

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

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The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King (vs.1,3)* ELW #408

INTROIT

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Blake and Trey* baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do.

As you bring *Blake and Trey* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with *them* among God's faithful people,
- bring *them* to the word of God and the holy supper,
- teach *them* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
- place in *their* hands the holy scriptures, and
- nurture *them* in faith and prayer, so that *Blake and Trey* may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.



Do you promise to help *Blake and Trey* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Blake and Trey* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Blake and Trey* and pray for *them* in *their* new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God.

You are the creator of the waters of the earth.

You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Trey, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blake, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.



Sustain Blake and Trey, with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen

Trey, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Blake, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen

Lighting of the Baptismal Candle

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Welcome

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF PRAISE

Baptized In Water (vs. 1-3)

ELW #456



TODAY'S READING 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.



The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSIVE PSALM

Psalm 66:8-20

Tried and Tested

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹ **who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net; you laid a crushing burden on our backs;**

¹² you let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a place of abundance.

¹³ **I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to you,**

¹⁴ that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

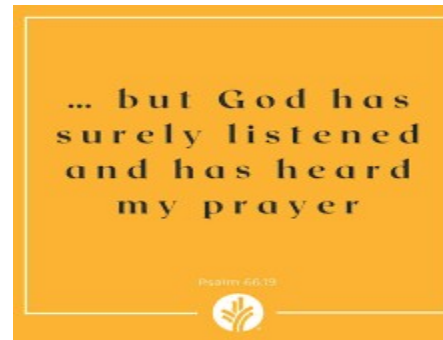
¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

¹⁷I cried to him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

¹⁹But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lord, I Lift Your Name on High ELW # 857

WORD OF GOD: Gospel Lesson

The holy gospel according to St John the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: : John 14:15-21

Jesus Will Send a Helper

¹⁵{Jesus said,} “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY Borning Cry (vs. 1-4)

ELW #732

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

MOTHER'S HYMN

LADIES ENSEMBLE

OFFERTORY Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow ELW #884

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

SANCTUS

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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.

EUCCHARIST PRAYER

Let us pray...

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Because Christ lives, we also live in hope and love. Though he ascended into heaven, he did not leave us alone, but sent the Spirit of truth to abide with us forever.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. [**Amen.**]

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. [**Amen.**]

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. [**Amen.**]

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ and with your church in all the world.

Because Christ lives, we also live in hope and love. Though he ascended into heaven, he did not leave us alone, but sent the Spirit of truth to abide with us forever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE 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.**



AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION
COMMUNION SONGS**

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW # 471
Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart ELW # 800
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW # 631

DECLARATION OF GRACE

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and
be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor
and ☩ give you peace.

Amen

SENDING SONG Holy, Holy, Holy
(vs.1-3) ELW #413

DISMISSAL

Go with God's peace in your soul for you
are restored through Christ!
Thanks be to God!

Remember in Prayers Our Church Family:

Virginia Altman	Marjorie Hohlt
Ashley Armatys	Kooper Kirts
Florence Bentke	Howard Kruse
Tom Bentke	Gerald Kuecker
Phyllis Bickham	Donald Lange
Milton Bosse	Kathy Nordt
Jerry Cochran	Helen Schulze
Janice Cordova	Verna Mae Sefcik
Mina Kraft Davis	Delores Seeker
Donna Deleon	Connie Seward
Ruth Finke	Laura Sulaica
John Haarmeyer	Vernon Wagner
Elsie Herrmann	Carol Westerfeld
Judy Janner	Florence Wolff

Names remain for 60 Days unless otherwise notified.

Please use the back of the attendance card if
someone needs to be added or removed from the list.

Please complete a card each time you attend.

Our Family and Friends

David Wieghat	Betty Haevischer
Aden Jaster	Weldon Haevischer
Mary Angel	Tate Herman
Paula Baker	Randy and Gayle Kunkel
Gladys Campion	Keith Micholojckek
Jill Finke	Marvin Spreen

Coming this Summer!

June 13th Assembling health kits and
cleaning buckets. (bring washcloths, towels, gloves and
gently used bibles) at the Welcome Church, Brenham

June 17th Canning Jellies - 6:00pm
at Root Canning Co. Kitchen. Sign up in Narthex.

July 19th - 24th Lone Star, Youth camp in La Grange
Register on line - 2026 week 8 - Code: SJB2026

July 26th -30th - Illumination Station VBS

July 31-August 1- Regional Family Reunion
at Welcome Lutheran Church Brenham, Texas
Forms are in the Narthex.

8th Graders and Parents
CONFIRMATION
REHEARSAL
5:30PM Wednesday
MAY 13TH



CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:30 pm
Wednesday

Lesson 2 The Way of John the Baptist

THE PATH TO THE CROSS
10AM **Monday**
 Ray Vander Laan **May 11**

Whittling for Christ
 Scripture and woodworking
 6 PM on
 Monday nights In Activity Center.



