

***St. John Lutheran Church of
Cat Spring***
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Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023

Happy Mother's Day !

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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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
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

ELW 203

Hymn of Praise (first verse only)

ELW 204

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Lesson:

Acts 17:22-31

The First Lesson is from the seventeenth chapter of Acts

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

R:The word of the Lord

C:Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:

1 Peter 3:13-22

The Second Lesson is from the third chapter of 1 Peter

‘Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to

suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

R: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

ELW 205

Gospel:

John 14:15-21

P:The Holy Gospel according to John the fourteenth chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’

P:The Gospel of the Lord.

C:Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Stephanie Stark

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day

“ I Know That My Redeemer Lives!”

ELW# 619

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: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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 good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel, through Christ Jesus,
the wellspring of eternal life. **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 all, who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

“I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW #661

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.

Proverbs 31:31

*"Honor her for all that
her hands have done,
and let her works bring
her praise at the city
gate."*

The flowers on the altar today were given by
the youth of St Johns
in honor of Mother's Day !

SISTERS IN CHRIST

when: Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 11 am - 2 pm

where: Fellowship hall of St John Cat Spring

WHO: Women (and young ladies) of St John Cat Spring & their friends

WHAT:

In His Hands
Jeremiah 18:6



Rachel Norris is not surprised that she is a potter, but she is amazed at how God has used pottery in her life. She has been making pottery for over twenty years now. She and her husband own Joy Pottery in Bryan, Texas where they make and sell handmade, functional, stoneware. She loves to work with clay because it is an incredibly versatile material, so very individual and universal at the same time.

You are invited to come and learn more about the Heavenly Father by exploring a word picture He provides in His Word. Discover the richness of the layers of meaning in the portrayal of the potter and the clay by observing the work of a potter firsthand. You will be awed and amazed by the insights into the hand of God in your own life through this experience.

Be sure to invite a girlfriend, a neighbor, a coworker, a sister, or a mother!

Pick up free tickets from Sherry Barr, Rachel Divin, or Jheri Sell.

Organized by WELCA of St John Lutheran

Women of St John:

Please bring salads, sandwiches, and / or desserts to share.

Questions: See Rachel Divin. Call or text at 281 750 1135.

St John Lutheran Church 2023 Confirmands

Confirmation is May 28th, 2023

10:00 am Worship Service

Baylee Brandes

Emmy McDaniel

Reese Reichardt

Cade Thielemann

Reception Following Worship Service

Some women
are **MOTHERS**
because they
STEPPED IN
and **STEPPED UP**
exactly when
they were needed.



15 Nancy Hartmann
16 Ethan Meier
20 Robin Haugen
20 Vana Froebel



5-15 Alan and Erika Restivo
Dayne and Karla Rice
5-18 Ray and Sherry Menke

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 5-7-23

General Fund	3000.00
Total:	3000.00
Online Views	41
Attendance	53

To all the members at St John's who prayed for me, sent me a card, sent a text, checked on James or visited with me on the phone or in person, I'd like to thank you for helping bring me back home. Through your love and God's love, I found the strength to fight .

Thank you and I cant wait to see everyone soon !

Shirley Hering.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5-15 St John Quilting 8:30 AM
5-15 Staff Meeting
5-17 **Senior Service 11:00 am**
5-17 **Confirmation 6:30 pm**
5-18 Handbell Choir 5:30 pm .
5-21 **Noisy Offering**
5-21 St John Singers Perform
5-21 **Memorial Day Flags at Cemetery**

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

NEXT WECA MEETING

May 25 @ 6:30 pm

Bring a dinner salad to share.



THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Gloria Tipp
Tomas Divin
Mike Mueller
Allan Boehm
Cindi Harrison
David Wilkenson
Fay Rice
Susan Boyett
Richie Butler
Colin Brock
Deana Keller
Paulette Miller
Deanna Ling
Sharon
Bubba Bencal
Darrell Grasb
James and Carol Wenzel
Florine Stuessel
Dorothy Mersmann
Gloria Havemann
Claire Venghaus
Hart Oshman
Treva Forrester
Johnny Griffin
/Gwen Reichardt
Mary Ann English
Melinda Rodiek
Wes Redman in prison
Carolyn Rash
Melinda Brod
Betty Remmert
Jerry Ordner
Jolee Meiers
Carrie , Cecil and Vanna Froebel
Kelly Macha
Melinda Brock
Kendall Manna
Shirley Hering
Chris Beckendorff
Elaine Thielemann
Lita Hrbacek

UPCOMING MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

SUNDAY	May 14	May 21
Flowers:	Youth	Ellie and Faith Haugen
Council Duty	`Ryan and Chad	Kyle and Robin
Reader	Janet Allphin	James Tiner
Acolyte	Bexley Nelson	`Riley Hewson

May Altar Guild
Flower Guild -

Marsha Tipp Robin Haugen
Ruth Walker

St John WELCA of Cat Spring



Calling all Cooks!

**We need your recipes.
We want your best recipes for the
next St John cookbook.**

Send 1 or send 10!



**Please email your typed recipes to
finance@stjohncatspring.org**

Questions? Talk to Jheri or Rachel.

SENIOR SERVICE

Summertime Picnic !

May 17th 11:00 am

**Hot Dogs, Watermelon
and Ice Cream !**

Just bring yourself and a friend !



***This will be our last Senior Service until
September. Please join us !***

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In The
Cat Spring Area

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Memorial Day USA Flags

Sunday May 21st after Worship Service

St. John Lutheran Church Cemetery

Please join in and help place a USA Flag on
every Veteran's grave, in honor of their service
to our country .

We will gather after Sunday Worship and hope
you can join us in this yearly event.

Bring the family and what a great teaching
moment , honoring those who gave
so much for us!

Cat Spring Agricultural Society

13035 Hall Rd. - Just north of FM 1094

167th
Annual

FEST

Saturday, June 3, 2023

BARBECUE

BEEF ★ PORK ★ SAUSAGE

Serving starts at 5 p.m.

Buffet Style inside the air-conditioned hall.

Adults - \$15.00 — Children 9 and under free
Tea Included - Desserts - FOOD SERVED ALL EVENING

Drive Thru Line for Plates To-Go (Watch for Signs)

BBQ Sandwiches - Meat sold by the pound after 6:30 p.m.

LIVE AUCTION

starts at
6:30 p.m.
INSIDE
Air-Conditioned Hall

Quilts, Antiques, Foods, Plants ... plus many more unique items
Call Malcolm at 979-472-0020 or Randy at 979-877-8811 to donate to the Auction.

★ **Deck of cards raffle** ★

**Cake Walk
& More!**

Fun for the Kids
Face Painting
Balloon Animals by Creative Twist Entertainment

Come out and join us for a community event! All proceeds go toward hall renovations.