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8th Sunday after Pentecost

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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

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,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, □ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ELW 807

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)

Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:**Amos 7:7-15****First Lesson is from the seventh book of Amos.**

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A plumb-line.’ Then the Lord said,

‘See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.’

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, ‘Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

“Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.” ’

And Amaziah said to Amos, ‘O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.’

Then Amos answered Amaziah, ‘I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, “Go, prophesy to my people Israel.”

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:**Ephesians 1:3-14****The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Ephesians**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

Mark 6:14-29

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the sixth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.' But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.'

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the baptizer.' Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.' The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Don Allphin

Homily/Gospel

Don Allphin

Hymn of the Day

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

ELW 805

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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: In your mercy

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

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
+ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

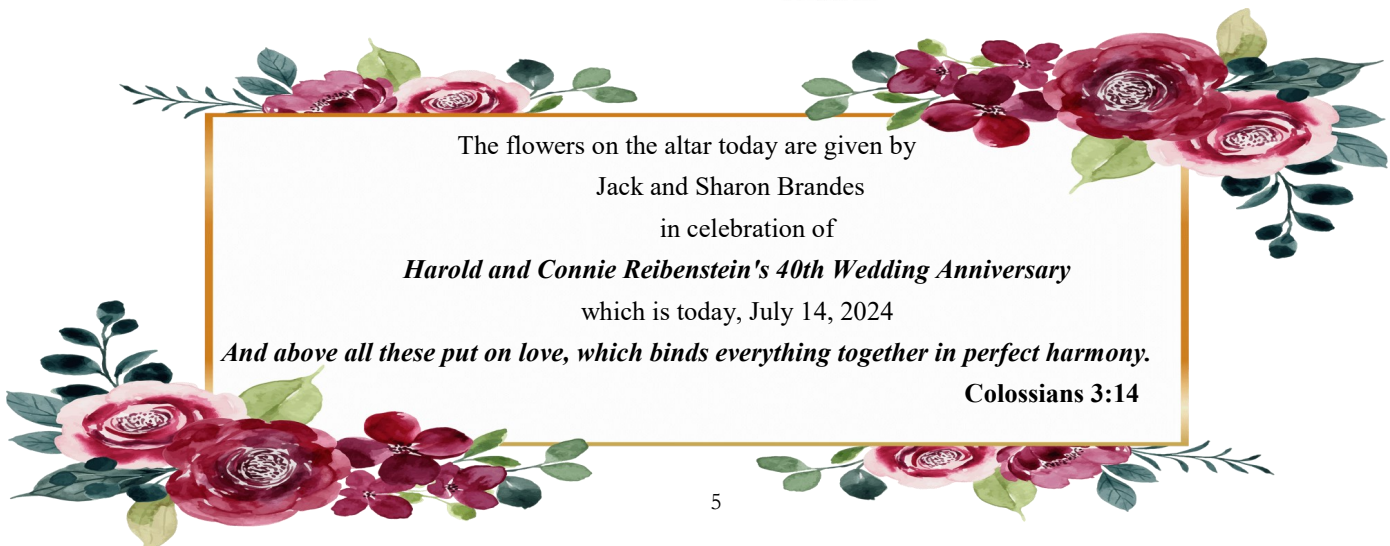
“Holy God, We Praise Your Name”

ELW 414

Dismissal

P:Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C:Thanks be to God.



The flowers on the altar today are given by
Jack and Sharon Brandes
in celebration of
Harold and Connie Reibenstein's 40th Wedding Anniversary
which is today, July 14, 2024
And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
Colossians 3:14

Weekly News 7/14-20/2024



7-15 Addilyn Divin

7-17 James Hering



7-14 Harold and Connie Reibenstein

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 7-7-24

General Fund 3281.00

Total: 3281.00

Attendance 88

Online 44

UPCOMING EVENTS

7-14 Adult Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10:0 am
Children's Church 10:00 am

7-15 Council Meeting 6:15 pm

7-18 Handbell Choir 5:00 pm

7-21 Adult Sunday School 9am
Worship Service 10:0 am
Children's Church 10:00 am

St John Handbell Performs

Noisy Offering

July 22-26 VBS 9:00 am to Noon

7-25 Thursday WELCA Bring a dish to share.

7-31 Monster Golf Katy Noon ! Youth

Save the Date :

August 1- Survey due to Call Committee

August 18th—Ice Cream Social Following Worship Service

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Argent Court –Brenham

Carrie Froebel

Columbus Oaks

Marilyn Wendt

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Ludwig

Katherine Washburn

The family of Jerry Ordner, in their time of sorrow.

The family of Billy Mike Monroe , in their time of sorrow. Billy is Melinda Brock's father.

