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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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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**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

who forgives all our sin,

whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

**Silence is kept for reflection.**

Compassionate One,

**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,**

**but our lives do not always reflect you**

**and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion**

**you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality**

**you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,**

**even though you have set us free again and again.**

**We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.**

**Transform our lives**

**and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God's arms are always stretched open wide

to welcome the wandering ones home.

In + Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God's house forever. **Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*"As We Gather at Your Table"*

**ELW 522**

**Prayer of the Day**

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through 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:****Isaiah 43:16-21**

**The First Lesson is from the forty-third chapter of Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord,  
 who makes a way in the sea,  
 a path in the mighty waters,  
 who brings out chariot and horse,  
 army and warrior;  
 they lie down, they cannot rise,  
 they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
 Do not remember the former things,  
 or consider the things of old.  
 I am about to do a new thing;  
 now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
 I will make a way in the wilderness  
 and rivers in the desert.  
 The wild animals will honour me,  
 the jackals and the ostriches;  
 for I give water in the wilderness,  
 rivers in the desert,  
 to give drink to my chosen people,  
 the people whom I formed for myself  
 so that they might declare my praise.

R: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

**Second Lesson:****Philippians 3:4b-14**

**The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of Philippians**

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in

his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**R:** The word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation (Return to the Lord)**

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**Gospel:**

**John 12:1-8**

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

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

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

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**

*"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"*

**ELW 596**

**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 power of the Holy Spirit and 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**P:** God, in your mercy

**C:** Receive our prayer

## **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**

Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us,  
opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,  
deepen our commitment to sharing those  
treasures with others,  
through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**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**

Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Blessing

God our tender parent,

God the crucified one,

God the reconciling Spirit,

+ bless you now and forever. **Amen**

## Sending Hymn

*"You Servants of God"*

ELW 825

## Dismissal

**P:** Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

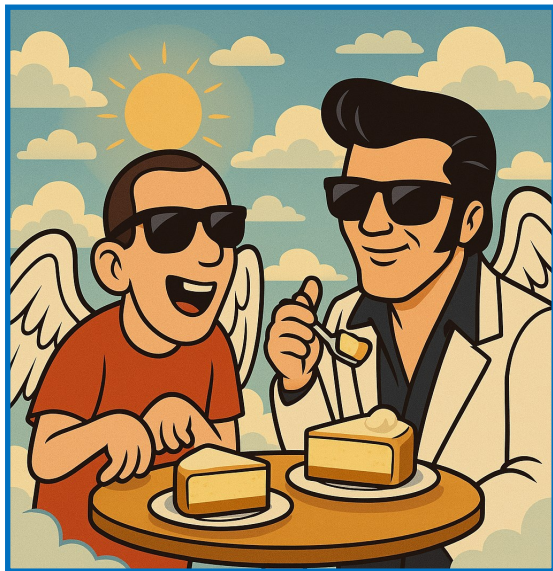
The flowers on the altar today are given

by **James and Shirley Hering**

in loving memory of their grandson,

***Clifford Ben Washburn, Jr.***

***April 10, 1988 — April 23, 2016***



*Clifford's personal passion, while on earth, was eating cheese cake, while listening to Elvis music!*

*We can only imagine this as part of Clifford's Heaven.*

Last day to order your Easter flowers is next Sunday, April 12th !

Everything your need to order your flowers, is in the narthex!

***Thank you for always supporting WELCA!***

## Senior Serve

April 16th 11:00 am

Easter Happenings!

***Join us for a smorgasbord of Fabulous Salads !***

*Games/Bingo*

*Singing*

*Good Food*

*Good Friends*

***Bring your favorite Salad if you like, if not, just bring yourself!***





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

4-6 Malcolm Dittert  
 4-8 Natalie Surovcak  
 Kayson Reibenstein  
 4-9 Cindy Daly  
 Kenzi Gray  
 4-10 Neil Ling  
 4-11 Tamra Ordner  
 Tim Lapham

*Congratulations*

on your

*7<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!*

**4-6 Eric and Cristy Ordner**  
**4-9 Timothy and Roxanne Brune**

## Weekly News 4-6 4/-12 /2025

### UPCOMING EVENTS

4-6

Sunday School / Confirmation /  
 Choir Practice 9:00 a m

Communion Worship Service /  
 Children's Church 10:00

**Pastor Pat Dietrich**

4-6

### Austin County Civic Chorale Concert

4:00 pm

Faith Academy –Bellville

**Director– Janet Allphin**

4-7

Handbell Choir Practice 5:00

4-8

St John Quilting Ministry

9:00 am

4-9

Lenten Devotional

Dinner 6:00 pm,

Devotional 6:30 pm

Fellowship Hall

4-12

### Cat Spring VFD BBQ

50th Anniversary!

