ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH BARTLETT, TX ELW Holy Communion - Sunday, July 7, 2024 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Announcements Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness (ELW p. 94)

In the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Gathering Song - Blessed Assurance - ELW Hymn #638



Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915 Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

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)

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day (ELW p. 150)

Let us pray.

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Song - Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me - ELW Hymn #623

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

A reading from Ezekiel.

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.

³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day.

⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 123

Refrain: Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

¹ To you I lift I up my eyes,

to you enthroned I in the heavens.

² As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress.

so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show $^{\mid}$ us your mercy. R Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.

 3 Have mercy upon us, O $^{\rm I}$ Lord, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough I of contempt,

⁴ too much of the scorn of the in- dolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

R Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from

being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to

keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord. 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 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹ [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich

Sermon (ELW p. 151) - Pastor Jeremy Ullrich Hymn of the Day - Shine, Jesus, Shine - ELW Hymn #671

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine fill this land with the Father's glory; blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy; send forth your Word, Lord and let there be light!

- 1. Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus light of the world, shine upon us, set us free by the truth you now bring us.

 Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain
- As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness, ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
 Shine on me, shine on me: Refrain

Nicene Creed (ELW p. 152)

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

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,*

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

Prayers of Intercession

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer. Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. 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)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer (ELW p. 152)

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Dialogue (ELW p. 152)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface (ELW p. 153)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 153)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution (ELW p. 153)

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

Invitation to Communion (ELW p. 154)

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Communion (ELW p. 154)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn - Lift High the Cross - ELW Hymn #660



Prayer after Communion (ELW p. 155)

Let us prav

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing (ELW p. 155)

Almighty God, Father, ⊕ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song - Abide with Me - ELW Hymn #629



Text: Henry E. Lyte, 1793–1847 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Dismissal (ELW p. 155)

Go in peace. Christ is with you. Thanks be to God.

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OFFICIATING & SERVING -July 7

Pastor: Jeremy Ullrich Organist: Debra Caldwell

Pastor Asst. Wayne Zieschang

Communion Asst. Glen Janke

Lector: Dorothy Marwitz
Usher Captain: Tim Steglich

Greeters: Ted & Dianne Sager

Altar Care: April Marek & Amanda Harper

Teller Captain: Dorothy Marwitz

Teller: Darrell & April Marek

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 HarperCommunion Asst.Ronnie PerskyLector:Weldon KurtzUsher 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			
	Worship Attendance	Offering	YTD
June 2	58	\$2,818.00	\$69,206.31
June 9	41	\$1,922.00	\$71,128.31
June 16	55	\$2,113.00	\$73,241.31
June 23	56	\$4,482.25	\$77,723.56
June 30	47	\$2,647.00	\$80,370.56
IN OUR PRAYERS			
Garland Wentree	Stanley Glaser		Clark Lindemann
Pansy Lange	Janell Janke	Risa Steglich	Ruth Janke
Gayle Bielss	Kim Ferguson	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.

<u>Pastoral Visits</u>

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.

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).

Martha's Circle Bible Study

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

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