

**St. John Lutheran Church  
Beaumont, Texas**

**Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 8, 2020  
11:00 AM Service**

## 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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*Stand*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

## Exhortation

LSB 203

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Opening Versicles

### Common

LSB 260

**L** This is the day which the Lord has made;

**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**L** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**L** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

**C** **Teach me Your paths.**

**L** Sanctify us in Your truth.

**C** **Your Word is truth.**

**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,

**C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**☐ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Song: Psalm 62**

Verse 1

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation  
A fortress strong against my foes and I will not be shaken  
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse  
And lies like arrows pierce me  
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to Him who hears me

#### **Chorus:**

O praise Him, Hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward  
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God

Verse 2

Find rest, my soul, in God alone amid the world's temptations  
When evil seeks to take a hold I'll cling to my salvation  
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them  
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven

#### **Chorus:**

O praise Him, Hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward  
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God

Verse 3

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in Him completely  
With every day pour out my soul and He will prove His mercy  
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure  
My King has crushed the curse of death and I am His forever

#### **Chorus:**

O praise Him, Hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward  
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God  
O praise Him, Hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward  
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God

#### **Bridge:**

O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah, Hallelujah  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

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## Chorus:

O praise Him, Hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward  
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God  
O praise Him, Hallelujah, my Delight and my Reward  
Everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God

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## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Amos 5:18–24*

**L** A reading from Amos, the fifth chapter.

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>“I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Reading

*1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For

the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## 952 Alleluia – II

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Reading

*Matthew 25:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Responsory

### Common

LSB 263

- L** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

### *Stand*

### Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.**  
**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**  
**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**  
**Honor your father and your mother.**  
**You shall not murder.**  
**You shall not commit adultery.**  
**You shall not steal.**  
**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**  
**You shall not covet your neighbor's house.**  
**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

### Apostles' Creed

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. 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.

*Sit*

### Children's Message





717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save *sts. 1-4*



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose arm hath bound the  
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain, O'er which our traf - fic  
 3 O Spir - it, whom the Fa - ther sent To spread a - broad the  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Our peo - ple shield in



rest - less wave, Who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep Its  
 runs a - main By moun - tain pass or val - ley low; Wher -  
 fir - ma - ment; O Wind of heav - en, by Thy might Save  
 dan - ger's hour; From rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, Pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we  
 ev - er, Lord, Thy peo - ple go, Pro - tect them by Thy  
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, And keep them by Thy  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; Thus ev - er - more shall



cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 guard - ing hand From ev - 'ry per - il on the land.  
 watch - ful care From ev - 'ry per - il in the air.  
 rise to Thee Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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**Sermon**

**Offering**

**Offering**

Verse

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love  
 There is no shadow in Your presence  
 No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne

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Before the Holy One of heaven  
It's only by Your blood  
And it's only through Your mercy Lord I come

### Chorus 1

I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
O Lord I bring an offering to You

### Interlude

I bring an offering to You

### Chorus 2

I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due  
O Lord I bring an offering to You  
O Lord I bring an offering to You  
O Lord I bring an offering to You

### Ending

I bring an offering to You

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### *Stand*

### Prayer

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- L** For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

### Collect of the Day

- L** Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### Collect for the Word

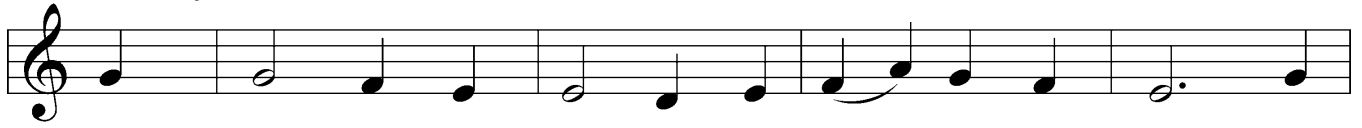
- L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

### Morning Prayer

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

*Sit*

## It Is Well With My Soul



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

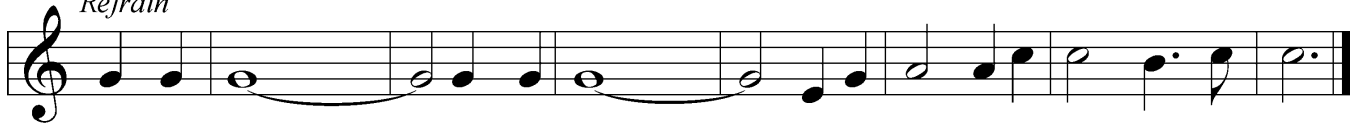


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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## Blessing

### Benedicamus

*LSB 267*

- Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

*LSB 267*

- The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.
- Amen.

