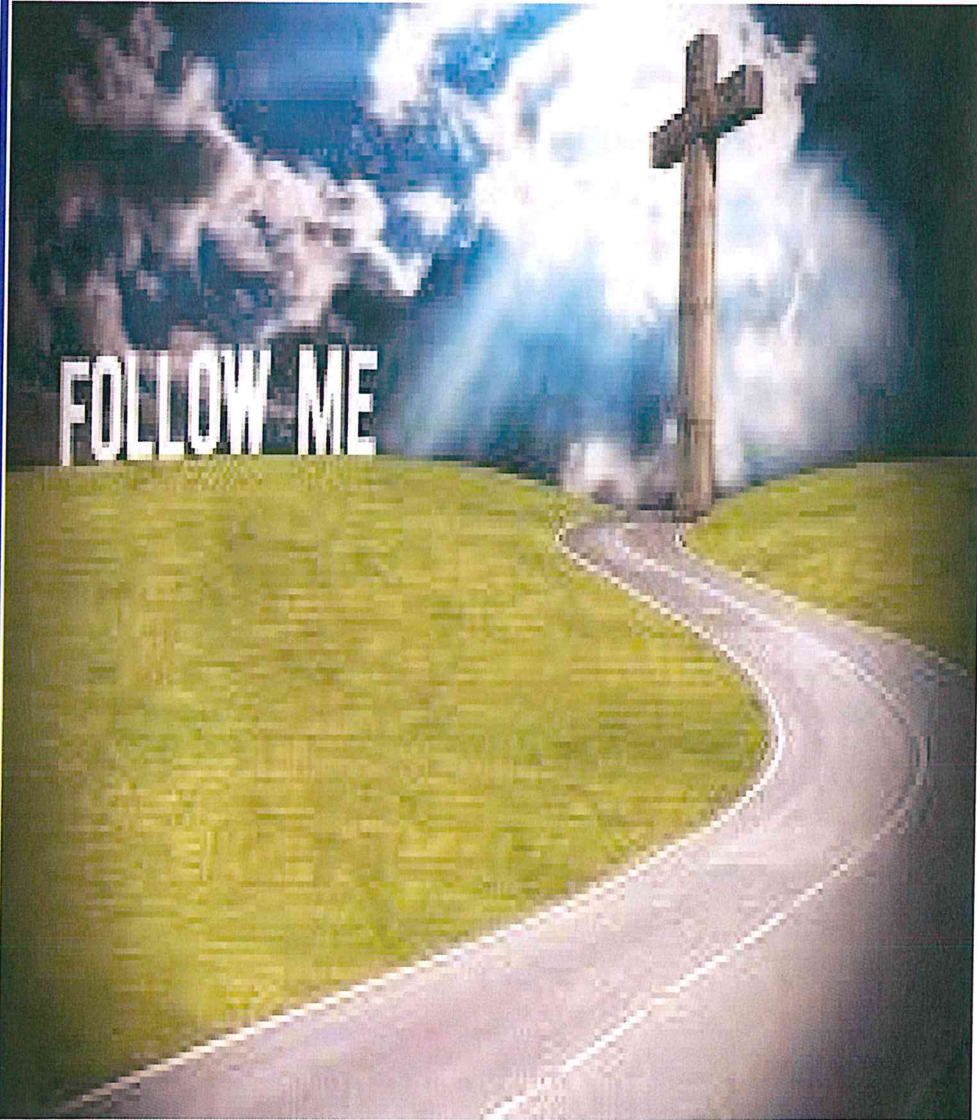


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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7, 2023

If this is your first time to worship with us, please sign our Guest Book in the entry hall of the church. If you have questions about our facilities, the order of service, or if you need help with anything at all, see our Greeters or Ushers of the day. You can also ask any member for assistance. We pray this service is a blessing for everyone in attendance and that you'll all worship again soon. All who believe are welcome to join us for Holy Communion. Please fill out an attendance card and indicate if you would like to partake and hand to the Usher during Communion.

