

***St. John Lutheran Church of
Cat Spring***
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LUKE 10:38-42

6th Sunday after Pentecost

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July 20, 2025

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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

A reading from the book of Romans 8 Verses 31 – 35; 37 - 39

31 What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,[a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

Heal us, break our bonds,

and show us the path of life.

Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of + Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **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 (first verse only)

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Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Genesis 18:1-10a

First Lesson is from the eighteenth book of Genesis

1 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” 7 Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

9 They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” 10a Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.”

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

Colossians 1:15-28

The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Colossians

5 [Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him, 23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a minister of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its minister according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

Luke 10:38-42

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

38 Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, 42 but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

A Message from the Gospel

Don Allphin

Hymn of the Day

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens "

ELW 771

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: Hear our prayer

The Sharing of the Peace

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

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always. **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 love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit

+ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

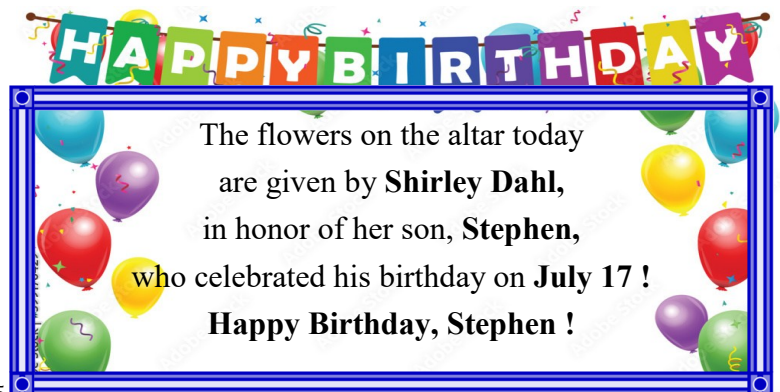
“How Small Our Span of Life”

ELW 636

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.



July 2025 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	Worship Leader	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
July 20	Don Allphin	Mary and Robin	Hunter Hewson	Gwen Reichardt	Shirley Dahl
July 27	Don Allphin	Doug	Riley Hewson	Janet Allphin	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar



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



7-26
Ryan and Carla Reichardt

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 7-13-25

General Fund	5330.00
Memorial	50.00
Total	5380.00
Attendance	44
Online	NA

Weekly News 7/20-26/25

7-20-25

Sunday School

9:00 am

Worship Service /Children's
Church 10:00 am

Don Allphin

7-22

St John Quilting Ministry

9:00 am

July 24-26

Youth retreat to Splashway !

7-31-25

WELCA 6:00 pm

Fellowship Hall

Bring a salad to share !!

WELCA will be doing the LWR

School Kits again this year !!

Be on the look-out for the School Supply
List !

SAVE THE DATES !

8/6/25 - 6:00pm -

Missouri Synod Presentation

Fellowship Hall

8/10/25 - 11:30am (after church) -
LCMC Presentation

8/24/25 - 11:30am (after church) -
NALC Presentation

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Colonial Bell- Sealy
Katherine Ludwig
Argent Court -Brenham

Carrie Froebel

Columbus Oaks

Marilyn Wendt

HOMEBOUND:

Katherine Washburn

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 Hennekee

Theresa Luetge

Zachary Schulke

Kathy Painchaud

Delores Dittert

William Hegemeyer

Sara Wit

MaryAnn English

Val Kite

Victor Smith

Charlotte Reichert

Brad Wood

Hope Griffin

Brian Dahl

Bubba Bencal

Kristen Jones

Nathan Schulke

Kathy Weiss

Shirley Hering

Carol Smith

The family and friends of
Virginia Hollis, in their time of
sorrow.



Upcoming Informational Meetings with Lutheran synods:

All congregational members are encouraged to attend.

