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LUKE 14:25-33



13th Sunday after Pentecost

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September 7, 2025

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. 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. Council members on duty will be glad to answer any of your questions.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.
Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

ELW 789

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 (first verse only)

Prayer of the Day

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

First Lesson is from the thirtieth book of Deuteronomy

15 “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall certainly perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him, for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

Philemon 1-21

The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Philemon

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To our beloved coworker Philemon, 2 to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus, and to the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always when I mention you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that the partnership of your faith may become effective as you comprehend all the good that we share in Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

8 For this reason, though I am more than bold enough in Christ to command you to do the right thing, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me so that he might minister to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for the long term, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge that to me. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

P: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

25 Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, 26 “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

A Message from the Gospel

Don Allphin

Hymn of the Day

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

ELW 471

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven and he is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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: **Receive our prayer**

The Sharing of the Peace

The Offering

Offering Response

“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

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free,
+ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

ELW 547


Dismissal


P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
C: **Thanks be to God.**




The flowers on the altar are given by
Daryl and Nancy Hartmann

In honor of three of our grandchildren
who have September birthdays:

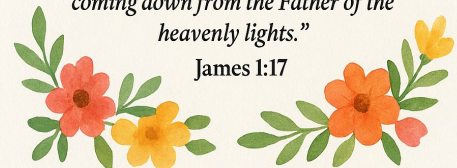
 Lylee Locke turns 13 on
September 7th

 Lyndsey Locke turns 15 on
September 10th

 Aiden Kremers turns 12 on
September 25th

*“Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the
heavenly lights.”*

James 1:17





9-7 Christy Ordner
9-7 Jennifer Brandes
9-8 Carla Reichardt
9-12 John Simpson



9-10 Matt and Jill
Thielemann

Weekly News 9/7-13/2025

9/7

Rally Day /Grandparents Day !

Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00
Worship Service /Children's Church
10:00

Don Allphin

Reception to follow Worship Service

9/8

St John Bell Choir Practice Resumes

Monday 4:00 pm,

9/9

St John Quilting Ministry
9:00 am

9/14/25

Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00
Worship Service /Children's Church
10:00

Don Allphin

Second meeting with Bishop Tracey
Breashears-Schultz; 11:30 am -ish

Sign Up Sheet for Brunch Potluck ,on the 14th
of Sept , is in the narthex.

9/20

Private Event –Fellowship Hall

Save the Date :

10- 19

Second vote for disaffiliation with ELCA and
vote for affiliation with new Lutheran synod

Prevailing Prayer List

James and Carol Wenzel
Ronnie and Bonnie Smith

Deana Keller

Roy Dierschke

Carolyn Rash

Mike Rankin

Carol Smith

Nic Norboge

Emily Drymala

Kendall Manna

Alfred Tomasek

Tristan

Jerry Henneke

Theresa Luetge

Zachary Schulke

Kathy Painchaud

William Hegemeyer

Sara Wit

MaryAnn English

Val Kite

Victor Smith

Charlotte Reichert

Hope Griffin

Brian Dahl

Bubba Bencal

Nathan Schulke

Kathy Weiss

Shirley Hering

Carol Smith

Rebecca Rabon

Steve Lackey

Neely Fay Grawunder

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 8-31-25

General Fund 1040.00

Total 1040.00

Attendance 40

Online

Please pick up an
ELCA Disaffiliation Timeline
In the narthex, if you do not have one.
Important steps and dates listed

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Sealy Avir

Delores Dittert
Katherine Ludwig

Argent Court –Brenham
Carrie Froebel

HOMEBOUND:
Katherine Washburn



The St John Handbells

have resumed practice on
**Monday's at 4:00 pm starting
9-8-25**

So, now is the time to come
join the bell choir!

*Anyone is welcome,
please come join us !*

The schedule for September for the St. John Singers is as follows:

Practice , 9:00 am, is
September 7, 14 and we
will perform during wor-
ship on September 21..

Please come join us !

The St John Scholarship Committee is proud to announce that **Avery Dittert** and **Rylan Reichardt** met all the requirements to received scholarship funds for the Fall 2025 semester. They are both in their sophomore year at Texas A&M.



Gig 'Em!



School Kit List

FOUR 70-sheet note-
books of wide or college-
ruled paper, 8"x 10 ½" ;
no loose leaf paper

ONE 30 centimeter ruler
or ruler with centimeters on
one side and inches on
the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt
scissors (safety scissors
with embedded steel
blades work well)

FIVE unsharpened #2
pencils with erasers;
secure together with rub-
ber band

FIVE black or blue ball-
point pens (no gel ink);
secure together with
rubber band

ONE box of 16 or 24
crayons

ONE 2 ½ " eraser

Hello -

The next **WELCA**
meeting will be the
25th of September
**at 6p in the Fellow-
ship Hall** with a
"light dinner".

Our goal is to supply
24 kits this year and
we are asking that
whole kits be spon-
sored. The list is to
the left. . Or if you
prefer to give cash
and someone else do
the shopping please
give your cash or
check (made out to
WELCA) to Gwen
Reichardt.

We will assemble the
school kits then for
LWR.

**Any questions,
please feel free to
talk with Jheri or
Pauline :)**

**Senior Service is returning
September 17th 11:00 am**



End of Summer Picnic!!!

Everything you dreamed of,
except the ants !

**Sandwiches and Salads
galore !**

Food and Fun

Save the Date !





It's Grandparents day!

September 7th

The Youth will host a celebration for our Grandparents with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall after church service.



Welcome back to Sunday School!

September 7

Sunday School starts at 9:00

Youth K-5th grade: Lacy Dittert

August/September 2025 Ministry Duties

St. John Lutheran Church Cat Spring

Flowers: Unless there is an * asterisk by your name, the altar guild understands that you will supply the flowers or plant for that Sunday. If problem arises please call office at 979-865-5444 or **Ruth Walker, Flower Guild, at 713-816-0629**. If you cannot fulfil one of these duties, just call office! Council on Duty-- If you cant make it on scheduled day, please check with other Council to trade Sundays.

Date	Worship Leader	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
9-7	Don Allphin	Doug Neva	Bexley Nelson	Jennifer Logan	Nancy Hartmann
9-14	Don Allphin	Mary O'Neal	Rhett Reichardt	Robin Hagen	Open
9-21	Don Allphin	Tim Brune	Layla Ordner	Pauline Lapham	Open
9-28	Don Allphin	Laurie Eckhardt	Riley Hewson	James Tinerf	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar

August 2025 Altar Guild
Tamra Ordner Christa Klar Cristy Ordner
September 2025 Altar Guild
Jheri Sell Laurie Eckhardt
Flower Guild
Ruth Walker Gwen Reichardt