

***St. John Lutheran Church <sup>of</sup>  
Cat Spring***  
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**The Holy Trinity**



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***Happy Father's Day !***  
**June 15, 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**

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.**

**Gathering Hymn**

*"This is My Father's World"*

**ELW 824**

**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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **First Lesson:**

**First Reading: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31**

**The First Lesson is from the eighth chapter of Proverbs**

1 Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
2 On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
3 beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
4 “To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

22 The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
23 Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
24 When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
25 Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
26 when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world’s first bits of soil.  
27 When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
28 when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
29 when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
30 then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
31 rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.”

**R:** The word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

### **Second Lesson:**

**Romans 5:1-5**

**The Second Lesson is from the fifth chapter of Romans**

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**P:** The word of the Lord

**C:** Thanks be to God

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Gospel:**

**John 16:12-15**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixteenth chapter.

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

Jesus said,] 12 “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Weiss**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Weiss**

**Hymn of the Day**

*“Break Now the Bread of Life”*

**ELW 515**

**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**

**Special Music**

*“Come Now is the Time to Worship”*

**St. John Handbells**

By Brian Doerksen/arr. Peggy Bettcher

**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**

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**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**

Holy Lord,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **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.**

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Happy Father's Day**

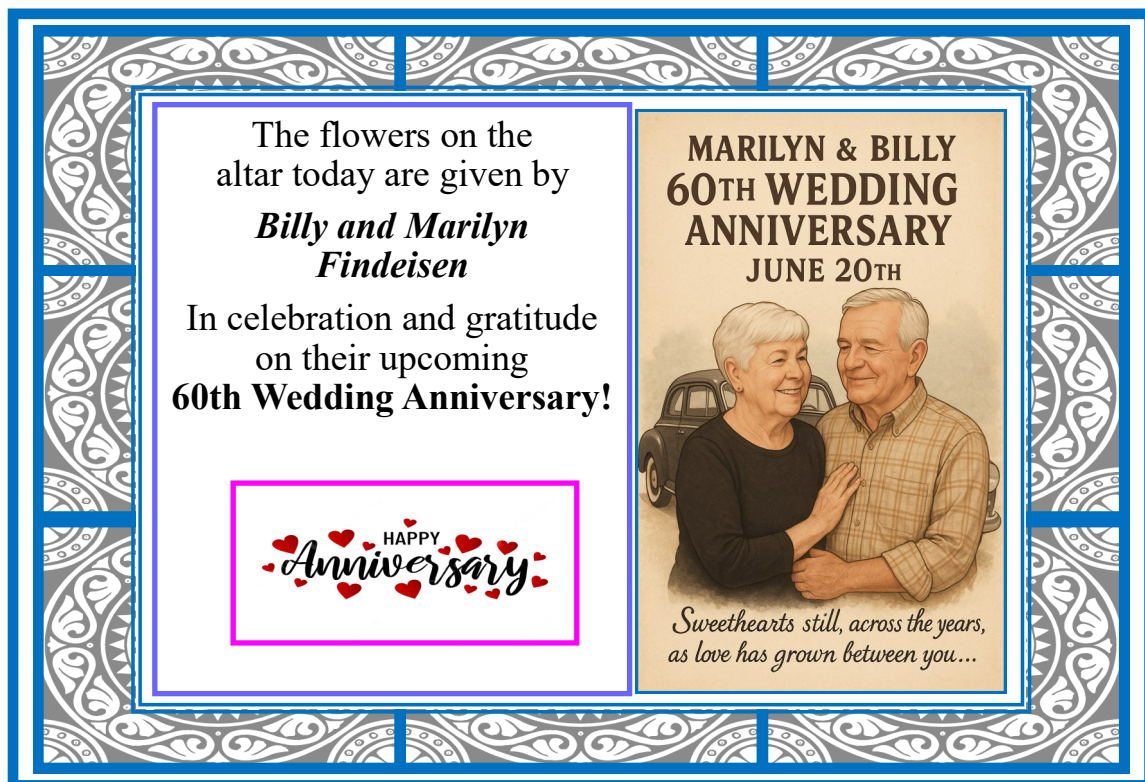
Today we give thanks for the men in our lives—  
those who led with love, stood with strength, and gave with grace.

To every mentor, guide, protector, and friend—  
thank you for showing us the heart of the Father.

You are a blessing.

