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Cat Spring***
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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. Please sign the guest book in the narthex and our Council members on duty will be glad to answer any of your questions.

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

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,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
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

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Jeremiah 23:23-29

The First Lesson is from the twenty third chapter of Jeremiah

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

The Second Lesson is from the eleventh chapter of Hebrews

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

Luke 12:49-56

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?’

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Hymn of the Day

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

ELW 574

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: Merciful God

C:Receive our prayer.

The Sharing of the Peace

Offertory Music

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

Merciful God

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, 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 peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life
this day and always. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

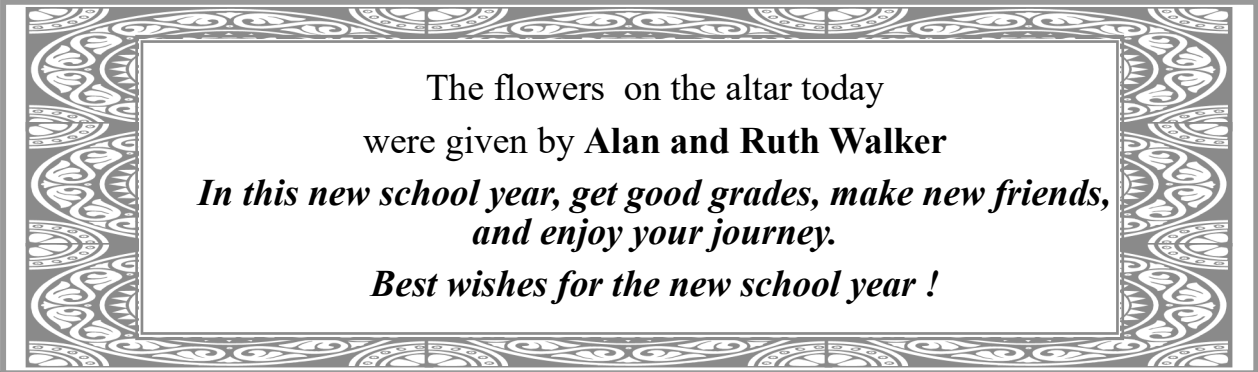
Lead On, King Eternal

ELW 805

Dismissal

P:Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C:Thanks be to God.



The flowers on the altar today
were given by **Alan and Ruth Walker**
*In this new school year, get good grades, make new friends,
and enjoy your journey.*
Best wishes for the new school year !

Happy Birthday

8-15 Breanna Brandes
8-19 Ryan Reichardt

UPCOMING EVENTS

8-14 Blessing of the Backpacks
8-15 Council 6:15 pm
St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am
Staff Meeting 10:00 am
8-21 1-7 pm EEG Association
Fellowship Hall-Karen Landrum
8-31 Confirmation Pool Party 6:30-7:30 pm

Save the Date : Sept 11
Rally Day 9:00 am Rocky Railroad
"Gods Work. Our Hands" Sunday
Grandparents Day
Luncheon

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Melvin and Johnnie Klatt
Greg Klatt
Gloria Tipp
Tomas Divin
Mike Mueller
Billy Schaffner
Allan Boehm
Cindi Harrison
Elrose Kollatschny
David Wilkenson
Debbie Haidusek
Fay Rice
Susan Boyett
Robert Klar
Melinda Brod
Richie Butler
Colin Brock
Deana Keller
Paulette Miller
Deanna Ling
Diane Cook
Sharon
Glenn Whitehead
Debbie Reichardt
Barbara
Beverly White
Dennis Mauney
Bubba Bencal
Rebecca Cole
Jerry Hennecke
Carolyn Poehi

Get ready for Rally Day
VBS style
this Rocky Railway is
headed
to St. John! **A four Sunday**
youth Bible study
September 11 - October 2
9:00-10:45

Youth will come aboard our
Railway for an extended
Sunday school hour.

All are welcome to explore
Jesus' power and how we can
trust Jesus to pull us through
our ups and downs, twists and
turns.



Friends, cousin, grandkids, and
community are all welcome.

Our weekly budgeted need: \$3933.08

Offerings 8/7/22
General Fund 11605.60
Total 11605.60
Attendance In Person 63
Online 35

UPCOMING AUGUST MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY	August 14	August 21
Flowers:	The Walkers	St John Youth
Accompanist	Janet Allphin	Janet Allphin
Council Duty	Jennifer and Kyle	Jennifer and Ruth
Reader `	James Tiner	Confirmand
Acolyte	Baylee Brandes	Marissa Divin
Altar Guild	Christa, Lacy, Melissa	

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

Save the date!!!

**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is
Sunday, September 11, 2022.**

This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor..

**Jennifer Logan (713 408 6593) and Rachel
Divin (281 750 1135) need your help!**

We will need to plan where our service projects will be. Do you have an idea of where we could serve our community? No job is too small.

Please reach out to Jennifer or Rachel in person, by text, or by call. We want to complete service projects in Sealy, Bellville and Cat Spring. We want to find service projects for all members no matter their size, age, or athletic ability.

We are excited to show our community how much St John Cat Spring cares!



**WELCA Giving Back for the
Upcoming School Year !**

*WELCA wants to give teachers a
supply kit!*

We want to give teacher supply kits to not only our members, but to our family and friends.

Please email Sally with the names of your teacher friends and family.

secretary@stjohncatspring.org

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



SCHOLARSHIP



From the Desk of the Scholarship

Committee:

Reminder!

If you are a senior in high school this year and would like to apply for a scholarship for college next year, PLEASE fill out the **Attendance Cards** every time you attend St Johns!

**Please contact Cheryl Mellenthin at
979-732-5591 for more information.**

**WELCA is collecting
school supplies for
Lutheran World Relief
(LWR).**

There are blocks and little people that are labeled in the narthex and in the kitchen pass through.

**Please pick up an
assignment,** and return it before the school supplies disappear from the local stores.