

LUKE 9:58



FOXES HAVE HOLES,
AND BIRDS OF THE AIR
HAVE NESTS;
BUT THE SON OF MAN
HAS NOWHERE
TO LAY HIS HEAD.

June 28 & 29, 2025

St. John Lutheran Church

Pentecost Sunday June 21 & 22, 2025

WELCOME IN JESUS' NAME

We welcome you as we gather together to worship our Lord. We pray that you are fed by the richness of His Word and strengthened in this fellowship that you might continue to seek His will for your life. If you are visiting, we are glad that you are with us today. We hope that you will join us again to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

CELL PHONES, A GENTLE REMINDER: As a number of us have discovered, cell phones can often ring at the most inappropriate times. If you have your cell phone or pager with you during the Lord's service, please take a moment to ensure that it is turned off or on silent mode in order not to disrupt the service. Thank You

PRAYER TO PREPARE FOR WORSHIP: Almighty and gracious Lord, prepare my heart to hear Your Word today. Allow me to see the glory You have revealed before me. May I receive Your Word and make it part of my life. Help me also to live according to it so that others may see Your presence in my life. This I pray in the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord, and Savior. Amen.

Prelude & Welcome

Opening Hymn.....# 907
"God Himself Is Present"

Order Of Worship.....Page 184

Introit.....Psalm 85:8-10, 13

Leader: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Your salvation.

People: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Leader: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.

People: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other. Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.

Gloria Patri & The Kyrie.....Page 186

Gloria In Excelsis.....Page 187

Prayer Of The Day

O Almighty God Lord, of all power and might, author and giver

of all good things, graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor. This we pray through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament.....1 Kings 19:9b–21

Behold, the Word of the Lord came to Elijah, and He said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹And He said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord.” And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind, an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake, a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire, the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, thrown down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned

from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive PsalmPsalm 16

Leader: Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.

People: **I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You.”**

Leader: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

People: **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

Leader: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.

People: **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

Leader: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

People: **I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

People: **For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Epistle Lesson.....Galatians 5:1, 13–25

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . . ¹³For You were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one Word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are

against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse.....Page 190

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter, beginning with the 51st verse.

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (sung)

Holy Gospel.....Luke 9:51–62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, He set His face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And He sent messengers ahead of Him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for Him. ⁵³But the people did not receive Him, because His face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when His disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do You want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But He turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to Him, “I will follow You wherever You go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” ⁵⁹To another He said, “Follow Me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow You, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (sung)

Apostles’ Creed.....Page 192

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn.....# 688
 “Come, Follow Me, The Savior Spake”

Sermon

The Gathering Of Our Tithes And Offerings

Offertory.....# 192

Prayers Of The Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn.....# 708
 “Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart”

Postlude

Giving opportunities. St. John Lutheran now has several ways to give your offerings. You can now use the QR Code on this page. You can also go to our new and improved website: stjohnlutheranlawton.com and find several giving opportunities. Of course, you can still give by using your offering envelopes for 2025 and we also still have electronic giving.



Life Thoughts In The Church Year: Humankind once mistook Jesus for somebody less than Lord God (Matthew 16:13-14). Even His own people once mistook Gentiles for something less than just as special (Acts 15:5). The Gospel and its Apostles delight to embrace neighbors not yet born and neighbors no longer able as blessings, brothers and sisters, beloved and belonging to one Heavenly Father. May we rejoice to proclaim and practice it!

Life Quotes: “As your life goes on, you will continue to see the effects of sin in the world. Your own bodies will fail with time. The world will seem to be a darker place. Loved ones will pass away. But do not be ignorant about those who have fallen asleep, the Apostle Paul encourages you. Instead, know with certainty that ‘the end for you is only the end of the hardship. Life awaits you in Christ!’ *Daily Devotion, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

Christ's Messengers Proclaim His Kingdom

When the prophet Elijah became discouraged and despaired of his life, *"the word of the Lord came to him"* (1 Kings 19:9b) and stood him *"on the mount before the Lord"* (1 Kings 19:11). The Lord made Himself known to the prophet — not in the impressive power of gale force winds, or in an earthquake, or in the fire, but in *"the sound of a low whisper"* (1 Kings 19:12). Today God reveals Himself to us through the frail preaching of the Gospel. The Son of Man sends *"messengers ahead of Him ... to make preparations for Him"* (Luke 9:52). Putting their hand to that plow of preaching, they *"go and proclaim the kingdom of God,"* and they do not look back (Luke 9:60, 62). What they preach is not the power of the Law with its *"yoke of slavery,"* but the power of God unto salvation through the Gospel of forgiveness, by which *"Christ has set us free"* (Galatians 5:1).



Altar Flowers: The flower chart for 2025 is up and waiting on you to reserve your special day!

If you would like to place flowers on the altar for an Anniversary, Birthday, Memorial or other special occasion, please remember to sign up on the "Flower Chart." Please sign your name and the special occasion. The cost is \$75.00 for both arrangements. It is permissible to have more than one person sign up for a Sunday and split the cost. You can also call the office at 580-353-0556 and Sandra will sign you up.



