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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. We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. 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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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.

Kyrie

ELW 203

Hymn of Praise (first verse only)

ELW 204

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Acts 3:12-19

The First Lesson is from the third book of Acts

When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, ‘You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ‘And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out,

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

1 John 3:1-7

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of 1 John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel:

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twentieth fourth chapter

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

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, ‘Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.’ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, ‘Have you anything here to eat?’ They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Christa Klar

Homily

Don Allphin

Hymn of the Day

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

ELW 389

Apostles Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

P: God of grace

C: Hear our prayer

The Sharing of the Peace

Special Music

“When I Survey the Wonderful Cross”

St John Handbell Choir

Offering Hymn

“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

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
+ bless you now and always.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“ Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!”

ELW 385

Dismissal

P:Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C:Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



*The flowers on the altar today are
given by
James and Shirley Hering
in memory of
Clifford Ben Washburn, Jr.
April 10, 1988 — April 23, 2016*



Weekly News 4-14-20/2024

Happy Birthday

4-16 Cade Thielemann
Chris Redman
Mitch Dittert

UPCOMING EVENTS

4-15 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am
4-17 Senior Service 11:00 am
4-18 St John Handbell Practice 5:30 pm
4-21 Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00 am
Worship Service 10:00 am St John Singers

Austin County Civic Chorale Performs
4:00 pm @ St John Cat Spring
April 21st

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 4-7-24

General Fund	1812.00
Memorial	50.00
LYO	227.00
Sr Served	50.00
Total:	2049.00
Attendance	42
Online	59

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Argent Court –Brenham

Carrie Froebel
Columbus Oaks
Marilyn Wendt
HOMEBOUND:
Katherine Ludwig
Katherine Washburn

Sharon Koehne

Gloria Tipp

Mike Mueller

Allan Boehm

Fay Rice

Deana Keller

Deanna Ling

Sharon Bubba Bencal

Darrell Grasb

James and Carol Wenzel

Gloria Havemann

Hart Oshman

Johnny Griffin

Chris and Wes Redman

Melinda Brod

Betty Remmert

Jerry Ordner

Carrie and Vanna Froebel

Melinda Brock

Kendall Manna

JD Divin

Joe Brandt

Katie Johnston

Brian Carpenter

Micheal Pawelek

Zachary Schulke

Betty D.

Kathy Painchaud

Jim Beamer

Gene Wietstruck

Cindy Reichardt

Tracer Kruzal

Jacob Kristen

Sonia Flores

Mason Newton

Liz Hyde

Clint Remmert

Jill Wolfskill

Rain or Shine!

Senior Service
11:00 am

Wednesday,
April 17, 2024

April Showers Bring



Pizza and Salad !

Good Food!

Good Games!

Good Friends!

Come Join Us !

Pat Sechelski made this beautiful Memorial Box in memory of his late wife Frances Sechelski . It is now in our Narthex. Thank you , Pat. A beautiful reminder of a beautiful soul.



The Austin County Civic Chorale
in their 39th season
presents

Matters of the Heart

FAITH HOPE LOVE
JOY PEACE

• Sunday, April 21, 2024 • 4:00 PM •
St. John Lutheran Church,
480 Ross St., Cat Spring, TX
Donations Accepted

**CAT SPRING
FIRE DEPARTMENT**



BAR-B-Q

AUCTION • AUCTION • AUCTION

Saturday, April 20th
Cat Spring - Agricultural Society Hall
Come On Over And Join Us For Food And Fellowship

Beef & Sausage
and all the trimmings

Serving from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Meal Tickets: \$15.00

Auction at 6:30 P.M.
Gun Raffle
Kids Activities by Millheim 4H



Cat Spring Fire Department
BBQ

Needs YOUR Help !

We need PIES and Cakes
To sell on the day of the
BBQ.

Please bring to the
Ag Hall between
3pm -4 pm
on Saturday ,
April 20th!!

We will cut the pies and cakes !
Thank You



WELCA Cookbooks are here!

Cookbooks can be purchased
for \$20 after church each
Sunday.

See Rachel to get your copy.
Great Hostess Gift !

WELCA's next meeting will
be May 30th at 6:00 pm

After enjoying a meal together,
WELCA is going to clean the
kitchen !

Please come join us !

Calling Rostered Ministers

Calling a deacon or pastor — is one of the most important things a congregation can do. Our synod’s transition process has been created to help find the right leader for the particular mission and ministry to which God has called each congregation. Below I have taken the bullet points from the Transition Process Handbook, “Calling Rostered Minutes” prepared by the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod.

- First**, there is no way to dictate exactly how long it will take. It is *not wise* to be in a rush or have the committee driven by some artificially imposed time line. It *is wise* to take whatever time is needed.
- Second**, once the point of interviewing begins, committee should not be in a hurry. Do not “settle.” Sometimes it may take three or four rounds of interviewing to find the leader for our congregation.
- Third**, while the above is true, remember what Martin Luther said, “He who wants a perfect church wants no church at all.” Perfect congregations do not exist. Perfect rostered ministers, perfect spouses, perfect parents, or perfect children – simply do not exist. The congregation, while searching, should be looking for “a good match” not a “perfect match.”
- Fourth**, just as congregations should not try to “save time”, neither should they try to save money! Yes, “squandering money” is bad stewardship; but there are times when “not spending money” can be even worse stewardship. Jesus speaks about this in Matthew 25;14-30.

Remember, the transition process, and the resulting leadership that is called, will shape the future mission and ministry of our congregation. It is of great consequence and, therefore, is something that congregations, councils, and committees need to do exceedingly well. So, please take time to carefully consider serving on our call team. This committee should consist of 6-8 congregation members. Once selected Pastor Breashears-Schultz will come and train our call committee. If you feel you are right for this duty, please reach out to any of our council members.

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer”
Romans 12:12

April 2024 Ministry Duties

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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 fulfill 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	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Altar Guild/Flowers	Reader
4-14	Mary and Doug	Hunter Hewson	The Hering’s	Janet Allphin
4-21	Jennifer and Chad	Layla Ordner	Cristy Ordner	Don Allphin
4-28	Robin	Riley Hewson	Nancy Hartmann	Nancy Hartmann

April Altar Guild
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 Rachel Divin, Marissa Divin , Jheri Sell
 Flower Guild– Ruth Walker