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Cat Spring***

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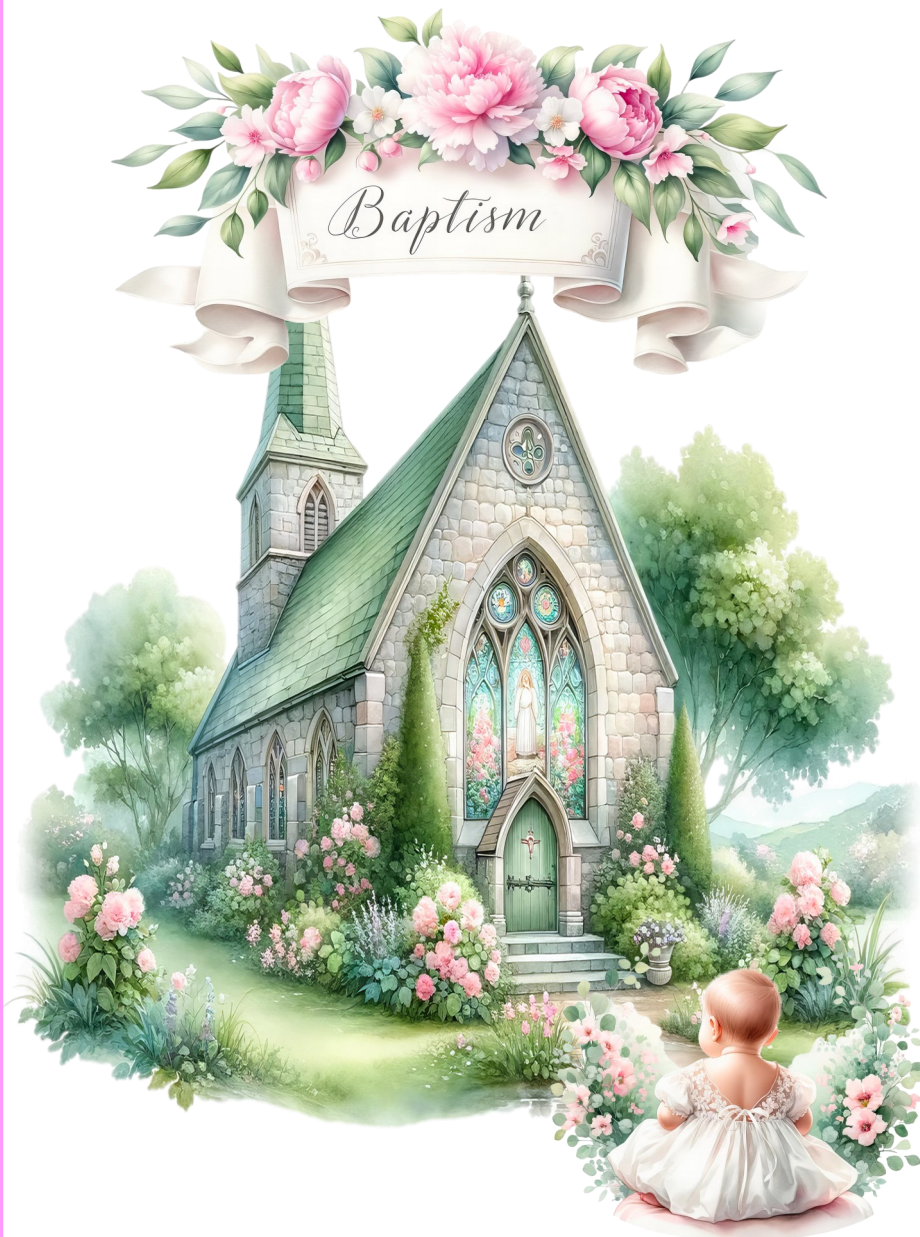
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**July 7th, 2024**

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**

### **Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

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.**

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**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**

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Lesson:**

**Ezekiel 2:1-5**

**The First Lesson is from the second book of Ezekiel**

He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

**R:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Second Lesson:**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

**The Second Lesson is from the twelfth chapter of 2 Corinthians**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made

perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

**R:** The word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Gospel:**

**Mark 6:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter.

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

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Weiss**

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**Hymn of the Day**

*“Shine, Jesus, Shine”*

**ELW 671**

**Service of Holy Baptism**

**Pastor Weiss**

**Prayers of Intercessions**

**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

Jesus, Bread of life,  
you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.  
Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.  
Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of 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

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

### Blessing

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal

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

**C:** Thanks be to God.



**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.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

7-7 Marissa Divin  
 7-8 Marcia Melnar  
 7-10 Brenda Menke  
 James Wenzel  
 Russell Reichardt  
 7-11 Rinley Nelson



**7-10 Doug and Martha Neva**

**Our weekly budgeted need:  
 3329.98**

**Offerings 6-30-24**

General Fund	3457.64
LYO	100.00
Scholarship	10000.00
Total:	13557.64
Attendance	61

**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 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**

**Weekly News 7/7-13/24**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

7 -8 Council 6:15 pm  
 7-9 St John Quilting Ministry 9:00 am  
 7-11 Handbell Choir 5:00 pm \\  
 7-14 Adult Sunday School 9am  
 Worship Service 10:0 am  
 Children's Church 10:00 am  
 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 :**

Call Committee Surveys due by August 1st  
 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

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  
 Jerry Ordner  
 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 !



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 ☆ **THANK YOU** to  
 ☆ Christa and all the  
 ☆ youth who organized  
 ☆ and participated in the  
 ☆ June 30th patriotic  
 ☆ youth lead Worship  
 ☆ Service.! It was so well  
 ☆ done, all the way to the  
 ☆ patriotic banners!  
 ☆ Thank you, Sharon  
 ☆ Dahl ,for the pics.  
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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**VBS**  
**St John Cat Spring**  
**July 22-26**  
**9:00 a.m.- 12:00**



**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
7-7	Mary and Chad	Addilyn Divin	Martha Neva	Addilyn Divin
7-14	Jennifer and Kyle	Brooklynn Logan	Open	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 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!