

L u k e 11 : 8 , 9

... but because of his persistence
he will get up and give him
whatever he needs.



+ SO I SAY TO YOU +
ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find

St. John Lutheran Church

July 26 & 27, 2025

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8th Sunday After Pentecost July 26 & 27, 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.....# 793

“Praise, My Soul, The King Of Heaven”

Order Of Worship..... Page 203

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

Pastor: Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

People: **With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O Lord! I will keep Your statutes.**

Pastor: I call to You; save me, that I may observe Your testimonies

People: **I rise before dawn and cry for help; I hope in Your Words.**

Pastor: My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on Your promise.

People:	Hear my voice according to Your steadfast love; O Lord, according to Your justice give me life.
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Prayer Of The Day	
Almighty God, O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You. 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 18:20–33

Then the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to Me. And if not, I will know.” ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, “Will You indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will You then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from You to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” ²⁶And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered and said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will You destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And He said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” ²⁹Again he spoke to Him and said, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” ³¹He said, “Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh let not the

Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.” ³³And the Lord went His way, when He had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsive PsalmPsalm 138

Leader: I give You thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing Your praise;

People: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.

Leader: On the day I called, You answered me; my strength of soul You increased.

People: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of Your mouth,

Leader: And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

People: For though the Lord is high, He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.

Leader: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life; You stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand delivers me.

People: The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

Epistle Lesson.....Colossians 2:6-19

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In Him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with Him in

baptism, in which you were also raised with Him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised Him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in Him. ¹⁶Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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 11th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson.....Luke 11:1-13

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when He finished, one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ²And He said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵And He said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be

opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Pastor:	This is the Gospel of the Lord for the people of God.	
People:	Praise to You, O Christ.	
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The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Hannelore Brownfield and Connie Douglas in honor of their birthdays. We wish God's richest blessings on Hannelore and Connie.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jeff and Cheryl Carpenter in honor of their wedding anniversary. We wish God's richest blessings on Jeff and Cheryl.

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."

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).



Lutheran Women *in Mission*



Ladies of St. John: Please join us in fellowship as we begin our monthly LWML meetings again (Lutheran Women in Mission); We meet each month on the 2nd Tuesday now through May. Our August 12th meeting will begin at 6:00 pm and we will enjoy getting to know each other

better through a new Secret Sister program. Even if you haven't attended before we invite women of all ages to join us for some female companionship and a Bible study along with light refreshments. Hostesses are Jacque & Susie and a devotion will be presented by Barb, "The Chocolate Life" by Deb Burma. Sound fun? It is! Come see what we do and learn more about our mission focused women.

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.



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.



Attention, Ladies! Have you been searching for a Women's Bible Study group that meets during the week? Well, look no further. We will begin a study of Psalms by utilizing the book Everlasting written by Christina Hergenrader. We will meet on Wednesdays, beginning

on **August 20th, at 11 a.m. in the LWML room.** The cost of the book is \$19, and Sandra will order them for us. If you are interested, sign up on the credenza in the narthex. Feel free to bring your lunch and a friend! *"Sweet friendships refresh the soul and awaken our hearts with joy." Psalm 27:9.*



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. The dates that are available are August 13, September 7, November 16, 23, 30 and December 14.



Please note that the church has a new email address:

churchsecretary@stjohnlawton.com



Please note for security reasons if you come into the church from the north door or the kitchen and there are people in the office please make them feel safe and announce yourself.

†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:

Barb Schneider

LECTOR:

Barb Schneider

ORGANISTS:

Saturday: Elaine Boatsman

Sunday: Barb Schneider

July 19, 2025 Attendance	22
June 20, 2025 Attendance	95
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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