

***St. John Lutheran Church<sup>of</sup>  
Cat Spring***  
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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**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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**First Lesson:**

**Acts 4:32-35**

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

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**R:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Second Lesson:**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

**The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of 1` John 1**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**P:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children's Sermon**

**Pastor Dietrich**

**Sermon**

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**Hymn of the Day**

*"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"*

**ELW 386**

**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

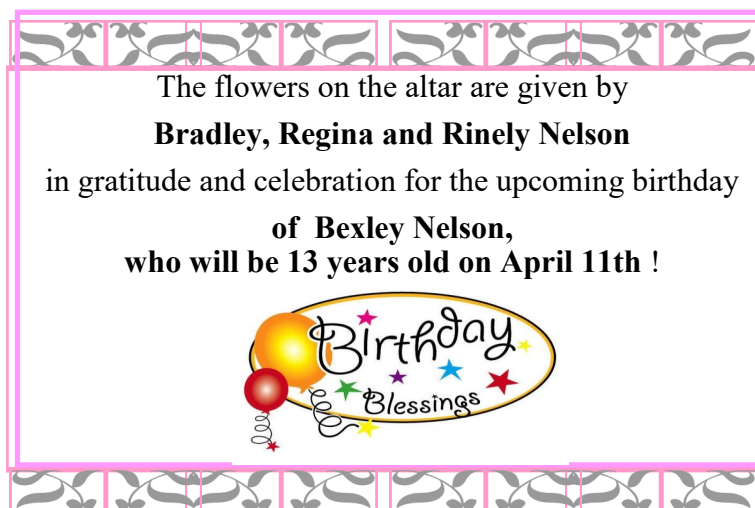
*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

**ELW 815**

## Dismissal

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

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## Weekly News 4/7-13/2024

4-8 Natalie Surovcak  
Kayson Reibenstein  
4-9 Cindy Daly  
Kenzi Gray  
4-10 Neil Ling  
4-11 Tamra Ordner  
Tim Lapham  
Bexley Nelson  
4-13 Gary Simpson

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
4-7 Sunday School/St John Singers 9:00  
Communion Worship 10:00 am  
4-8 St John Quilters 8:30 am  
4-9 St John Prayer Shawl 9:30 am  
4-11 Handbell Practice 5:30 pm  
4-14 Sunday School/St John Singers 9:00  
Worship 10:00 am

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  
Mike Kahn and his family  
Jill Wolfskill  
The family of Ervin Mieth Jr.  
in their time of sorrow.

*Happy Anniversary!*  
4-9 **Timothy and Roxanne Brune**

**MEMBERS IN OUR CARE**  
**Argent Court – Brenham**  
Carrie Froebel  
**Columbus Oaks**  
Marilyn Wendt  
**HOMEBOUND:**  
Katherine Ludwig  
Katherine Washburn

**Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98**  
**Offerings 3-31-24**  
General Fund 7126.00  
Sr Day 50.00  
Total: 7176.00  
Attendance 154  
Online 81

**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 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
4-7	Jennifer and Kyle	Brooklynn Logan	The Nelsons	Ken Wienken
4-14	Mary and Doug	Hunter Hewson	The Hering's	Don Allphin
4-21	Jennifer and Chad	Layla Ordner	Cristy Ordner	Janet Allphin
4-28	Robin	Riley Hewson	Nancy Hartmann	Nancy Hartmann

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

**Rain or Shine!**  
**Senior Serve 11:00 am**  
**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**  
*April Showers Bring*  
  
**Pizza and Salad!**  
**Good Food!**  
**Good Games!**  
**Good Friends!**  
*Come Join Us!*

In red indicates change from original calendar



WELCA would like to thank everyone who purchased an Easter Flower this Easter season.

We appreciate your support!



**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

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  
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 