

***St. John Lutheran Church<sup>of</sup>  
Cat Spring***  
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## **Fourth Sunday of Easter**



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*April 21, 2024*

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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**

### **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.**

**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**

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

**First Lesson:**

**Acts 4:5-12**

**The First Lesson is from the fourth book of Acts**

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is “the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.” There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

R: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Second Lesson:**

**1 John 3:16-24**

**The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of 1 John**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

R: The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel:**

**John 10:11-18**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

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

‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Noisy Offering**

**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Dietrich**

**Sermon**

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**Hymn of the Day**

*“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

**ELW 502**

**Nicene Creed**

**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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**P: God of Grace**

**C: Hear our prayer**

**The Sharing of the Peace**

## 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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### The Great Thanksgiving

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### Preface

### Holy Holy Holy

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### 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.**

### Canticle “Lamb of God”

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### The Distribution

*All who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to partake. Please fill out an attendance card to indicate your intention to participate and hand it to the usher.*

### Prayer after Communion

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
**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

*“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

**ELW 536**

## 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

***Eric and Cristy Ordner***

in honor of their

**11th Wedding Anniversary on April 6th!**

**Colossians 3:14**

*Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- 4-21 Myron Dittert
- 4-23 Karen Tiner
- 4-24 Lauryn Locke
- 4-25 Cheryl Mellenthin
- 4-27 Daryl Hartmann



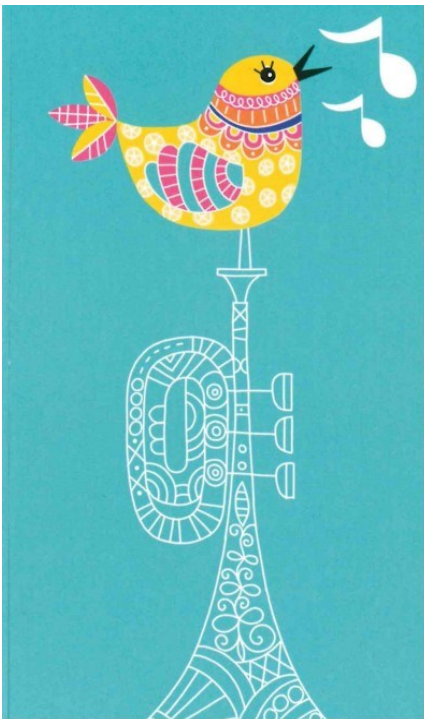
*4-21 Alan and Ruth Walker*

*4-25 Kyle and Laurie Eckhardt*

**Our weekly budgeted need:  
3329.98**

**Offerings 4-14-24**

General Fund	4592.00
Sr Service	25.000
Total:	4617.00
Attendance	60
Online	60



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4-21 Austin County Civic Chorale Performs  
4:00 pm @ St John Cat Spring
- 4-25 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 pm
- 4- 26 Jr High Youth Retreat Camp Lone Star
- 4-28 Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00 am  
Worship Service 10:00 am  
St John Handbell Choir Performs

### MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

**Argent Court – Brenham**

Carrie Froebel

**Columbus Oaks**

Marilyn Wendt

**HOMEBOUND:**

Katherine Ludwig  
Katherine Washburn

### A Little Note of Thanks

*I want to thank you for the opportunity to help the Church during this transition time. It has been a real pleasure for me and an honor to serve. Thank you for the gifts of love that I was presented with this past Sunday.*

*I love you too, Don Allphin*

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

Johnny Klatt –eye surgery

The family of Mike Kahn, in their time of sorrow.

The family of Shirley Charpiot, in their time of sorrow.



# The Austin County Civic Chorale

in their 39th season  
presents



**FAITH HOPE LOVE**  
**JOY PEACE**

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Donations Accepted

## April 2024 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	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Altar Guild/Flowers	Reader
4-21	Jennifer and Chad	Layla Ordner	Cristy Ordner	Don Allphin
4-28	Robin	Riley Hewson	Nancy Hartmann	Nancy Hartmann

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

In red indicates change from original calendar

### 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!

### Women of the ELCA Western Cluster Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 27, 2024 Waldeck Evangelical Lutheran Church  
6915 Waldeck Church Ln. Ledbetter, Texas 78946

Registration is in the Waldeck Church Annex beginning at 8:30 am (no fee) with brunch Program begins at 9:30 am

Theme: Who Am I God? Theme Verse: John 3:16 "16For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

**Speaker: Denna Hardin**

Please RSVP by noon Wednesday, April 24th to Margaret Bernshausen at 979-966-2097 by phone call or text or email to margaretbernshausen@gmail.com

Monetary donations and food pantry items would be appreciated for the AMEN Food Pantry, La Grange, Tx

**Note: The MS150 is happening that weekend and may add traffic in the area so come early and enjoy the fellowship and hopefully miss any additional traffic**