*"The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him."*

— Proverbs 20:7





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

6-17 Martha Simpson  
6-19 Kayleigh Schmidt  
Lauren Neva  
Dan White

HAPPY Anniversary

6-16 Don and Janet Allphin  
6-18 Richard and Carol Kudlacek  
6-20 Billy and Marilyn Findeisen

COME AND GO

A CELEBRATION OF  
*Life*



*Marcia A. Melnar*

07 July 1939 - 11 February 2025

THE MELNAR FAMILY INVITE YOU  
TO JOIN THEM CELEBRATING MARCIE'S LIFE  
AT CROSSROADS TAVERN ON

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025 FROM 3 TO 6PM

CROSS ROADS TAVERN  
12716 Fm 1094 Rd Sealy, TX 77474

## Weekly News 6/15-21/25

6-15

Sunday School 9:00 am  
Communion Worship Service /  
Children's Church  
10:00 am

**Pastor Ken Weiss**

***Milheim Father's Day BBQ Today !***

6-16

Handbell Practice 4:00 pm  
St John

6-17

St John Quilters Ministry 9:00 am

6-22

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am  
Worship Service / Children's Church  
10:00 am

**Don Allphin**

6-22

The tentative schedule for June 22nd will be as follows:

10 am Worship service (no communion)  
Research committee presentation and Q&A  
with the congregation  
Congregational lunch  
Meeting with Bishop Rinehart (12:30 pm)

7-6-25

Congregational Meeting starts  
After 10:00 am Worship Service

**Vote will take place**

See last page of this bulletin for full letter  
Sent to congregation on June 5th, 2025.

**Our weekly budgeted need:  
3329.98**

**Offerings 6-8--25**

General Fund 3000.00

Total 3000.00

Attendance 48

Online

## 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

Molly Arndt

Alfred Tomasek

Tristan

Jerry Hennekee

Lupe Nava

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

Nathan Schulke

## MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

**Colonial Bell– Sealy**  
**Katherine Ludwig**  
**Argent Court –Brenham**  
Carrie Froebel  
**Columbus Oaks**  
Marilyn Wendt  
**HOMEBOUND:**  
Katherine Washburn

June 5, 2025

All,

I would like to make you all aware of some changes to the upcoming special congregational meetings.

Unfortunately, the first voting meeting scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, regarding whether our congregation will stay affiliated with the ELCA, must be postponed until July 6<sup>th</sup>. Upon speaking with Bishop Rinehart, our congregation is required to meet with him two weeks prior to holding our first vote.

Bishop Rinehart is now scheduled to meet with our congregation (in person) on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Additionally, council would like the research committee to present their information on June 22<sup>nd</sup> as well following our church service. It is important that the research committee has the opportunity to share their findings with our congregation (without interruptions) and provide specific information about the (5) denominations that they researched. We want to ensure that our congregation is well-informed ahead of the first vote on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

The tentative schedule for June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be as follows:

- Worship service (no communion)
- Research committee presentation and Q&A with the congregation
- Congregational lunch
- Meeting with Bishop Rinehart (12:30 pm)

I would also like to address the question that was asked regarding the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) as the only choice for an alternative affiliation when we hold the first vote. Based on the research committee's findings and council's own research and discernment, it was determined (by council) that the ELCA no longer aligns with our congregation's theological convictions and mission.

Council's intent was to simplify the voting process by narrowing down the selection to the synod (NALC) that most closely aligns with our congregation's bible-based, Christ-centered ministry. However, the research committee will cover specific information regarding each of the Lutheran synods they researched so that you can decide for yourselves which denomination makes the most sense for our congregation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me or any member of council.

Sincerely,

Robin Haugen, St. John Council President



## June 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 713-916-0629. If you cannot fulfil 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	Reader	Flowers	
June 15	Pastor Ken Weiss	Doug and Tim	Volunteer	Ruth Walker	The Findeisen's
June 22	Don Alphin	Doug	Volunteer	Brookhym Logan	Open
June 29	Don Alphin	Mary and Laurie	Rhett Reichardt	Denise Lange	Open

In red indicates change from original calendar

#### June 2025 Altar Guild

Marge Lovell Gwen Reichardt

Flower Guild  
Ruth Walker



**The congregation is the church in the truest sense—both spiritually and practically. So yes, I'll see you on the 22nd, at the meeting. !**



### Covered Dish Sign-Up – Join the Feast! St. John's Lutheran Church Cat Spring

**June 22, 2025**

We're gathering for a wonderful meal on **June 22**, and we'd love for you to be part of it! A good meal is even better when shared, and we need your help to make this feast complete. Whether you have a favorite side dish or a dessert you love to make, we'd be thrilled to have your contribution.

**Signing up is easy**—just add your name to the sheet, in the narthex and mark whether you're bringing a side or a dessert. Need ideas? Feel free to bring something home-made, store-bought, or even team up with a friend! We will provide fried chicken.

Let's make this a time of fellowship, food, and fun!

**Thank you for helping make it special.**

Don't forget to fill out the attendance card !