08/06/2025– Wednesday

Missouri Synod

Missouri Synod – presentation on 8/6 at 6pm with Rev. Dr. David Bahn and Pastor John Davis (LCMS Texas Dist. 1st VP); snacks and drinks will be provided

08/10/2025 Sunday

LCMC

LCMC – presentation on 8/10 following church service with Pastor Bryce Formwalt (Director of Mission Growth); will present during congregational lunch

08/24/2025 Sunday

NALC

NALC - presentation on 8/24 following church service with Pastor Jared Stillions (St. Peter Lutheran Church - Hallettsville); will present during congregational lunch



St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

“Actively reaching out . . . showing God’s love to all.”

July 9, 2025

Re: Certificate of Resolution – July 6, 2025

Dear Member of St. John Cat Spring,

Please find enclosed a copy of our Certificate of Resolution for the special congregational meeting and vote held on July 6, 2025.

We are forwarding you this copy in accordance with Section C6.05(b) of our Constitution.

Please give me a call if you have any questions at 979-877-8344.

Sincerely,

Mary O'Neal, Council Secretary

Enclosures

See Next Page for Cert.

Certificate of Resolution

Date of Adoption: July 6, 2025

I, Mary O'Neal, the Council Secretary of St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring, certify that I have custody of the records of St. John – Cat Spring and that I am authorized to execute and deliver this certificate of resolution on behalf of St. John – Cat Spring. I further certify as follows:

1. The resolution below was duly adopted on the Date of Adoption. The resolution has not been amended, modified, or rescinded and is now in full force and effect.
2. I further certify that there is no provision in the governing documents of St. John – Cat Spring limiting the powers of the members of St. John – Cat Spring to adopt the resolution referred to below and that the resolution are in conformity with the requirements of the governing documents; that the undersigned is the keeper of the records and minutes of the proceedings of St. John – Cat Spring, and that the following accurately reflects the outcome of the meeting held on July 6, 2025:

WHEREAS, on Sunday, July 6, 2025, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring held a legally called and conducted special meeting to determine whether to terminate its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA).

WHEREAS, the meeting was held more than 30 days after written notice of the meeting was received by the bishop of the synod, and prior to such meeting, the congregation consulted with the bishop and/or the bishop's designees.

WHEREAS, notice of the meeting was posted and letters mailed to all eligible voting members of the congregation more than 10 days prior to the meeting.

WHEREAS, a resolution approved by the council was voted upon.

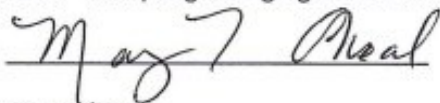
WHEREAS, discussion concerning the resolution was then held by the congregation.

WHEREAS, following the discussion, a vote was conducted by written ballot with the result being (59) members to terminate the relationship with the ELCA and (2) to not terminate the relationship with the ELCA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the vote to terminate the relationship with the ELCA passed by the required 2/3 majority of the voting members present at the meeting.

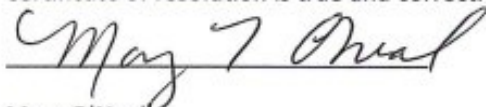
Of the Model Constitution for Congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America 2019 ("the Constitution") which was previously adopted and approved by St. John – Cat Spring and is currently in effect as the operating Constitution of St. John – Cat Spring.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is made and sent in accordance with the Section C6.05(b) and is approved by the current Council Secretary of St. John – Cat Spring, Mary O'Neal, who certifies that the above facts are true and correct, that the special meeting was legally called and conducted and the outcome of the vote to terminate St. John – Cat Spring's relationship with the ELCA is hereby certified and copies of the resolution and certification shall be sent to all voting members of New St. John – Cat Spring's congregation and the bishop.


Mary O'Neal

Council Secretary, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the duly elected and qualified Council Secretary of St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring; that the signature above is her genuine signature; and that the foregoing certificate of resolution is true and correct.


Mary O'Neal

Council Secretary, St. John Lutheran Church of Cat Spring