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Cat Spring**
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GOSPEL LUKE 17:5-10



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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. 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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,

We are here to praise and serve you.

We openly repent for our sins.

We ask for forgiveness of our sins.

Help us be mindful of those who are in need.

**Grant us ways to minister to those who need
our help and compassion.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of + Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733

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

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

First Lesson:

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

First Lesson is from the first book of Habakkuk

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

1 The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

2 O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

3 Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

4 So the law becomes slack,
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

2:1 I will stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

2 Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

3 For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

4 Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

Second Lesson:

2 Timothy 1:1-14

The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of 2 Timothy

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
2 To Timothy, my beloved child:
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4 Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5 I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6 For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, 7 for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

8 Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, 9 who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10 but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11 For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. 13 Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14 Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

P: The word of the Lord
C: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel:

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

5 The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6 The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

7 “Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? 8 Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? 9 Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A Message from the Gospel

Don Allphin

Hymn of the Day

“How Firm a Foundation”

ELW 796

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: Receive our prayer

The Sharing of the Peace

Special Music by St John Handbell Choir “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

by Carl Glaser/arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

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

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through 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 righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
+ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

ELW 677

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.



10-8 Brenda Becker
 10-9 Kenna Schram
 10-10 Bill Barr



Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 9-21-25

General Fund 1620.00
 Total 1620.00
 Attendance 44
 Online

Please pick up an
**ELCA Disaffiliation
 Timeline**

In the narthex, if you do
 not have one.

**Important steps and dates
 listed**

Weekly News 10/5/2025-10/11/25

10/5

Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00

Worship Service /Children's Church

St John Handbell Choir Performs

10:00

Don Allphin

10/12

Sunday School /Choir Practice 9:00

Worship Service /Children's Church

10:00

Don Allphin

10/19

St John Singers Perform

**Second special meeting and vote regarding
 disaffiliation;** if passes with 2/3 majority of
 voting members, then hand out second bal-
 lot to vote on which specific Lutheran
 synod we will affiliate with.

For the Lutheran affiliation vote, the ballot
 will have all (3) synods listed (NALC,
 LCMC, Missouri Synod). If there is not a
 clear 2/3 majority, the synod with the least
 number of votes will be eliminated, and a
 second vote will be conducted with the re-
 maining (2) synods.

Don Allphin

10/28

Sunday School /Choir Practice Not
 Today

Worship Service /Children's Church
 10:00

Don Allphin

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 Henneke

Theresa Luetge

Zachary Schulke

Kathy Painchaud

William Hegemeyer

Sara Wit

MaryAnn English

Victor Smith

Charlotte Reichert

Hope Griffin

Brian Dahl

Bubba Bencal

Nathan Schulke

Kathy Weiss

Shirley Hering

Carol Smith

Steve Lackey

Neely Fay Grawunder

Mark Enax

Jerry Walsch

John Carr

MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

Sealy Avir
 Delores Dittert

**Argent Court –
 Brenham**
 Carrie Froebel

HOMEBOUND:
 Katherine Washburn



Emmy McDaniel has donated the flowers at the altar to celebrate her living Great Grandmother, Joycelynn Talbot.

Joycelynn has resided for the past 94 years in Thibodaux, Louisiana. She is an inspiration to all women through her many years loving her family, her church, service to her community, and passing down the tradition of making Cajun gumbo.

Love to you Ma Maw from St John's Lutheran Church in Cat Spring, Texas and Emmy McDaniel who attends Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

The St John Handbells

have resumed practice on
Monday's at 4:00 pm starting
9-8-25

So, now is the time to come
join the bell choir!

*Anyone is welcome,
please come join us !*



WHEN YOU LOVE JESUS
BUT FORGET TO FILL OUT
ATTENDANCE CARD...



DON'T GHOST YOUR CHURCH—
JESUS IS WATCHING...
AND SO IS THE SECRETARY. 😊

FILL OUT YOUR CARD!

Thank you so much for giving to The Lutheran
World Relief Fund ! Because of you we made 26
school kits at the last WELCA meeting !!!

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Job!
26
School
Kits !!!

LWR School Kits !

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October 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 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	Worship Leader	Council on Duty	Acolyte	Reader	Flowers
10-5	Don Allphin	Robin	Layla Ordner	Ruth Walker	Emmy McDaniel
10-12	Don Allphin	Tim	Hunter Hewson	Pauline Lapham	Cheryl Mellenthin
10-19	Don Allphin	All Council-Vote	Rhett Reichardt	Janet Allphin	Cheryl Mellenthin
10-26	Don Allphin	Laurie	Rinley Nelson	Nancy Hartmann	Gwen Reichardt

In red indicates change from original calendar

<u>October 2025 Altar Guild</u> Nila Klaus Pauline Lapham Flower Guild <i>Ruth Walker Gwen Reichardt</i>
