

***St. John Lutheran Church of  
Cat Spring***  
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***Pastor Pat Dietrich***  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
June 1, 2025

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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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life,

let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,

waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,

and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers

and give new life to beloved servants of your church;

waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers

and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path,

rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One, **make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters

that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

### Gathering Hymn

*"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*

ELW 855

**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.

## Hymn of Praise ( first verse only)

ELW 204

## Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Lesson:

First Reading: Acts 16:16-34

## The First Lesson is from the sixteenth chapter of Acts

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

R: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

## Second Lesson:

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

## The Second Lesson is from the twenty-second chapter of Revelation

12 "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

16 "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

17 The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

20 The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen<sub>3</sub>

**P:** The word of the Lord  
**C:** Thanks be to God

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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### **Gospel:**

**John 17:20-26**

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

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

Jesus prayed:] 20 “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Dietrich**

## **Sermon**

**Pastor Dietrich**

## **Hymn of the Day**

*“One Bread, One Body”*

**ELW 496**

## **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:** Hear us O God

**C:** Your mercy is great

## **The Sharing of the Peace**

## **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**

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**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

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

### Blessing

The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

*“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

**ELW 656**

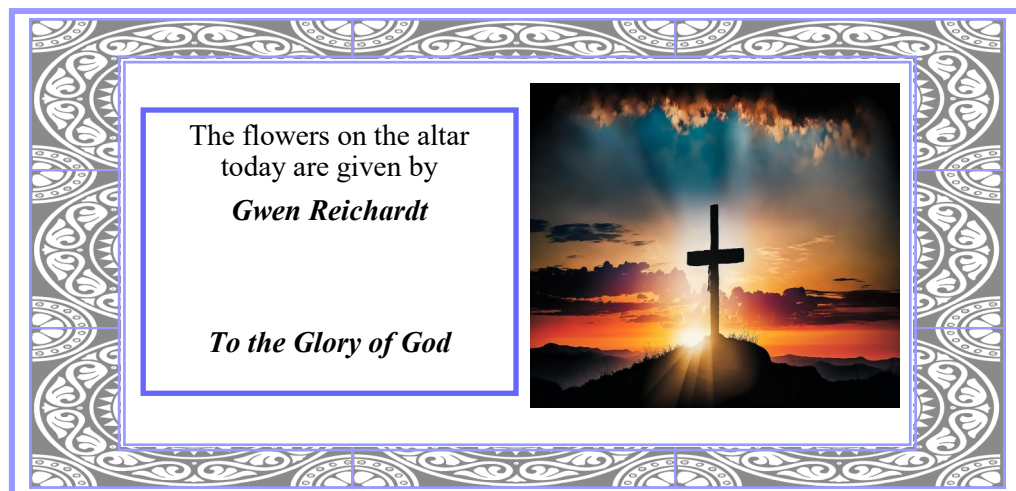
### Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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







6-2 Nicholas McDaniel  
6-3 Callen Rabius



6-3 Siegfried Karg and Elfi Weber  
6-6 Ira and Pauline Lapham

## Weekly News 6/1-7/25

6-1

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Communion Worship Service /  
Children's Church  
10:00 am

**Pastor Pat Diethrich**

6-2

Handbell Practice 5:00 pm  
St John

6-3

Prayer Shawl Ministry 8:30 am

6-5

**St John Blood Drive**

St John Lutheran Church-Cat Spring

**06/05/2025**

04:00 PM to 08:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

**Contact Ken or Rose Wienken**

[www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/dri-ve\\_schedule/387621](http://www.commitforlife.org/donor/schedules/dri-ve_schedule/387621)

## 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

Delores Dittert

William Hegemeyer

Sara Wit

MaryAnn English

Val Kite

Victor Smith

Charlotte Reichert



Brad Wood

Hope Griffin

## June 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 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	Reader	Flowers
 June 1	Pastor Pat Dietrich	Tim and Robin	Rinley Nelson	James Tiner	Gwen Reichardt
June 8	Don Allphin	Laurie	Layla Ordner	Ruth Walker	The Tiner's
 June 15	Pastor Ken Weiss	Doug and Tim	Volunteer	Ruth Walker	The Findeisen's
June 22	Don Allphin	Doug	Volunteer	Brooklyn Logan	Open
June 29	Don Allphin	Mary and Laurie	Rhett Reichardt	Denise Lange	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar



## MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

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

**Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98**

## Offerings 5-25-25

General Fund	1753.00
Sr Day	157.00
Total	1910.00
Attendance	50
Online	

# BLOOD DRIVE

St John Lutheran Church- Cat Spring

Thursday, June 5  
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall

Successful donors will receive a  
FREE \$25 gift card for the Donor  
Rewards Store!

sponsor code: 2782



Appointments preferred. Walk-ins welcome.

Iris, blood recipient



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Save lives on  
the go with



Complete your Health History Interview before you  
come in for your donation.

Go to <https://cflxpress.giveblood.org/> and complete  
the same day as your appointment.

Don't forget to fill out the attendance card ! Thanks!



Thanks to all who participated !  
Memorial Day USA Flags 2025  
Sunday May 25th  
St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery



St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

"Actively reaching out ... showing God's love to all."

## Congregational Notice

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025

This is a notice of two special congregational meetings, one on May 25<sup>th</sup> after church service,  
and one on June 8<sup>th</sup> after church service.

The first meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup> will be a presentation of the Research Committee's findings. This  
will be an informational meeting only; no votes will be taken.

The second meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup> will be a voting meeting to determine if we will stay with the  
ELCA or pursue leaving the ELCA and joining the NALC. This vote must be a two- thirds majority  
of the voting members present. If two thirds of the congregation vote to leave the ELCA, there  
will be a 90-120 day waiting period to consult with the ELCA and NALC. A second vote will then  
be taken and will again require a two-thirds majority to leave the ELCA and join the NALC.

This will be a very important point in our church's history, and we urge all voting members to  
attend. See the definition of "Voting Member" below, as excerpted from our constitution.

Sincerely,

Robin Hougen – Council President

Voting members are members who, during the preceding 12 months, shall have communed in this  
congregation at least two times, shall have made a monetary contribution of record to this  
congregation, and is at least eighteen years of age. Members of this congregation who have satisfied  
these basic standards shall have the privilege of voice and vote at every regular and special meeting of  
the congregation as well as the other rights and privileges ascribed to voting members by the provisions  
of this constitution and its bylaws.

169th Annual



# JUNE FEST

Cat Spring Agricultural Society - 13035 Hall Rd.

Cat Spring Hall on Facebook or [catspringagsociety.org](http://catspringagsociety.org)

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

BBQ BEEF, PORK & SAUSAGE Serving starts at 5 p.m.

Dine In & Plates To Go \$15 ♦ Children 10 & under \$8

## LIVE AUCTION

starts at  
6:30 p.m.  
INSIDE  
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Deck of Cards Raffle

**Cornhole  
Tournament**

Begins 4:00 p.m.  
For Information Call Molly 979-472-0260