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THE GOOD SAMARITAN



LUKE 10:25-37

Don Allphin Worship Leader
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July 13, 2025

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

Isaiah 40:31 "But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

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.

Gathering Hymn

"What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

ELW 744

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.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

First Lesson:**Deuteronomy 30:9-14****First Lesson is from the 30th book of Deuteronomy**

9 The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, 10 when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ 14 No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Second Lesson:**Colossians 1:1-14****The Second Lesson is from the first chapter of Colossians**

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel:**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37****P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke , the tenth chapter**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” 27 He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” 37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.**A Message from the Gospel****Hymn of the Day***“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”***ELW 697****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 Hymns

“Here I Am Lord”

ELW 574

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar today
are given by

Alan and Ruth Walker

in thanks and gratitude
for all members on the

Research Committee and Council

For their hard work, spread sheets,
research on Lutheran Synods,
countless meetings, endless emails
and a few tears.

Research Committee St John Council

Ken Wienken Robin Haugen

Lacy Dittert Doug Neva

Jennifer Logan Mary O'Neal

Cheryl Mellenthin Laurie Eckhardt

Tim Brune Malcolm Dittert

Don Allphin Tim Brune



Happy Anniversary

7-14

**Harold and Connie
Reibenstein**

Our weekly budgeted need: 3329.98

Offerings 7-6-25

General Fund 4450.00

Total 4450.00

Attendance 76

Online 380

Weekly News 7/13-19/2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

7-13-25

Sunday School

9:00 am

Worship Service /Children's Church

10:00 am

Don Allphin

Save the Date

Youth retreat to Splashway !

July 24-26

Details Soon!



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 !**

8-10-25

LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission
for Christ) – meeting on 8/10/25 following
church service with Bryce Formwalt,
(Director of Misson Growth); will present
during congregational lunch.

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

A Prayer for Virginia Hollis

From Bellville Texas

Age 9 - Missing from Camp Mystic in the
Texas Floods

Lord God,

Wrap your arms around sweet Virginia,
Guide those searching for her with
strength and clarity.

Bring comfort to her family, peace to our
aching hearts,

And surround our town with your
unshakable hope.

May this green bow be our sign of faith,
That your light still shines in the
darkest storm. **Amen.**



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 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
July 13	Don Allphin	Tim	Rhett Reichardt	Jheri Sell	The Walkers
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

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



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

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

Certificate of Resolution -July 6, 2025

Special Congregational Meeting

59 Votes FOR disaffiliation with ELCA

2 Votes AGAINST disaffiliation with ELCA

Certified Mail to Bishop Reinhardt 7-9-25

Emailed to Members with email on file 7-9-25/7-10-25

Mailed to members with no email by 7-10-25

If you didn't receive this, and would like your own copy, call or email and Sally will get a copy to you.

Copies in the narthex for you to pick up one if you like !

979-865-5444