Gloria Tipp

Mike Mueller

Allan Boehm

Fay Rice

Deana Keller

Deanna Ling

Bubba Bencal

Darrell Grasb

James and Carol Wenzel

Gloria Havemann

Hart Oshman

Johnny Griffin

Wes and Nic Redman

Melinda Brod

Betty Remmert

Carrie and Vanna Froebel

Melinda Brock

Kendall Manna

JD Divin

Joe Brandt

Micheal Pawelek

Zachary Schulke

Betty D.

Kathy Painchaud

Jim Beamer

Gene Wietstruck

Cindy Reichardt

Tracer Kruzal

Sonia Flores

Carolyn Word

Liz Hyde

Clint Remmert

Jill Wolfskill

Nicolas Norboge

Tristan Jays

Myra Williams

Bev Ekarius

Linda Vernghaus

Jerry and Colleen

Richardson

Chris Redman- Good report !

Val and Sherry Kite

Ronnie Klatt



Save the Date
August 18, 2024
Following 10:00am Service

Ice Cream
Social
Extravaganza
Coming
Soon!

Join us for a sweet end of summer celebration with homemade ice cream and fun activities!

Organized by St John's WELCA

Come join us on a cruise through 7 jungle rivers, making stops at 7 ports of call along the way-each starting with the letter C.
Curious??
Come aboard!



SAVE THE DATE
VBS
St John Cat Spring
July 22-26
9:00 a.m.- 12:00



St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring



The surveys are out and ready for families to complete. Please scan the qr code to complete online or grab a paper copy on Sunday at church. Surveys are due by August 1st. One survey per family, please.

Call Committee Members:
Nancy Hartmann, Herbert Kollatschny
Margie Lovell, Lacy Dittert, Rachel Divin
Please continue to pray for our church, the call committee, and our future pastor.

July 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 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	Altar Guild/Flowers	Reader
7-14	Jennifer and Kyle	Brooklynn Logan	Jack and Sharon Brandes	Nancy Hartmann
7-21	Robin and Chad	Hunter Hewson	Laura Calzada	Jheri Sell
7-28	Jennifer and Doug	Bexley/Rinley Nelson	Chris Redman	Gwen Reichardt

In red indicates change from original calendar

July Altar Guild
Pauline Lapham Nila Klaus
Flower Guild- Ruth Walker

Addilyn and Tomas Divin will be attending Lutherhill, in LaGrange, from July 21-26. If you are interested in giving to the Daily Bread Project, please either give money to Addilyn or Tomas or send a Venmo to Rachel. **Last year, the Divin kids gave a generous donation to the Daily Bread Project. It would be nice to do the same again this year.**

DAILY BREAD PROJECT: Each summer, Lutherhill joins forces with another organization to help our campers learn about God's invitation to generous living through the Daily Bread project. This summer, Lutherhill is partnering with the non-profit Tree 4 Hope. Tree 4 Hope is a non-profit organization committed to providing a bright future of long-term hope for children, elders, and their families in Guatemala and around the world through educational, health and mental wellness outreach programs. Our campers will have a hands-on service project while at camp.

Stay tuned for opportunities to ways you can support the Summer 2024 Daily Bread Project!

@Rachel-Divin is Rachel's Venmo account. They may ask for last 4 numbers of Rachel's phone to verify you have right person. They are 1135. You may notate on "Memo Line" on Venmo if you are giving to the Daily Bread Project or to the National Youth Gathering, which will go our Region 4, to supply Liquid IV. Or you can let Rachel decide which fund to put it in. Thank you!



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

WELCA will be gathering school supplies for Lutheran World Relief.

Be on the lookout for the school bus in the fellowship hall.

If you want to donate money instead of supplies, please give it to Rachel, Sherry, or label it on the memo line of your check.



Marissa Divin will be attending the ELCA's National Youth in New Orleans with the youth from St John Bellville. She will be leaving on Sunday, July 14 and arriving home on Saturday, July 20.

In the aftermath of a storm, hurricane, or tornado, New Orleans residents regularly find themselves without electricity. This quickly becomes a health crisis as people try to manage life in the hot, humid Gulf Coast summers. City leaders and community organizers identified the eight most-requested items to help residents as they wait for the power grid to be restored.

Our goal is to create 3,000 disaster relief kits filled with these items to help New Orleanians get through the days immediately following a natural disaster. It takes about \$100 to create an entire disaster relief kit.

Our synod is in Region 4, so we are responsible for helping with Liquid IV. If you are interested in helping, scan the qr code or go to <https://www.elca.church/gathering/about/offering> to find out more. The items will be shipped directly to New Orleans.

If you want to find out more about the National Youth Gathering, either before or after, please talk to Marissa.