## **The Blessing**

Verse

The Lord bless you And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his Face toward you  
And give you peace

## **Chorus**

**Amen, Amen**

**Amen**

Verse

The Lord bless you And keep you  
Make his face shine upon you  
And be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his Face toward you  
And give you peace

## **Chorus**

**Amen, Amen**

**Amen**

Bridge

May his favor Be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family And your children  
And their children, And their children

Bridge 2

May his presence Go before you  
And behind you And beside you  
All around you And within you  
He is with you, He is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning In the evening  
In your coming And your going  
In your weeping And rejoicing  
He is for you, He is for you

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He is for you, He is for you (repeat)

## Chorus

Amen, Amen

Amen

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The Lord BLESS  
you & keep you;  
the LORD make  
his face to shine  
upon you & be gracious  
to you;  
THE LORD LIFT UP HIS  
countenance &  
& GIVE YOU PEACE

## In Our Prayers

### Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>2 Week Period On List</u>	<u>Elder</u>
Nita Becker	Homebound		Erickson
Connie Dickinson	Calder Woods		Martin
Helen Kaspar	Lucas Place Senior Living		Root
Pat Riley	Collier Park		Callender
Beris Singleton	Pelican Bay Assisted Living, fell & broke her leg		Erickson
Elaine Sackett	Breast cancer has metastasized.		Martin
Jacob Chesson	His colon cancer is cured. Leukemia is stable, not cured. Meds & chemo being adjusted. He is unsure of doing the stem cell transplant.		Wamhoff
Darrell England	Had surgery on 9/11 to put in a new pacemaker / defibrillator. He had a 2 <sup>nd</sup> surgery on 9/16 due to complications & awaits a 3 <sup>rd</sup> surgery to relocate his pacemaker / defibrillator.		Wamhoff
C. J. Nelson	Recovering at home from pneumonia, dehydration & a UTI,		Erickson
Willie Mueller	Had open heart surgery to replace his aortic valve and a double bypass at Baptist Hospital on 10/26, currently in rehab at Baptist		Erickson

## Non-Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Need</u>	<u>2 Week Period On List</u>	<u>Requested By</u>
Milton Dahlke	Cancer has returned. He has started chemo & radiation. Was hospitalized and recovering from Covid 19.	11/1 – 11/15	J Moore
Stephanie Stutts Allen	Colon cancer treatments	11/1 – 11/15	J Bonin
J. D. Warren	Prostate cancer, treatments	11/1 – 11/15	B Heiner
Audrey Wood	Breast cancer treatments	11/1 – 11/15	J Bonin
Roy & Connie Beard	Both having serious health issues	11/1 – 11/15	W Kaspar
Nancy Steinberger	Lung cancer	11/1 – 11/15	K Fisher
Tommy Bergeron	In nursing home, dementia	11/1 – 11/15	J Bonin
Patty Trahan	Stage 4 breast cancer, in lymph nodes & has metastasized to her rib area	11/1 – 11/15	F Bauer
Linda Waldrop	Very ill, lost her husband	11/1 – 11/15	G Martin
John & Judy Thomas	Cancer & heart issues	11/1 – 11/15	E Jones
Sam Moore	Kidney & pancreatic transplant on 9-3, he continues to recovery at home	11/1 – 11/15	C Heiner
Stacey Kuhn Holder	Had a set back. She developed an infection & had to have more drain tubes put in. She remains hospitalized & still in a lot of pain after a very lengthy surgery on 9/21 to move her ileostomy to a better location, due to complications from having most of her colon removed due to cancer.	11/1 – 11/15	J Bonin
Bill Reus	Non Hodgkin's lymphoma	11/1 – 11/15	C Heiner
Mark Reus	Prostate cancer	11/1 – 11/15	C Heiner
Jan Collier	Recovering from heart surgery	11/1 – 11/15	J Lowrey



Janelle & Ronnie Rice	He has serious heart issues. Prayers for peace & comfort for both of them.	11/1 – 11/15	E Jones
Dorothy McCaleb	Medical issues	11/1 – 11/15	N Martin
Ray Chesson	Undergoing chemo which caused a blood clot in his lungs	11/1 – 11/15	J Blount
Daniel Humble	Xrays showed nodules, more testing being done	11/1 – 11/15	C Callender

*If you would like to add someone to the **PRAYER LIST**, please fill out a prayer request form on the table in the back of the Sanctuary and give it to Pastor or an Elder before the worship service or contact Chris or Janet. Anyone placed on the prayer list (except our homebound, nursing home or assisted living members) will remain for two weeks and then be removed unless you let Janet know that they need to remain on the list for another two weeks. Thanks for your cooperation!*

**Prayers for our members in the Armed Forces:** Steve & Stacy Bonin; Grant & Max, Austen & Savannah Campbell; Maddox & Emmalyn, Cody & Cherylynn Ewest, Joel Ewest, Karl & Michelle Knippa; Alec, Kevin & Alyssa Knippa and Landon Root.

