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CHRIST JESUS

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June 21 & 22, 2025

St. John Lutheran Church

2nd Sunday After Pentecost 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.....# 504
"Father Most Holy"

Order Of Worship.....Page 184

Introit.....Psalm 71:20-24

Pastor: Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may continually come.
You have given the command to save me, for You are my
rock and my fortress.

People: **You, who have made me see many troubles and
calamities, will revive me again; from the depths of the
earth You will bring me up again.**

Pastor: You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

People: **I will also praise You with the harp for Your
faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to You with
the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

Pastor: My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to You; my
soul also, which You have redeemed.

People: **And my tongue will talk of Your righteous help all the
day long, for they have been put to shame and
disappointed who sought to do me hurt.**

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Gloria In Excelsis.....Page 187

Prayer Of The Day

O Lord God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things that they surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness. 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.....Isaiah 65:1–9

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, “Here am I, here am I,” to a nation that was not called by My name. ²I spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³a people who provoke Me to My face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig’s flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵who say, “Keep to Yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for You.” These are a smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶Behold, it is written before Me: “I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their bosom ⁷both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together, says the Lord; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted Me on the hills, I will measure into their bosom payment for their former deeds.” ⁸Thus says the Lord: “As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, ‘Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,’ so I will do for My servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of My mountains; My chosen shall possess it, and My servants shall dwell there.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsive PsalmPsalm 3

Leader: O Lord, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;

People: Many are saying of My soul, there is no salvation for him in God.

Leader: But You, O Lord, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.

People: I cried aloud to the Lord, and He answered me from His holy hill.

Leader: I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the Lord sustained me.

People: I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

Leader: Arise, O Lord! Save me, O my God! For You strike all my enemies on the cheek; You break the teeth of the wicked.

People: Salvation belongs to the Lord; Your blessing be on Your people!

Epistle Lesson.....Galatians 3:23–4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶for in Christ Jesus You are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ¹I mean that the heir, as long as He is a child, is no different from a slave, though He is the owner of everything, ²but He is under guardians and managers until the date set by His Father. ³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse.....Page 190

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 8th chapter, beginning with the 26th verse.

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

Holy Gospel.....Luke 8:26–39

Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before Him and said with a loud voice, “What have You to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg You, do not torment me.” ²⁹For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert. ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Legion,” for many demons had entered him. ³¹And they begged Him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³²Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged Him to let them enter these. So He gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned. ³⁴When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So He got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with Him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn.....# 852

“O God Of Mercy, God Of Might”

Sermon

The Gathering Of Our Tithes And Offerings

Offertory.....# 192

Installation Of The LWML Board Officers

Prayers Of The Church & The Lord’s Prayer

Closing Hymn.....# 649

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

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.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Tom & Christine Armstrong in honor of their 37th wedding anniversary. God’s richest blessings to Tom & Christine.

Life Thoughts In The Church Year: Death is the devil’s lair and destruction is his labor. Demonic forces lurk around the grave and lead to nowhere else (Luke 8:27). Feeble mortals do well not to dabble with such sinister powers, even if technology like abortion and assisted suicide make it accessible. Better to beg the Lord Jesus to rescue and safeguard human life even when it appears less than to us.

Life Quotes: “Let your life be so focused on the grace of God in Christ that your eyes are open to the people He is bringing into your life even now, ‘the least of these my brothers.’ Do not worry about whether the world considers them influencers or nobodies. Be attentive to those in your sphere of influence as Christ Himself is attentive to you. Concerned citizens? Sure! It is important. But being concerned disciples of Jesus for others is what ultimately lasts.”

Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil

The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands *“to a rebellious people”* (Isaiah 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Isaiah 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living *“among the tombs”* (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord’s house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in *“the fullness of time”* (Galatians 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, *“you are no longer a slave, but a son”* (Galatians 4:7).



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.



POTLUCK TODAY! Make sure and join us after service today, for our potluck lunch. Team 2 will be on kitchen duty. Team 2 consist of Susie Kinne, Sharon Greene, Mary Styron, Suzanne Hrnciar, and Sherri Sprague.



Lutheran Women *in Mission*

Mites Offering: Saturday June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd will be Mites Sunday! Remember how those mites add up and make a huge difference in mission work throughout the world. "Mighty Mites" are blessed in God's hands!



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.



Our new LWML officers are Sharon Greene, President, Barb Schneider VP For Spiritual Life, Jacque Dickerson, VP For Programs, Sue Avis, Treasurer and Teresa Heater, Secretary.

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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.

St. John Prayer List

Health Concerns

+Lori Anderson	+Chuck Martin
+Lowell Ambrose	+Craig McDonald
+Amy Armstrong	+Alice Mills
+Richard Armstrong	+Martha Mindemann-Nunn
+Larry Baas	+Amy Moeller
+Lindel Bevill	+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	+Beverly Seba
+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 Payne's & Tanzania Ministry

The Steffenson's & Italy Minsistry

Our Homebound Members

Military

+Jake Czelusniak
+Joshua Darling
+Chaplain Robert Kraft & Family
+Anthony Payne
+Austin Payne
+Jonathen Van Bebber
+Drew Ward

Seminary

+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
Sunday

6:00 p.m.
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:

Susie Kinne

ORGANISTS:

Saturday: Elaine Boatsman
Sunday: Sharon Greene

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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.



Thank you for helping fund our way to Camp Lutherhoma. We had so much fun with our camp counselor, singing songs, playing games, and reading our Bible. We can't wait to attend next year!

Thank you,

Carter & Christian Dickerson

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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Update Our Prayer List. We know things change over time. Help us to keep our prayer list up to date. If those we have been praying for are recovered to the point they may be taken off the list, please let us know. Thank you