4-13

### Palm Sunday

Sunday School /Confirmation

Choir Practice 9:00 am

Communion Worship Service /Children's  
 Church 10:00 am

**Pastor Dietrich**

### Cat Spring Volunteer Fire Department

We need homemade pies and cakes for our annual  
 BBQ on **April 12th!**

- Drop-off Time: Starting at **3:00 PM on Saturday**
- Location: Cat Spring Ag Hall

The ladies will cut and prepare the baked goods to be served.

*Thank you for your support!*

### 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

Molly Arndt

Alfred Tomasek

Tristan

Jerry Henneke

Lupe Nava

Theresa Luetge

Zachary Schulke

Kathy Painchaud

Ed Story

Cindy Daly

Delores Dittert

William Hegemeyer

Joe Bilski

MaryAnn English

Val Kite

Cheryl Mellenthin

Gwen Reichardt

The family of **Tillie Sell**, in their time of sorrow.

# FIRE

## CAT SPRING V.F.D.

### ANNUAL BBQ

### Saturday, April 12th

Cat Spring Ag Hall

### Beef & Sausage

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Auction at 6:30

Gun Raffle

Kids Activities & Kona Ice

Come Celebrate 50 years with  
 Cat Spring VFD, Chief Lapham  
 and Asst. Chief Dittert



CELEBRATING  
**50 YEARS!**



### MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

**Colonial Bell– Sealy**  
**Katherine Ludwig**  
**Argent Court –Brenham**  
 Carrie Froebel  
**Columbus Oaks**  
 Marilyn Wendt  
**HOMEBOUND:**  
 Katherine Washburn

Directed by our very own Janet Allphin!

Let's show our support !

Today, Sunday, April 6th at 4:00 pm !



**Volunteer Opportunity:**

**Be a Blessing Behind the Scenes!**

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve the church? Consider volunteering as a money counter! This role is vital in ensuring that the church's financial gifts are handled with care and integrity.

- Help support the church's mission
- Serve with honesty and diligence
- Build relationships while working as part of a trusted team
- Use your gifts of organization and attention to detail

**If you're interested or want more information, please contact Jheri Sell.**

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 I just love it when visitors stop by the office.  
 Lanell Waldrop, Kiera Haug and Mickaylla Perez stopped by, March 10th, for a quick visit. We had such a nice visit and got caught up on how everyone is doing! To be around such bright, young, vibrant youth was very energizing! I loved their excitement and joy for what lies ahead!  
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**April 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 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	Reader	Flowers
4-6	Pastor Pat	Tim and Robin	Layla	Margie	The Herings
4-13	Palm Sunday Pastor Pat	Tim and Doug	Brooklynn	Ken W	The Nelsons
4-17	Maundy Thursday Pastor Ken	Robin	TBA	TBA	NA
4-18	Good Friday Don Allphin	Malcolm and Mary	TBA	Janet	NA
4-20	Easter Pastor Ken	Robin and Mary	Rhett	Don	Easter Flowers
4-27	Don Allphin	Doug	Riley	Pauline	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar

**April 2025 Altar Guild**

Jheri Sell Laurie Eckardt

Flower Guild  
 Ruth Walker

**St John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring**

**Our Lenten Series Begins March 5th, on Ash Wednesday**

Date		
March 5	Ash Wednesday	6:30 Worship
March 12	6:00 Dinner	6:30 Devotional
March 19	6:00 Dinner	6:30 Devotional
March 26	6:00 Dinner	6:30 Devotional
April 2	6:00 Dinner	6:30 Devotional
April 9	6:00 Dinner	6:30 Devotional

Please find sign up sheet on the Narthex table to sign up to provide a meal before one of the Lenten series service. Individuals or groups welcome !

**Join us for Holy Week 2025**

Sunday		
April 13	Palm Sunday	10:00 am
April 17	Maundy Thursday Service	6:30 pm
April 18	Good Friday	6:30 pm
April 20	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
	Easter Breakfast	9:00 am
	Easter Egg Hunt	9:30 am
	Worship Service	10:00 am

Bring a handful of flowers if you wish to help flower the cross on Easter !

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