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Cat Spring***
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Gospel: Luke 17:11-19



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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. 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,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

We are here to praise and serve you.

We openly repent for our sins.

We ask for forgiveness of our sins.

Help us be mindful of those who are in need.

**Grant us ways to minister to those who need
our help and compassion.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

ELW 858

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

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Hymn of Praise (first verse only)

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

First Lesson is from the Second Book of Kings

1 Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. 2 Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3 She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

8 But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10 Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13 But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

15a, b, c Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

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2 Timothy 2:8-15

The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of 2 Timothy

8 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, 9 for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. 10 Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11 The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

12 if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

13 if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

14 Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. 15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" 14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. 15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? 18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" 19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

A Message from the Gospel

Don Allphin

Hymn of the Day

"We Come to You for Healing, Lord"

ELW 617

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 Holy Spirit, 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 he is seated at the right hand of the Father. 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: Receive our prayer

The Sharing of the Peace

The Offering

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

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
+bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

ELW 881

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

“The flowers on the altar today are given by Cheryl Mellenthin, in loving memory of her late husband, **Mark Chapman**, upon their upcoming wedding anniversary ,
October 16, 2025.

“The peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:7)”





10-13 Carol Wenzel
 10-14 Eric Ordner
 10-15 Karla Rice
 10-16 Gloria Tipp



10-14
 Danny and Betty Hengst

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 10-5-25

General Fund 1902.00
 Total 1902.00
 Attendance 49
 Online

Please pick up an
**ELCA Disaffiliation
 Timeline**

In the narthex, if you do
 not have one.

**Important steps and dates
 listed**

Weekly News 10/5/2025-10/11/25

10/12

Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00
 Worship Service /Children's Church
 10:00
 Don Allphin

10/19

St John Singers Perform

**Second special meeting and vote regarding
 disaffiliation;** if passes with 2/3 majority of
 voting members, then hand out second bal-
 lot to vote on which specific Lutheran
 synod we will affiliate with.

For the Lutheran affiliation vote, the ballot
 will have all (3) synods listed (NALC,
 LCMC, Missouri Synod). If there is not a
 clear 2/3 majority, the synod with the least
 number of votes will be eliminated, and a
 second vote will be conducted with the re-
 maining (2) synods.

Don Allphin

10/26

Sunday School /Choir Practice - Not
 Today
 Worship Service /Children's Church
 10:00

**Following Worship Service :
 Annual Budget Meeting**

If a quorum is not reached, we will schedule for
 the following Sunday, until a quorum is met.

Don Allphin

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

Alfred Tomasek

Tristan

Jerry Henneke

Theresa Luetge

Zachary Schulke

Kathy Painchaud

William Hegemeyer

Sara Wit

MaryAnn English

Victor Smith

Charlotte Reichert

Hope Griffin

Brian Dahl

Bubba Bencal

Nathan Schulke

Kathy Weiss

Shirley Hering

Carol Smith

Steve Lackey

Neely Fay Grawunder

Mark Enax

Jerry Walsch

John Carr

Zayden

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Sealy Avir
 Delores Dittert

**Argent Court –
 Brenham**
 Carrie Froebel

HOMEBOUND:
 Katherine Washburn

This is to let everyone know that
 the **Annual Meeting is sched-
 uled for Sunday, October 26th,
 2025**, after the 10:00 am church
 service. If a quorum is not reached, we will
 schedule for the following Sunday, until a
 quorum is met. We will approve the
 budget for 2026 at this meeting.
 Handouts will be in narthex soon.

Thank you so much for giving to The Lutheran World Relief Fund ! Because of you we made 26 school kits at the last WELCA meeting !!!



Welcome **Rianna Lane Brittain**, St John's newest member ! Rianna was baptized on Easter Sunday, 2025

Parents Janie and Nathan and big brother Ryker. Grandparents Randall and Marsha Tipp and great grandma Delores Dittert.

Reverend Ken Weiss, officiant.

Secretarial apology for being late getting this in bulletin.



Step Forward and Serve! ☐

“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others.” — 1 Peter 4:10

Our church family is growing and thriving — and that means we need you!

God has blessed each of us with unique gifts, talents, and perspectives. Now is the perfect time to put them into action by running for a leadership position within our church.

Whether it's helping guide our ministries, supporting our youth, managing outreach, or caring for our facilities, your willingness to serve makes a difference. Leadership is not about titles — it's about hearts willing to serve and hands ready to help.

✦**Pray about it. Think about it. Step forward.**

Nominations are now open for church positions. If you feel that gentle nudge from the Spirit, we encourage you to say “Yes, Lord — use me!”

For more information or to submit your name, please contact Robin Haugen or any council member. We have 2 council positions expire this year.

Together, let's continue to build a church that shines God's light in our community. ☐

October 2025 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	Worship Leader	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
10-5	Don Allphin	Robin	Layla Ordner	Ruth Walker	Emmy McDaniel
10-12	Don Allphin	Tim	Hunter Hewson	Pauline Lapham	Cheryl Mellenthin
10-19	Don Allphin	All Council-Vote	Rhett Reichardt	Janet Allphin	Cheryl Mellenthin
10-26	Don Allphin	Laurie	Rinley Nelson	Nancy Hartmann	Gwen Reichardt

In red indicates change from original calendar

<u>October 2025 Altar Guild</u>
Nila Klaus Pauline Lapham
Flower Guild
<i>Ruth Walker Gwen Reichardt</i>