**A prayer** for Christians around the world who are being persecuted.

**A prayer** for our President and decision makers.

**A prayer** for everyone as we are dealing with Covid 19.

**A prayer** for all our members, family members, friends & other medical personnel & first responders that are working closely with Covid 19.

**A prayer** of healing and peace for our country.

### **Prayer Families**

Jacob Chesson; Chrystal  
Neal & Lindsey Chesson; Jaycee & Lane

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY FOR LAST SUNDAY:

Worship Attendance last Sunday: (9 AM) – 49 & (11 AM) – 35

## EVENTS THIS WEEK:

TODAY: Traditional worship service, 9:00 AM

TODAY: Confirmation class between services, 10:00 – 10:45 AM

TODAY: Blended worship service, 11:00 AM

TODAY: Veterans Day BBQ lunch after the 11:00 AM service

Tuesday: Ladies Aid Workday, 9:30 AM

Wednesday: Veterans Day!

Wednesday: Praise Team Rehearsal, 6:30 PM

Thursday: Grace 4-H, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Next Sunday: Traditional worship service with communion, 9:00 AM

Next Sunday: Confirmation class between services, 10:00 – 10:45 AM

Next Sunday: Contemporary worship service with communion, 11:00 AM

Next Sunday: High School Youth to meet briefly after the Contemporary service

**FLOWERS:** The flowers that beautify our altar today were given by Fred & Roberta Heiner in honor of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and by Joyce Lowrey in memory of Mildred Robbins.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER** for *this* quarter are available in the narthex.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 AM – Traditional Worship service

11:00 AM – Blended & Contemporary Worship services will alternate EVERY OTHER WEEKEND, unless specified.

We will have COMMUNION on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

(IN PERSON)

*between services from 10:00 -10:45 AM in room 202.*

*(Sanitize your hands upon entering the church & wear your mask!)*

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Please JOIN us EVERY OTHER Sunday @ 11:00 AM for our YOUTH LED CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP service and stay afterwards to meet BRIEFLY for an informal (social distance) chat and group prayer. WATCH for dates in the NEWSLETTER & BULLETINS.

**TRINITY LUTHERAN MARKET DAYS** . . . Saturday, November 14 . . . 9 am – 4 pm . . . at Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Arthur, contact Josie Craft (210) 999-9942 or [palmsdown@yahoo.com](mailto:palmsdown@yahoo.com). Come by and SHOP LOCAL VENDORS.

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICES

ON THE FOLLOWING SUNDAYS @ 11:00 AM

November 1, 15 & 29

**COME JOIN US** for our Youth Led Contemporary Worship Services.

If you are interested in being a part of the Contemporary Worship Team, please contact Pastor Williamson at the church office @ 409-840-9915. If no one answers, please leave a message and he will contact you as soon as possible.

## ONLINE EVENTS

**Join us for the following online events:**

*(If you need assistance with any of the following, please contact your elder or the church office and we will be glad to assist you.)*

Our **Sunday services** will be recorded for those who cannot attend and will be online Sunday afternoon on our website @ <https://www.stjohnbeaumont.com>.

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**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD  
(O.C.C.)  
COLLECTION WEEK**

***WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!!***

Monday 11-16	Tuesday 11-17	Wednesday 11-18	Thursday 11-19	Friday 11-20	Saturday 11-21	Sunday 11-22	Monday 11-23
1 - 5 PM	1 - 5 PM	1 - 5 PM	1 - 5 PM	1 - 5 PM	11 AM - 3 PM	12 - 3 PM	8 AM - 4 PM

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local churches worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 168 million shoeboxes to children in over 160 countries and territories. **For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.**

From children to seniors, people pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Parents often use the project to teach their kids about giving. Year-round volunteers support these efforts across the country.

At nearly 5,000 drop off locations across the nation, such as St. John, volunteers will welcome and pray with people who drop off Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Other volunteers will fill cartons and load trucks with the millions of shoeboxes we prayerfully anticipate receiving. Approximately 80,000 people will serve in these roles during O.C.C. Collection Week in November. **PLEASE SIGN UP AND BE A PART OF THIS BLESSING FOR THESE CHILDREN!**

The SIGN UP poster is on the wall in the back of the Sanctuary by the kitchen. ***IF YOU COULD SPARE A FEW HOURS*** or if the ***YOUTH COULD HELP AFTER SCHOOL or ON THE WEEKEND***, WE WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE IT!

Blessings!

*Margaret Root*

O.C.C. COORDINATOR