



Welcome

"LANGUAGE OF LAMENT"

JUNE 30, 2024



ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church
Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It is an honor to have you worshiping with us this morning and we pray that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness!

At St. John's we are pleased to offer two styles of worship services on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service, but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshiping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 30, 2024

Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME & GREETING

OPENING SONG

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

LSB 903

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: Great is the Lord's faithfulness, even though we have been unfaithful. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Let us turn to our Gracious God, confessing our sins to Him and pleading for His mercy.:

C: Gracious Father, we confess we have not used our time in ways pleasing to You and have become apathetic as we wait for You. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess that we have not faithfully managed Your time, treasures, and talents entrusted to us. We have often been selfish instead of stewards, and we have allowed other voices around us to direct us instead of the voice of Your Word. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus, have mercy upon us, and forgive our sins. Amen.

L: Great is the Lord's faithfulness, even though we have been unfaithful. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant

of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD *Lamentations 3:22–33*

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

²⁷ It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. ²⁸ Let him sit alone

in silence when it is laid on him; ²⁹ let him put his mouth in the dust—there

may yet be hope; ³⁰ let him give his cheek to the one who strikes, and let

him be filled with insults. ³¹ For the Lord will not cast off forever, ³² but,

though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the

abundance of his steadfast love; ³³ for he does not afflict from his heart

or grieve the children of men. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT

2 Corinthians 8:1–9, 13–15

¹ We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has

been given among the churches of Macedonia, ² for in a severe test of

affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have

overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. ³ For they

gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means,

of their own accord, ⁴ begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part

in the relief of the saints— ⁵ and this, not as we expected, but they gave

themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to

us. ⁶ Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should

complete among you this act of grace.⁷ But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness.¹⁵ As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.” (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 5:21-43

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*sung*)

²¹ Jesus got into the boat again and went back to the other side of the lake, where a large crowd gathered around him on the shore.²² Then a leader of the local synagogue, whose name was Jairus, arrived. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet,²³ pleading fervently with him. “My little daughter is dying,” he said. “Please come and lay your hands on her; heal her so she can live.”²⁴ Jesus went with him, and all the people followed, crowding around him.²⁵ A woman in the crowd had suffered for twelve years with constant bleeding.²⁶ She had suffered a great deal from many doctors, and over the years she had spent everything she had to pay them, but she had gotten no better. In fact, she had gotten worse.²⁷ She had heard about Jesus, so she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his robe.²⁸ For she thought to herself, “If I can just touch his robe, I will be healed.”²⁹ Immediately the bleeding stopped, and she

could feel in her body that she had been healed of her terrible condition.
³⁰ Jesus realized at once that healing power had gone out from him, so he turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my robe?" ³¹ His disciples said to him, "Look at this crowd pressing around you. How can you ask, 'Who touched me?'" ³² But he kept on looking around to see who had done it. ³³ Then the frightened woman, trembling at the realization of what had happened to her, came and fell to her knees in front of him and told him what she had done. ³⁴ And he said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace. Your suffering is over." ³⁵ While he was still speaking to her, messengers arrived from the home of Jairus, the leader of the synagogue. They told him, "Your daughter is dead. There's no use troubling the Teacher now." ³⁶ But Jesus overheard them and said to Jairus, "Don't be afraid. Just have faith." ³⁷ Then Jesus stopped the crowd and wouldn't let anyone go with him except Peter, James, and John (the brother of James). ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw much commotion and weeping and wailing. ³⁹ He went inside and asked, "Why all this commotion and weeping? The child isn't dead; she's only asleep." ⁴⁰ The crowd laughed at him. But he made them all leave, and he took the girl's father and mother and his three disciples into the room where the girl was lying. ⁴¹ Holding her hand, he said to her, "*Talitha koum,*" which means "Little girl, get up!" ⁴² And the girl, who was twelve years old, immediately stood up and walked around! They were overwhelmed and totally amazed. ⁴³ Jesus gave them strict orders not to tell anyone what had happened, and then he told them to give her something to eat. (NLT)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*sung*)

SERMON HYMN

God Loved the World So That He Gave (Vv. 1-4)

LSB 571

SERMON

"Language of Lament"

Lamentations 3:22-33

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Leader will conclude every prayer with: "Lord, in Your mercy"

People respond with: "hear our prayer"

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

LSB 548

POSTLUDE

Last Week's Giving

Weekly Needed.....	\$12,403.85
General Fund.....	\$4,963.00
Online Giving	\$829.02
Total Giving.....	\$5,792.02

Last Week's Attendance

8:30 a.m.	117
11:00 a.m.	54
Total	171

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 30, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

*There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do
He Is*

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Lamentations 3:22-33

SERMON

*"Language of Lament"
Lamentations 3:22-33
Pastor Adam Ray*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

