**Treasurer**-Ruth Walker  
**House and Grounds**-  
 Ryan Reibenstein  
 Kyle Eckhardt  
**Pastor Stephanie Stark**

A big **Thank You** to Ken Wienken and Karen Reichardt for their time and dedication serving on the St John Council.  
 We appreciate your service to St John's Church and its congregation.

### UPCOMING MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

<i><b>SUNDAY</b></i>	<i><b>1-23-22</b></i>	<i><b>1-30</b></i>
Flowers:	The Beckendorffs	Laurie Eckhardt
Accompanist	Janet Allphin	Janet Allphin
Council Duty	Ryan and Sharon	Kyle and Jennifer
Reader	Robin Haugen	Pauline Lapham
Acolyte	Reese Reichardt	Cade Thielemann
Refreshments	Open	Open
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>January 2022</b>	<b>Elrose Kollatschny Rachel Divin</b>
		<b>Marissa Divin</b>

### 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 Rabius  
 Susan Boyett  
 Emmy Herzog  
 Robert Klar  
 Jheri Sell  
 Melinda Brode  
 Nolan Lapham  
 Ritchie Butler  
 Dennis Mauney  
 The family of Ronnie Lunsford, in their time of sorrow.

### MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

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

