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***Cat Spring***  
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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.

## Welcome

### Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✠ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

**LBW 250**

**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

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,  
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For your people here who have come to give you praise,  
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.**  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and defend us, O God.  
**Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise: *Now the Feast and Celebration*

### Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God. *Refrain*
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new. *Refrain*

## **Prayer of the Day**

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **First Lesson**

**2 Kings 4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, 'Give it to the people and let them eat.' But his servant said, 'How can I set this before a hundred people?' So he repeated, 'Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, "They shall eat and have some left."' He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Here ends the reading

## **Second Lesson**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Here ends the reading

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (Repeat)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter  
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.' When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord  
C: **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Children's Sermon****Sermon****Pastor Katrina Walther****Hymn of the Day****I Love to Tell the Story****LBW 390**

## Apostles Creed

**P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.**

**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 power of the Holy Spirit and 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

## Offertory

Your gifts to the mission of God that we share may be placed in the plate in the Narthex. Ushers will bring forward at this time

## As the Grains of Wheat

### *Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

1 As this cup of blessing is shared within  
our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love.  
***Refrain***

2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to  
come  
when all creation shares this feast with  
you. ***Refrain***

## Offertory Prayer

**P: Let us pray**

**C: Everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us.  
May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all crea-  
tion, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**P: Gathered into one of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us**

**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 blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

**LBW 557**

## Announcements

## Doxology

**C: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Dismissal

**Go in peace and serve the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**



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The flowers on the altar today are given by

**Jerry and Melissa Schmidt**

in celebration of their upcoming Wedding Anniversary

on July 30th, 2021 !

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## Weekly News 7/25-31, 2021

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7-25 Darlene Howell  
 7-27 Scott Meiers  
 7-28 Bridget Daly  
 7-29 Brennan Brandes  
 7-30 Sharon Koehne

### Happy Anniversary

7-26 Ryan and Carla Reichardt  
 7-30 Jerry and Melissa Schmidt

### THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Melvin and Johnnie Klatt

Denise Lange

Carol and James Wenzel

Joyce Amother

Easton Tomlinson

Pat Neff

Jerry Richardson

Shirley's sister, Jackie

Gloria Tipp

Jennifer Barnes

Ryan, Richard and Carol  
 Kudlacek

Florine and Clifton Struessel

Pastor Katrina Walther

Charlene Bolton

William Ordner

Tomas Divin

Emmy Herzog

Penni Bennett

Nolan Lapham

Janie Neff

Mike Mueller

Billy Schaffer

The family and friends  
 of **Ed Marcinkiewicz** in their  
 time of sorrow.

The family and friends  
 of **Wilfred Eckardt**  
 in their time of sorrow.

### *It's Back !*

The "Church Snack and  
 Kitchen Host" Signup Sheet !

Find it in the Narthex

**Church Kitchen Host** will  
 make sure coffee is ready and  
 will bring a little snack to go  
 with the coffee, to facilitate fel-  
 lowship after the worship ser-  
 vice. After everyone is done,  
 make sure all is in order.

If everyone will sign up for one  
 Sunday, hopefully it will be  
**effortless !**

**Our weekly budgeted need: \$3698.37**

**Offerings 7-18-21**

**General Fund 2635.00**

**Patio Fund 800.00**

**LYO 400.00**

**Total: 3835.00**

**Attendance 69**

**Online views 70**

### UPCOMING EVENTS

7-27 WELCA 6:30 pm School Kits!

8-1 **Dittert Family Reunion /Private—  
 Noon Fellowship Hall**

8-3 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am  
 St John Prayer Shawl Ministry 9:30 am  
 Handbell Choir 5:30 pm

8-9 Council 6:15 pm

8-10 Handbell Choir 5:30 pm

8-17 St John Quilting Ministry 8:30 am  
 Handbell Choir 5:30 pm

8-18 Senior Service 11:00 am

**Don't miss the next  
 WELCA meeting set  
 for Tuesday, July 27th,  
 at 6:30 pm.**

**WELCA will be putting  
 together the School Kits  
 for LWR. (Lutheran  
 World Relief).**

**See needed items list in  
 this newsletter and at the  
 School Kit display in  
 Narthex**

### UPCOMING MAY MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

| SUNDAY       | July 25   | Aug 1            |
|--------------|---|------------------|
| Flowers:     | Jerry and Melissa Schmidt   | Ruth Walker      |
| Accompanist  | Janice Whitehead  | Janet Allphin    |
| Council Duty | Karen and Ruth.   | Sharon and Karen |
| Reader       | Ruth Walker   | Rachel Divin     |
| Acolyte      | Reese Reichardt   | Jolee Meiers     |
| Refreshments | NA  | Ruth Walker      |
| Altar Guild  | <b>Pauline Lapham /Nila Klaus/<br/>                     Christa Klar,<br/>                     Lacy Dittert Melissa Schmidt</b> |                  |

### MEMBERS IN OUR CARE

**Arbors of Briarwood— Bellville**

Carrie Froebel

**Kruse Village-Brenham**

Elaine Thielmann

**HOMEBOUND:**

Marjorie Criswell

Katherine Ludwig