

# ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX

## ELW Setting Four - Sunday, July 14, 2024

### Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

#### Announcements

#### Prelude

#### Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song - My Lord, What a Morning - ELW Hymn #438

### My Lord, What a Morning

*Refrain*

My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,  
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

*Refrain*

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

### Greeting (ELW p. 147)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### Kyrie (ELW p. 147)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 148)**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 150)**

Let us pray.

**O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us,  
your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to  
obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our  
enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## Song - Borning Cry - ELW Hymn #732

### Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



- 4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: WATERLIFE, John C. Ylvisaker  
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### First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

A reading from Amos.

*Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.*

<sup>7</sup> This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,  
 “See, I am setting a plumb line  
 in the midst of my people Israel;  
 I will never again pass them by;  
<sup>9</sup> the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
 and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
 and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”  
<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For thus Amos has said,  
 ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
 and Israel must go into exile  
 away from his land.’”  
<sup>12</sup> And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; <sup>13</sup> but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”  
<sup>14</sup> Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, <sup>15</sup> and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13**

*Refrain: I will listen to what the LORD God is saying. (Ps. 85:8)*

<sup>8</sup> I will listen to what the LORD<sup>1</sup> God is saying;  
 for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their<sup>1</sup> hearts to you.  
<sup>9</sup> **Truly, your salvation is very near to<sup>1</sup> those who fear you,  
 that your glory may dwell<sup>1</sup> in our land.**  
**R I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.**  
<sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness have<sup>1</sup> met together;  
 righteousness and peace have<sup>1</sup> kissed each other.  
<sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness shall spring up<sup>1</sup> from the earth,  
 and righteousness shall look<sup>1</sup> down from heaven.**  
<sup>12</sup> The LORD will indeed<sup>1</sup> grant prosperity,  
 and our land will<sup>1</sup> yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup> Righteousness shall go before the LORD  
and shall prepare for God a pathway.  
R I will listen to what the LORD God is saying.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14**

A reading from Ephesians.

*In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.*

<sup>3</sup> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup> He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> 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; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

### **Gospel: Mark 6:14-29**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.*

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these

powers are at work in him.”<sup>15</sup> But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.”<sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her.<sup>18</sup> For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”<sup>19</sup> And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not,<sup>20</sup> for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him.<sup>21</sup> But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

<sup>22</sup> When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.”<sup>23</sup> And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.”<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.”

<sup>25</sup> Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”<sup>26</sup> The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.<sup>27</sup> Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,<sup>28</sup> brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.<sup>29</sup> When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Children’s Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich**  
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## Hymn of the Day - What a Friend We Have in Jesus - ELW Hymn #742

### What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886  
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

## Creed (ELW p. 152)

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.

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

You gather your people into the body of Christ. Where your church is wounded, heal it. Where it is right, strengthen it. Where it is divided, reunite it. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

From before the foundation of the world, you are God. Revive ecosystems destroyed by human greed. Curb our desire to put wealth ahead of the health of all who call this planet home. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You establish equity and make justice. Within every nation, tribe, and land, cause laws to be written and customs to be observed that protect the most vulnerable. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

On the cross your beloved Son endured pain and death. Bring healing to those in need, hope to any in despair, and comfort to the dying. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You send your Spirit into this community of faith. Empower our ministries that serve and build up local communities. Nurture our partnerships with other community organizations. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All peoples praise you, O God. We give you thanks and praise for the lives of our loved ones who now rest in you. In the fullness of time gather us with all your saints in light. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Peace (ELW p. 152)**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Offering (ELW p. 152)**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

**Offering Prayer (ELW p. 152)**

Let us pray.

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 154)**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 (ELW p. 155)**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song - Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound - ELW Hymn #779

### Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5  
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1851–1921, alt.

### Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**OFFICIATING & SERVING - July 14**

*Pastor:* Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell  
*Lector:* Shirley Fisher  
*Usher Captain:* Lynn Roy Friedrich  
*Greeters:* Walt & Rita Saverse  
*Altar Care:* Debi & Courteney Janke  
*Teller Captain:* Sharon Koonsen  
*Teller:* David Tschoerner

**OFFICIATING & SERVING -July 21**

*Pastor:* Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell  
*Pastor Asst.* Amanda Harper  
*Communion Asst.* Ronnie Persky  
*Lector:* Weldon Kurtz  
*Usher Captain:* Weldon Kurtz  
*Greeters:* Judy Gersbach & Betty Truelove  
*Altar Care:* Donna Campbell & Daffney Pajestka  
*Teller Captain:* Judy Gersbach  
*Teller:* Cedalia Kurtz

**OFFICIATING & SERVING - July 28**

*Pastor:* Jeremy Ullrich *Organist:* Debra Caldwell  
*Lector:* Debra Caldwell  
*Usher Captain:* Michael Kurtz  
*Greeters:* Harold & Joan Kurtz  
*Altar Care:* Pat Stroud  
*Teller Captain:* Pam Fleming  
*Teller:* Kristi Dague