This Week's Events

Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day/Baptism

9:15 AM Worship Service

Monday, May 11

10:00 AM Bible Study

The Path to the Cross 2
The Way of John the Baptist

6:00 PM Whittling for Christ

6:00 PM Executive Council

Tuesday, May 12

6:30 AM Food Pantry

9:00 AM Music Planning

10:00 AM Rachel Circle

Wednesday, May 13

5:30 PM Confirmation Rehearsal

8th graders and parents

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 14

9:00 AM Office help

2:00 PM Ladies Aid

Saturday, May 16

10:00 AM Memorial Service for
Carol Ann Schlottmann McClendon

Sunday, May 17 Confirmation Sunday

9:15 AM Worship Service



*Celebrating
 Your
 Baptismal
 Birthday*

Altar Flowers

PROVIDED BY CHRIS KOEHLER FAMILY

IN HONOR OF

KANNON AND KNOWLES
 BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

This Tuesday
 6:30- 8:00 AM
FOOD PANTRY

*Come help and serve the community in need.
 In the Activity Center*

This Tuesday 10AM
*A local women's small group
 for Bible study,
 fellowship, and service.*

Rachel Circle



This Thursday at 2PM
 Join this traditional women's
 group focused on Christian
 fellowship, Bible study, and
 service to the congregation,
 community, and missions.

Happy Baptism Birthday

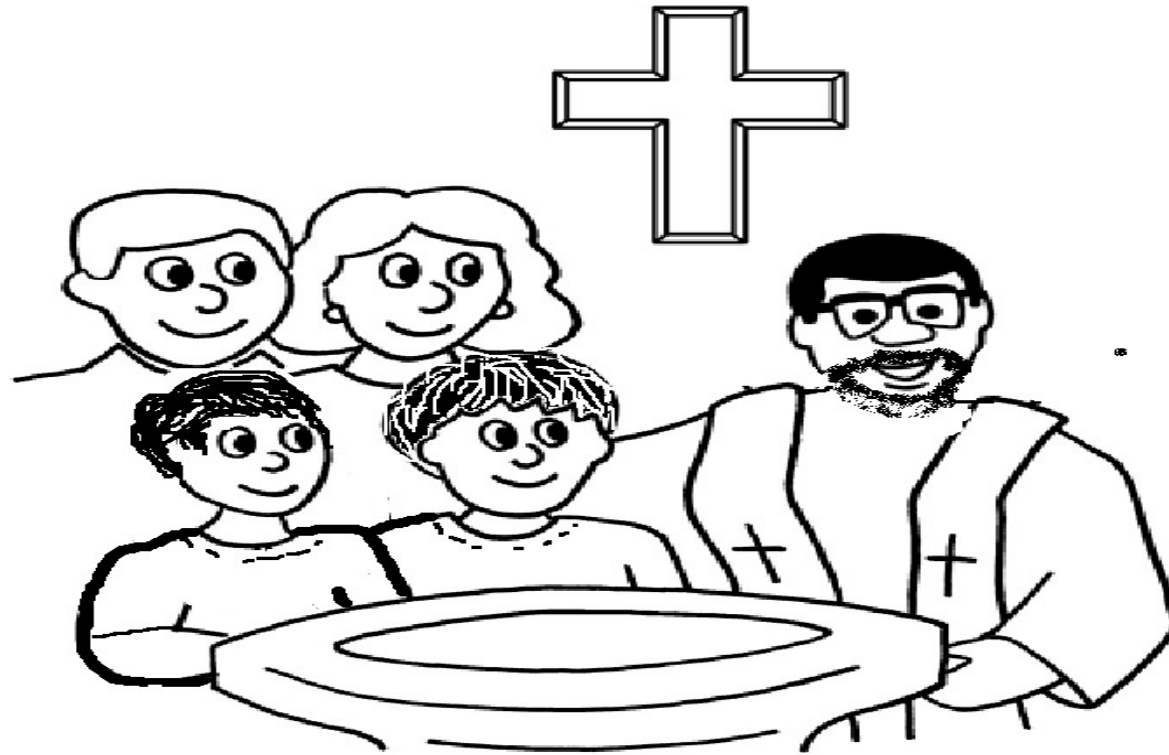
*God has poured out
 His love into our hearts
 by the Holy Spirit,
 whom He has given us.*

Ben Kessel	5/10
Jean Seeker	5/12
Becki Schawe	5/13
Emmy Boyd	5/15
Ayden Clay	5/15
Tyler Klatte	5/15
Oakley Kuecker	5/15
Cindy Clay	5/16
Judy Janner	5/16
Verlin Kruse	5/16

**Happy Wedding
 Anniversary**

**Debra & James Hanath
 and**

**Darrell & Gayle Himly
 Celebrating their 27th's
 on the
 15th of May**



The Church Library & Gift Shop are always open. Come in and see what's available for you or a loved one.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
 <p>10am</p> <p>6:00pm</p>	 <p>6:00pm</p>  <p>6:30am</p>  <p>9:00 am</p>  <p>10am</p>	 <p>5:30 pm</p>  <p>6:30 pm</p>	 <p>9:00 am</p>  <p>2:00pm</p>

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