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Cat Spring***
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9th 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

Call to Worship

St. John Handbells

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

"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

ELW 722

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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:**Jeremiah 23:1-6****First Lesson is from the twenty-third book of Jeremiah**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:**Ephesians 2:11-2****The Second Lesson is from the second chapter of Ephesians**

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

P:The Holy Gospel according to Mark the sixth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, ‘Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.’ For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C:Praise to you, O Christ.

Noisy Offering

Children’s Sermon

Don Allphin

Homily/Gospel

Don Allphin

Hymn of the Day

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

ELW 719

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.

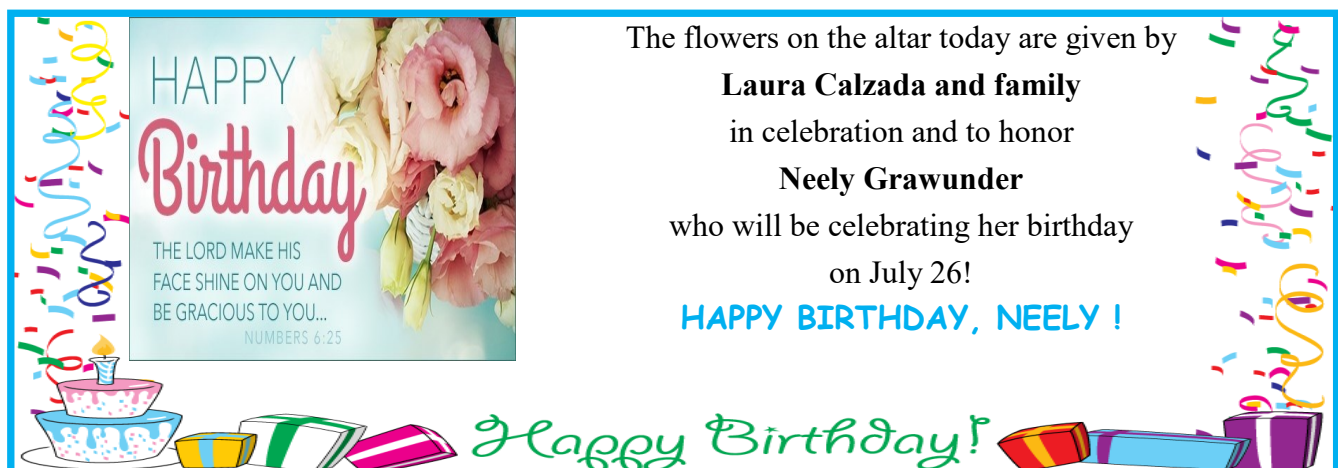
Sending Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

ELW 654

Dismissal

P:Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
C:Thanks be to God.





7-21 Dayne Rice
7-22 Nila Klaus
7-25 Darlene Howell



7-26 Ryan and Carla Reichardt

UPCOMING EVENTS
 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

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

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 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	Altar Guild/Flowers	Reader
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



Please join us at our upcoming WELCA Meeting.

Thursday, July 26th 6:00 pm
 Fellowship Hall

Bring a dish to share!

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE
Argent Court –Brenham
 Carrie Froebel
Columbus Oaks
 Marilyn Wendt
HOMEBOUND:
 Katherine Ludwig
 Katherine Washburn



St John Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to gift a Prayer Shawl to the people on our prayer list. If you requested someone to be placed on the list, please let us know and they will get a shawl to you, so you can get it to the person you placed on the list.

**Call Marilyn –979-885-8743
or Sally at the office-865-5444**

WELCA Cookbooks are here!

Cookbooks can be purchased for \$20 after church each Sunday.

See Rachel to get your copy.

Great Hostess Gift!

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**

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

Hello!

The Call Committee (Nancy, Herbert, Margie, Lacy & Rachel) of St John Lutheran Cat Spring needs your help to gather information about our next called Pastor. Please complete the Call Committee survey by **August 1, 2024**.

Paper copies will be available on Sundays at church.

We are excited to move forward in the call process. Thank you for the continued prayers and thank you, in advance, for answering the survey.

Rachel

Chairperson of the Call Committee

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!



**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.



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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.



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.