



He has reconciled you by Christ's
death to present you

HOLY

In His sight

**St. John Lutheran Church
July 19 & 20, 2025**

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6th Sunday After Pentecost July 19 & 20, 2025

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS

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.

“Restoring A Nation!”

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.....# 904

“Blessed Jesus, At Your Word”

Order Of Worship..... Page 203

Introit.....Psalm 119:57-60, 64

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: **The Lord is my portion; I promise to keep Your words.**

Pastor: I entreat Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your promise.

People: **When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to Your testimonies.**

Pastor: I hasten and do not delay to keep Your commandments.

People: **The earth, O Lord, is full of Your steadfast love; teach me Your statutes!**

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Prayer Of The Day

Almighty God our loving heavenly Father grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful, that by Your Word and Spirit, we may live according to Your will. 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.....Genesis 18:1–14

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in Your sight, do not pass by Your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash Your feet, and rest Yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that You may refresh Yourselves, and after that You may pass on—since You have come to Your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. ⁹They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” ¹⁰The Lord said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind Him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

Pastor: The Word of the Lord. For the people of God..

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsive PsalmPsalm 27

Pastor: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

People: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.

Pastor: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

People: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple.

Pastor: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent; He will lift me high upon a rock.

People: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

Pastor: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

People: You have said, "Seek My face." My heart says to You, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Pastor: Hide not Your face from me. Turn not Your servant away in anger, O You who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

People: For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the Lord will take me in.

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

People: Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

Pastor: I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!

People: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Epistle Lesson.....Colossians 1:21–29

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²He has now reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before Him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the Gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of His body, that is, the church, ²⁵of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the Word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord. For the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia And Verse.....Page 205

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter, beginning with the 38th verse.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to His teaching. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord. For the people of God.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn.....# 536
“One Thing’s Needful”

Sermon

The Gathering Of Our Tithes And Offerings

Offertory.....Page 781 vs. 1

Closing Hymn.....# 685
“Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus”

Postlude



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Don and Deb Recklein in honor of their wedding anniversary. We wish God’s richest blessings on Don & Deb.

Life Thoughts In The Church Year: Affirming the sanctity of every life means more than just ending abortion or opposing physician-assisted suicide. Sometimes it includes Gospel hospitality that sits and listens to neighbors about the crosses they carry (Luke 10:39). Bringing about death to dismiss and silence suffering may feel like a human right, but sharing one another’s sorrows represents the better portion (Luke 10:42).

Life Quotes: “Sometimes the answer to a problem is as simple as asking for help. Let’s not hesitate to bring all our questions, troubles, and needs to the Lord. Thank Him for the people He provides for our help. Pray that He will give you the opportunity today to be His help to others.”



Join us after church for an ice cream social. Come enjoy a sweet treat and great fellowship.

Ice Cream Social



Lutheran Women in Mission

The Lord Grants Peace and Life to His Church

“The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre” (Genesis 18:1) and received his hospitality. But Abraham received the gracious promise of a son. Though Abraham and Sarah were very old, nothing is “too hard for the Lord” (Genesis 18:14). His Word appointed the time and fulfilled the promise. In the same way, the Lord Jesus “entered a village” and received Martha’s hospitality (Luke 10:38). “Martha was distracted with much serving” because she was “anxious and troubled about many things” (Luke 10:40–41), but her sister, Mary, “sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to His teaching” (Luke 10:39). The service of love is no sin, but “one thing is necessary” for both faith and love — the Word of Christ (Luke 10:42). Thus, the ministers of Christ are sent “to make the Word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to His saints” (Colossians 1:25–26).



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 the “Flower Chart” when it is put up. 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.



Just a reminder, we are still collecting the pop tabs and aluminum cans. It’s amazing to see how the little things add up to make a BIG impact!

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.



Help Us 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.



Church Keys. We are in the process of updating our key roster. If **you have a key** to the church, please look at it and let us know your number. You can call the church at 580-353-0556, email stjohnlcsec@gmail.com. This is very important, so we are asking each person who has a key to let us know. **Even if you think we have you down and have the key number it may not be the right one.** Thank You.



Please help us celebrate Chris Dickerson's Army retirement this Friday, the 25th of July, in the fellowship hall/gym anytime between 3 P.M. and 6 P.M.

†St. John Lutheran Prayer List †

Health Concerns

+Lori Anderson	+Craig McDonald
+Lowell Ambrose	+Alice Mills
+Amy Armstrong	+Martha Mindemann-Nunn
+Richard Armstrong	+Amy Moeller
+Larry Baas	+Barbara Moore
+Lindel Bevill	+Melody Morris
+Laura Craig	+Jay Payne
+Bobby Curry	+Christopher Penton
+Virgil Dinse	+Rose Penton
+Doug Dunnick	+Lynette Ranz
+Jade Ellis	+John Selk
+Ruth Farrelly	+Slade Slater
+Denise Garrison	+David Spear
+Ronnie Gibson	+Matthew Streit
+Mike Green	+David Stroud
+Avery Hall	+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
+Chuck Martin	

The Payne's & Tanzania Ministry

The Steffenson's & Italy Ministry

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

**THEREFORE, MY BELOVED
BROTHERS, BE STEADFAST,
IMMOVABLE, ALWAYS
ABOUNDING IN THE
WORK OF THE LORD,
KNOWING THAT IN THE LORD
YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN.**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58



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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:

Sandra Harr

TRUSTEE FOR THE MONTH:

Phil Fritsch

COUNTERS:

Mike & Kim Dodds

LECTOR:

Ron McDonald

ORGANISTS:

Saturday: Sharon Greene

Sunday: Sharon Greene

July 12, 2025 Attendance	15
June 13, 2025 Attendance	68
Needed weekly to meet budget.....	\$5,600

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.



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 a.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 a.m. 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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