Thank You to Mike Dodds for leading our worship this weekend as Pastor and a dozen of our LWML ladies are attending the National LWML convention in Omaha.



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

School Supplies Donations



LWML Community Collections: For the months of June and July we will be taking donations to Central Middle School for their school supply closet. All donations of general school supplies will be accepted. Donations of pencils, pencil boxes, colored pencils, loose-leaf notebook paper, and socks are certain to be in demand.

Thank you to the St. John congregation for contributions to our 5th Sunday Mite offering. We collected \$335.60! LWML appreciates and gives thanks for all the support by the congregation.

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helping our neighbors in need

\$40 for 40 Food Bank Challenge. With a goal of \$40,000, the Lawton Food bank has a special focus in order to celebrate 40 years of serving the Lawton Community. They are asking people to give \$40.00 to commemorate these years of love and caring. St. John Lutheran Church was part of

the initial beginnings of the Food bank and has had at least one board member for 40 years. What a great way to care for others! May we be part of the continuation of serving others in need. You may write a check to the Food Bank and put it in the offering plate or use one of the special envelopes in the back of the church.

T St. John Prayer List T

Health Concerns	
+Lori Anderson	+Chuck Martin
+Lowell Ambrose	+Craig McDonald
+Amy Armstrong	+Alice Mills
+Richard Armstrong	+Martha Mindemann-Nunn
+Larry Baas	+Amy Moeller
+Lindel Bevell	+Barbara Moore
+Laura Craig	+Melody Morris
+Bobby Curry	+Jay Payne
+Virgil Dinse	+Christopher Penton
+Doug Dunnick	+Rose Penton
+Jade Ellis	+Lynette Ranz
+Patty Erickson	+Ron Ramming
+Ruth Farrelly	+Jeff Roth
+Denise Garrison	+John Selk
+Ronnie Gibson	+Slade Slater
+Mike Green	+Matthew Streit
+Avery Hall	+David Stroud
+Christine Hopper	+Tina Styron
+Judy Huffman	+Linda Toy
+Paula Hughes	+Dr. James Toy
+Sarah Jones	+Chuck Yackeyonny
+Christine Kinard	+Grace Vincent
+Davis Lander	+Sandra Ward
+Greg Lord	+Juanita Zacharias
The LWML Convention	
The Payne's & Tanzania Ministry	
The Steffenson's & Italy Minsistry	
Our Homebound Members	
Military	Seminary
+Joshua Darling +Chaplain Robert Kraft & Family +Anthony Payne +Austin Payne +Kai Ulloa +Jonathen Van Bebber +Drew Ward	+Michael Wilke 

Memory Verse Challenge: The Church confesses to Christ, “You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). The Church is encouraged to “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly ...” (Colossians 3:16). Psalm 1 teaches us to meditate on God’s Word day and night. It is our great opportunity and joy to read and study God’s Word. One beneficial practice is to memorize the Scriptures and, in so doing, to meditate on it. The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week. You can also find the Memory Verse for the week on the St. John website Homepage. **This week’s memory verse:**



MEMORY VERSE

Through him then let us
CONTINUALLY
OFFER UP A
SACRIFICE OF
PRAISE TO GOD,
that is, the fruit of
lips that acknowledge
his name.

HEBREWS 13:15



SERVING THE LORD

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Saturday

6:00 p.m.

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and BIBLE STUDY:

9:30 a.m.

Communion is celebrated on 1st & 3rd weekends of each month.

ELDER FOR THE MONTH:

Mike Dodds

SATURDAY NIGHT ELDER:

John Selk

ALTAR GUILD:

Sharon Greene

TRUSTEE FOR THE MONTH:

Jonathan Beckmann

COUNTER:

Joanne Jameson

LECTOR:

Sue Sampson

ORGANISTS:

Saturday: Elaine Boatsman

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June 21, 2025.....18

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Needed weekly to meet budget.....\$5,600



Announcements! In order to ensure that announcements are included in the weekly bulletin please have them into the office by Thursday at 1 p.m. We want to help you get the word out. Our office hours are Monday – Friday 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. with an hour lunch from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

The Church is a living organism made up of all its members. Each member has a vital role to fulfill within the body of the Church. The Lord has brought the members of the Church body together for the purpose of ministry. That ministry is diverse and is only able to be completed when every portion of the body participates and fulfills the role God has established for them. YOU are an important member of the Church, which is the body of Christ. If YOU don't do your part, who will?



The Lutheran Hour can be heard every Sunday at 9:00 AM on K-LAW 101.3 FM. You can also download The Lutheran Hour app for free and listen anytime, anywhere. Find it on the Apple app store, the Amazon Kindle Fire and on Google Play. Or simply listen on your desktop, tablet or smartphone at lutheranhour.org

St. John Lutheran Church Mission Statement

To seek the lost, nurture the faithful, and show compassion to all as we shine the light of Christ!

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