I Will Look Up

SUNDAY SERVANTS

Preacher	Pastor Adam Ray
Reader	Karl Albrecht
Lay Minister	8:30 – Drew Miller 11:00 – Mark Langston
Organist	Ted Hesse
Ushers	8:30 – David Vanskike 11:00 – Dan Zimmerman
Computer	8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Allison Cushing
Live Stream	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Camera	8:30 – Matt Cushing
Sound	8:30 – Doug Hicks 11:00 – Doug Hicks
Vocals.....	Amanda Ray, Pam Saurmann, Ted Hesse
Acoustic Guitar	Mike Dahn
Piano.....	Ted Hesse

OUR MISSION We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God’s Word to each other, our community and the world.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

IN THE MILITARY: Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

CONGREGATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Bible Study will start back up on Sunday July 7th as we kick off the next installment of our *Summer Songs* Bible Study series. During the months of July and August we will explore different songs of the faith that help instruct us and enliven us in the Christian faith. All ages are invited!

God Speed & Reception: Next Sunday, July 7th, there will be a God Speed for Malinda during both services, and a reception following the 11:00 a.m. service.

#lifetogether meals are back! Thank you to those who came out and enjoyed good food, games, and fellowship. Come and join us on Wednesday, July 10 and August 14 at 5:30 p.m.

A Memorial Service for Lloyd & Patsy Schumacher is Friday, July 12th at 1:00 p.m., at St. John's.

Thrivent Members: Many of our St. John's family have Thrivent choice Dollars. Our Ministry Teams would benefit from using the Choice Dollars for upcoming church events. Please contact the church office if you are willing to let the Ministry Teams use your Choice Dollars. Thank you.

Nancy Koopman Memorial Scholarship: If you could use a little financial help and blessing for your child/ren attending Unity Christian School, please complete a form inside one of the brochures...called The Nancy Koopman Memorial Scholarship. The brochures are located on the table in the back of the Sanctuary or in the church office. Please complete and return to the church office before July 19th.

Do you know which men from the Bible met his wife at the well or what type of tree Jesus cursed? If so, come share your knowledge July 27th for our second annual trivia night hosted by LWML. If not, you will need to find up to 7 other friends who excel in random knowledge to register by July 21. The cost will be \$10/person and proceeds will support LWML Grants & the

Fall Zone Rally. Email Brenda Salogga at dnbsal@comcast.net or sign up at the back of the sanctuary. (Answers: Isaac & Moses...fig tree)

Bus Trips: The tickets for the performance of "Grease" on August 1st are sold out but you can still get on a waiting list. There are tickets available for the August 21st performance of "Nunsense". Make your reservations with Jerry Pelz (217-433-2961) or the church office. Cost is \$36.00 per ticket and we will be leaving from the church at 12:45 p.m.

4th Annual St. John's Golf Scramble Fun-Raiser to be held September 22, at 1:30 at the Moweaqua Golf Course. Cost is \$400 per team. Includes golf, prizes, and dinner afterwards. Proceeds go back to the church through various needs and governed by Lay Ministry Board. Sign-up sheets will be available in a few weeks. Please mark your calendars.

Mite Boxes: Remember mite boxes are collected the first Sunday of every month at the back of the sanctuary. There are 31 grants being supported in 2023 and 2024. Ladies contact Brenda Salogga via email dnbsal@comcast.net or 217-429-9183 if interested in being included in St. John's LWML emails concerning our activities.

Beginning July 1, the **LSA ReSale Shop** will celebrate **Christmas in July**. The merchandise will continually change throughout the entire month. If you have never shopped at the LSA, this may be the time for your first visit. If you are thinking of purging your own Christmas decorations, we would love to have them. Normal donation times are Mondays and Tuesdays from 9am to 1pm and Thursdays from 2pm to 6pm. P.S. The ReSale Shop is closed on July 4th.

St. Paul's Early Learning Center is hiring for full time infant co-teacher! To start mid-July to work on trainings, physical, TB and background check! Insurance and benefit package after 60 days. Tuition discount for children at Unity Christian School. Tuition discount for children to attend the daycare. Hourly pay will depend on your education or previous

daycare experience. Serious inquiries only! Contact Jamie Stanizone at jamie@spldecatour.org or 217-424-9183.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Fellowship in the Lounge
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service

MONDAY, JULY 1

6:30 P.M. Properties Meeting (Rock)
6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts (FH)

TUESDAY, JULY 2

1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting (Conference Room)
5:30 P.M. Outreach Meeting
5:30 P.M. Fellowship Hall Reserved

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

No church activities scheduled.

THURSDAY, JULY 4 – HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, JULY 5

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

No church activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, JULY 7

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service
9:45 A.M. Education Hour (FH)
11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service
11:45 A.M. Reception for Malinda