ORDER OF DIVINE WORSHIP

Welcome

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns 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**Page 203****Hymn of Praise (First verse only)****Page 204****Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson**Acts 7:55-60**

The First Lesson is from the book of Acts; the seventh chapter

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ‘Look,’ he said, ‘I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!’ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ When he had said this, he died.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson**1 Peter 2:2-10**

The second Lesson is from the book of 1 Peter, the second chapter

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,
‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’,
and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson

John 14:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to John; the fourteenth chapter.

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

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’ Thomas said to him, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?’ Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.’

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

P: The Gospel of our Lord

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

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Hymn of the Day

“The Church’s One Foundation”

ELW# 654

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:** Hear us, O God
- **C:** Your mercy is great

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

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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Preface

Holy Holy Holy

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Words of Institution

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 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

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me!"

ELW # 623

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

St John Lutheran Church 2023 Confirmands

Confirmation is May 28th, 2023

10:00 am Worship Service

Baylee Brandes

Emmy McDaniel

Reese Reichardt

Cade Thielemann

Reception Following Worship Service

Memorial Day USA Flags

Sunday May 21st after Worship Service

St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery

Please join in and help place a USA Flag on every Veteran's grave, in honor of their service to our country .

We will gather after Sunday Worship and hope you can join us in this yearly event.

Bring the family and what a great teaching moment , honoring those who gave so much for us!





5-8 Johnny Class



5-7 James and Carol Wenzel

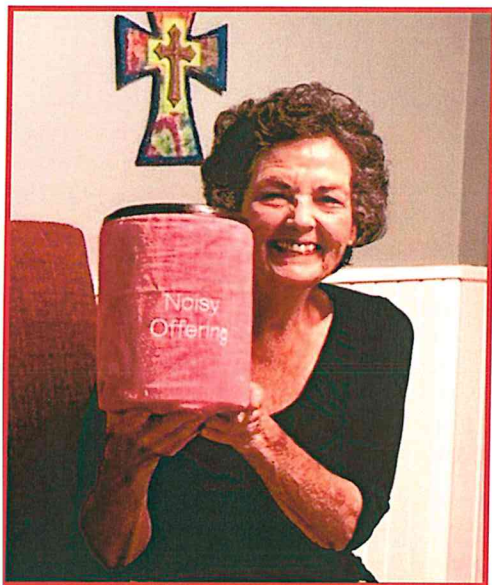
NEXT WECA MEETING

May 25 @ 6:30 pm

Bring a dinner salad to share.



Thanks to Christel Karl for taking our Noisy Offering coffee containers to a whole new level! Christel's mom, Johnnie Klatt, proudly displaying it in the picture below. They are covered now in a red material, with "Noisy Offering" embroidered in white letters. Thank You!



UPCOMING EVENTS

5-8 Council 6:15 pm
 5-9 Staff Meeting 10:00 am
 5-10 Confirmation 6:30 pm
 5-11 Handbell Practice 5:30 pm
 5-14 St John Singers Practice 9:00 am
 5-14 *Mother's Day Muffins for Mom*
 5-15 St John Quilting 8:30 AM
 5-15 Staff Meeting
 5-17 Senior Service 11:00 am
 5-17 Confirmation 6:30 pm
 5-18 Handbell Choir 5:30 pm .
 5-21 Noisy Offering
 5-21 St John Singers Perform
 5-21 Memorial Day Flags at Cemetery

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Argent Court - Brenham

Cecil and Carrie Froebel

Kruse Village - Brenham

Elaine Thielemann

Columbus Oaks

Marilyn Wendt

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Ludwig

Katherine Washburn

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 4-30-23

General Fund 3440.00

Senior Service 20.00

Total: 3460.00

Online Views 33

Attendance 56

UPCOMING MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY

May 7

May 14

Flowers:

Open

Youth

Council Duty

Cheryl and Jennifer

Ryan and Chad

Reader

Don Allphin

Janet Allphin

Acolyte

Addilyn Divin

Bexley Nelson

May Altar Guild

Marsha Tipp Robin Haugen

Flower Guild -

Ruth Walker

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Tipp

Tomas Divin

Mike Mueller

Allan Boehm

Cindi Harrison

David Wilkenson

Fay Rice

Susan Boyett

Richie Butler

Colin Brock

Deana Keller

Paulette Miller

Deanna Ling

Sharon

Bubba Bencal

Darrell Grasb

James and Carol Wenzel

Florine Stuessel

Dorothy Mersmann

Gloria Havemann

Claire Venghaus

Hart Oshman

Treva Forrester

Johnny Griffin

/Gwen Reichardt

Mary Ann English

Melinda Rodiek

Wes Redman in prison

Carolyn Rash

Melinda Brod

Betty Remmert

Jerry Ordner

Jolee Meiers

Carrie, Cecil and Vanna Froebel

Kelly Macha

Melinda Brock

Kendall Manna

Shirley Hering

Chris Beckendorff

Elaine Thielemann

Lita Hrbacek

HOT OFF THE PRESS !

Herbert Kollatschny's new book
about St John Lutheran Church and
early religion in the Cat Spring area .

Available in the office or just give
Herbert a call or catch him after service.

Only \$10.00

SENIOR SERVICE

Summertime Picnic !

May 17th 11:00 am

**Hot Dogs, Watermelon
and Ice Cream !**

Just bring yourself and a friend



The Early History of ...

St. John
Lutheran Church
Cat Spring, Texas



And

Early Religion

In The
Cat Spring Area

St John WELCA of Cat Spring

C'MON EVERYBODY!



Calling all Cooks!

We need your recipes.

**We want your best recipes for
the next St John cookbook.**

Send 1 or send 10!

*If you don't have anything to type it
on or you don't email*

*Just write it down and
bring it or mail it to us !*

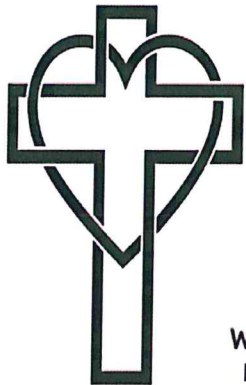
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Or

**Please email your typed
recipes to
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Questions?

Talk to Jheri or Rachel.



Sisters in Christ

11am- 2 pm

Saturday, June 10, 2023

Join us for food, fellowship, and guest speaker, Rachel Norris.
Be sure to invite a girlfriend, a neighbor, a coworker, a sister, or a
mother!

Pick up free tickets from Sherry Barr, Rachel Divin, or Jheri Sell.
Organized by WELCA of St John Lutheran

Women of St John:

Please bring salads,
sandwiches, and / or
desserts to share.

Questions?

Call or Text Rachel
at 281 750 1135



This past September our youth
made a special cross during our
"Rocky Railway" series. This
cross was made from the cedar
planks that was the barn
structure for the manger scene
in our Christmas plays.

Our youth will be making more of these crosses as a
fundraiser.

The cross is on display in the Narthex for
pre orders! Cost:\$20

Cat Spring Agricultural Society

13035 Hall Rd. - Just north of FM 1094

167th
Annual

FEST

Saturday, June 3, 2023

BARBECUE

BEEF ★ PORK ★ SAUSAGE

Serving starts at 5 p.m.

Buffet Style inside the air-conditioned hall.

Adults - \$15.00 — Children 9 and under free
Tea Included - Desserts - FOOD SERVED ALL EVENING

Drive Thru Line for Plates To-Go (Watch for Signs)

BBQ Sandwiches - Meat sold by the pound after 6:30 p.m.

LIVE AUCTION

starts at
6:30 p.m.
INSIDE
Air-Conditioned Hall

Quilts, Antiques, Foods, Plants ... plus many more unique items
Call Malcolm at 979-472-0020 or Randy at 979-877-8811 to donate to the Auction.

★ Deck of cards raffle ★

**Cake Walk
& More!**

Fun for the Kids
Face Painting
Balloon Animals by Creative Twist Entertainment

Come out and join us for a community event! All proceeds go toward hall renovations.