**OFFERING & ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Worship Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>YTD</u>
June 23	56	\$4,482.25	\$77,723.56
June 30	47	\$2,647.00	\$80,370.56
July 7	60	\$3,540.00	\$53,910.56

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Garland Wentreck

Stanley Glaser

Clark Lindemann

Pansy Lange

Janell Janke

Risa Steglich

Ruth Janke

Gayle Biels

Margie Lovellette

Sandra Woolley

Eldon and Janie Barron Lange

James Chapman(Dorothy Marwitz's Brother-in-law) Mr. Hardy (Erin Steglich's Friend's Dad)

Victor Marek(Darrell, April Marek & family) Tammy Rodriguez (sister of Joey Saverse)

Jimmy Dubose-grandfather of Kendal & Jr Gersbach and Great-grandfather to Cayson & Barrett

## FUTURE HAPPENINGS

Monday: Monday in TRC @ 1:00 pm–Pickleball and 2PM Dominoes

Wednesday: Men's Bible Study each Wednesday in the TRC @ 7:30 am

Thursday: Piece Makers meet each Thursday in the TRC @ 1:00 pm

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Piecemakers Request

The Piecemakers have asked for any sewing, crocheting, knitting, and supplies for sewing quilts. This would include sewing machines, scissors, rotary cutters, fabric, thread, pins and needles or anything that pertains to quilting.

### Pastoral Visits

We are encouraging those hospitalized, nursing home residents (or, their family members), and the homebound members and friends who wish to schedule an in-person pastoral visit or phone call to contact Pastor Jeremy Ullrich @ 979-421-3303 or the church office @ 254-527-3341.

**NOTE:** Pastor Ullrich will need to be listed as a "visitor of choice" in hospitals or nursing homes. This will need to be established by a family member.

### Sunday School

No Sunday School until September.

### Articles for the Newsletter

Please submit your articles for the monthly newsletter before the 19th of the month, as they are mailed out the following week. Thank you!

### Men's Bible Study

The Men's Bible Study will be taking a break until September 4 at 7:30am in the TRC.

### Will-O-Bell Nursing Home Worship

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the residents of our local nursing home! Through communion and a 30-minute hymn sing-along, please show these residents they are not forgotten by joining us on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in Granger and on the third Thursday of each month at 10AM in Bartlett. Please come and make a resident smile.

### Martha's Circle Bible Study

Martha's Circle Bible Study will be taking a break until September.

### **Live Stream Learning**

St. John has purchased a camcorder to help with our live stream. We are looking for tech-inclined volunteers interested in testing out different settings. We will use an apprenticeship model for training, so you will have a mentor helping as long as you wish. For more information, contact the church office (254-527-3341).

### **Flag Donations**

3x5 U.S. Flags with grommets are appreciated for our church. In memory of loved ones, you may donate flags, or make cash donations, at the church office. For further information contact Walt Saverse @ 254-770-8381, or contact the church office @ 254-527-3341.

### **Sisters in Christ Bible Study**

The Sisters in Christ Bible Study will begin on Saturday September 21st with a new bible study “What Happens Next” by Max Lucado. This study reminds us that we are headed to a far better place than where we started. Please contact Joey Saverse if you are interested in joining, she will be ordering books soon.

### **Prayer Requests**

When you make a prayer request for a non-member, please provide the church office with contact information so that we can send them a card. Thank you.

### **Summer Sunday Worship**

Starting June 2, 2024 ending August 25, 2024 Worship will be in the TRC @ 9:30am.

### **Dominoes**

Every Monday @ 2PM in the TRC– Domino games (42 and Straight and Moon)

### **Anyone want to PLAY pickleball?**

St. John Lutheran now has a Pickleball court available to use. The court was a vision started by Donna Dawson. Donna and Judy Gersbach joined forces, they measured and taped off the court. The net, paddles and balls were donated by Judy and Leland Gersbach. We have started a group on Monday afternoons in the TRC Gym at 1pm and enjoying it so much. Please come join us. If anyone is interested in another day or time we are open to suggestions.

### **Rose Garden**

If you need exercise and sunshine, please come up to the rose garden and pull weeds. Volunteers of any age are welcome.

### **Worship Service Helpers**

If you are not able to do the job you are assigned, it is your responsibility to get someone to do the job for you. Also, please let the church office know of the change if there is adequate time.

### **Casserole Ministry**

We have casseroles available in the large freezer for distribution to our shut-ins, family members, friends, and neighbors in need of a meal. Please feel free to take them as needed to help support our community,

### **Youth News**

July 12–Movie Night Grades 6-12 (Bring a friend or 2) 7:30pm–?--Popcorn, candy and drinks

July 16-20–National Youth Gathering

July 28–Those attending National Youth Gathering will share their experiences with the congregation.

Aug 3–Pool Party at Bartlett City Pool. All ages are welcome. This event is open to the whole congregation. Join us under the pavilion for ice cream, watermelon and drinks. Bring a chair.

Aug 4–Blessing of the Backpacks

August 10–Bartlett's Breakfast of Champions