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of Cat Spring**

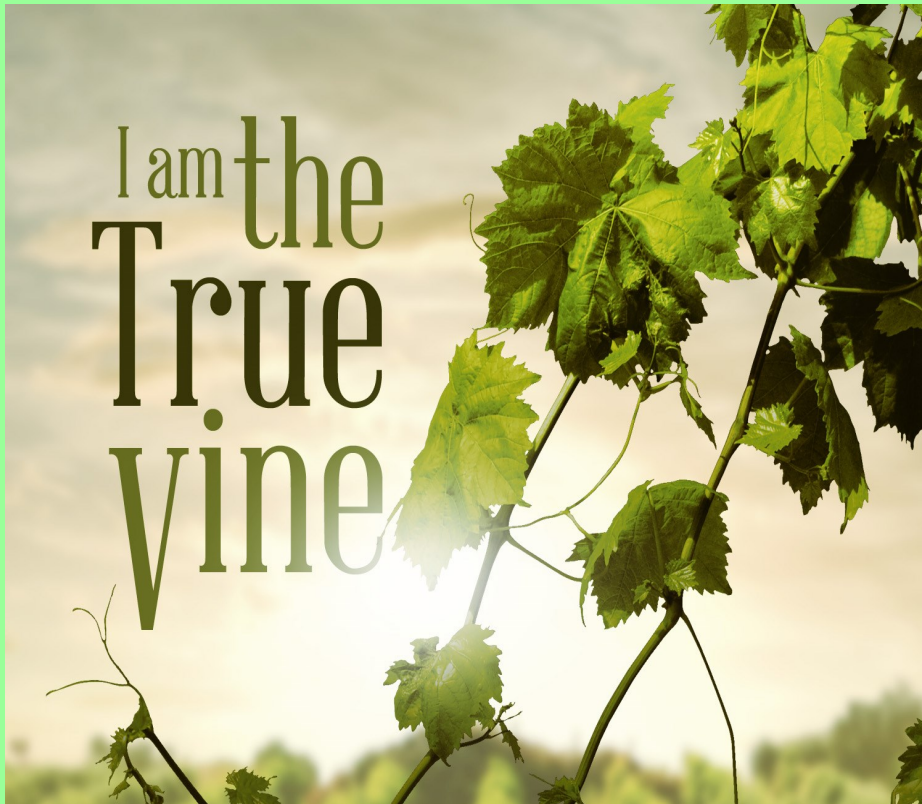
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through 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 8:26-40

The First Lesson is from the eighth book of Acts

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

The Second Lesson is from the fourth chapter of 1 John

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

P: The word of the Lord**C: Thanks be to God****Gospel Acclamation****ELW 205****Gospel:****John 15:1-8****P:**The Holy Gospel according to John the fifth tenth chapter**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.**C:Praise to you, O Christ.****Children's Sermon****Don Allphin****Homily****Don Allphin**

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**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

“Let All Things Now Living “

ELW 881

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Weekly News 4/28-5/5 2024

Happy Birthday!

- 5-2 LaNell Waldrop
- 5-3 Blake Biehunko



- 4-28 Daniel and Linda Petras

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 4-21-24

General Fund	2727.00
Total:	2727.00
Attendance	49
Online	59

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5-2 St John Handbell Practice 5:30 pm
- 5-5 Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00
Communion Worship Service 10:00 am
- 5-6 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am
- 5-7 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am
- 5-9 Handbell Choir Practice 5:30 pm
- 5-12 Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00
am Worship Service 10:00 am
- 5-13 Council Meeting 6:15 pm
- 5-15 Senior Service 11:00 am

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Argent Court –Brenham

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

Prevailing Prayer

- 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 Kruzel
- Jacob Kristen
- Sonia Flores
- Mason Newton
- Liz Hyde
- Clint Remmert
- Jill Wolfskill
- Johnny Klatt –eye surgery
- Nicolas Norboge
- Tristan Jays



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

in honor of

*our granddaughter, Lauryn Locke’s 16th birthday on April 24th
and Daryl’s birthday on April 27th.*



St John Prayer Shawl Ministry
would like to gift a Prayer Shawl to
the people on our prayer list. If you
requested someone to be placed on
the list, please let us know and they
will get a shawl to you , so you can
get it to the person you placed on the
list.

**Call Marilyn –979-885-8743
or Sally at the office-865-5444**

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 !

Bernardo VFD, St. Roch Catholic Church & Friends

★ ★ ★ **Benefit Meal & Auction** ★ ★ ★

Blake and Heather
Schramm



On March 9, Blake, Heather and Ryleigh Schramm
were involved in a head on collision near Victoria, TX.
Blake has been released from the hospital
while Heather is still recovering from her injuries.
All proceeds will go to the family to help with expenses
while they are unable to work.

Drive-thru or Dine-in
PORK STEAK MEAL
Potatoes, Green Beans, Tea and Water Provided, BYOB
\$15 per plate. Presale tickets available.

Mentz Hall
1600 Frelsburg Rd, Alleyton, TX 78935

Saturday, May 11 • Meal from 5:00 to 7:00 • Auction to begin at 6:30

Any questions, or to make a donation for the auction, please call Eric Weyand at
979-733-4185, Kristi Weyand at 979-732-0367, or Brent Nelson at 979-885-9898.

**Senior Service 11:00 am
Wednesday, May 15th, 2024**

**Baby Back Short Ribs
And all the trimmings.**

**Presented by Pit Master
Extraordinaire James Sell**

**Last Blast Before the
Summer Break**

So Don't Miss it !

Good Food

Good Friends

Good Fun

Hope to see you there !

May 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 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
4-28	Mary	Riley Hewson	Nancy Hartmann	Nancy Hartmann
5-5	Doug and Robin	Marissa Divin	Tim and Roxanne Brune	Chad Divin
5-12	Kyle and Chad	Hunter Hewson	Open	Jennifer Logan
5-19	Robin and Jennifer	Layla Ordner	Ken and Rose Wienken	Robin Haugen
5-26	Chad and Mary	Riley Hewson	The Divin Family	Pauline Lapham

In red indicates change from original calendar

May Altar Guild
Marsha Tipp Robin Haugen
Flower Guild– Ruth Walker