

St. John's Lutheran Church and School

Stuttgart, Arkansas

A Prayer before Worship:

Dear Father in heaven; grant me to be **silent** before You – that I may hear You; at **rest** in You – that You may work in me; **open** to You – that you may enter in; **empty** before You – that You may fill me. Let me be still and know You are my God. Amen

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May 31, 2026
The Holy Trinity

Today's Order of Service:
Printed Service – Divine Service 3

Hymns:

- #901 – Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
- #507 – Holy, Holy, Holy
- #940 – Holy God We Praise Thy Name
- #700 – Love Divine, All Love Excelling
- #498 – Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest
- #506 – Glory Be to God the Father

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in Your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer. **Psalm 19:14***

Coming up this week:

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| Today: | Worship w/Communion Summer Kickoff Fellowship Event | 8:30 a.m. |
| Monday: | Elders | 6:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday: | Bible Class | 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday: | Ladies Bible Study | 9:00 a.m. |
| Thursday: | Men's Bible Study | 6:00 a.m. |
| Next Sunday: | Adult Bible Study | 7:30 a.m. |
| | Worship w/Communion | 8:30 a.m. |
| | Adult Sunday School | 9:45 a.m. |

Serving This Month

Elders on Duty: Matt McEntire & Chuck Lock
Altar Guild: Katie McEntire & Catriona Oltmann

| Date | Acolyte | Reader | Ushers |
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| May 31 | Stella McEntire | Emil Scheiderer | Please Volunteer |
| June 7 | Walt Mahfouz | Georgia Worstell | Dale Newkirk Richard Heien |
| June 14 | Clara Oltmann | Catriona Oltmann | Jim Worstell Billy Rabeneck |

Attendance & Giving

Attendance:
May 17 – 79

Offering:
May 17 – Unavailable

*In the fullness of time, The Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth. Until the end of time, His grace is still given to us as He promised it in the **Lord's Supper**. As we receive His gift today, we would ask guests who desire to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. In obedience to the teaching of Scripture, we practice close communion.*

Please be Praying for...

St. John's Lutheran Church and Elders during this time of transition

Missionary: Rev. Dr. Walter and Robyn Steele

General Health: Kevin Gull, Ranae Johnson, Robert Seidenstricker, Lynda Staton, Bud Norris, Ron Rhein, Lyn Rhein, Tina Bull, Connley McPherson, Dalton Johnson, Jeremy Bollinger, Shelby Gene Snowden, Sammy Frizzell, Sherry Brantley, Mary Louise Bullock

Cancer: Max Gray, Dan Loudermilk, Frank Bowers, Brady Robnett, Katrina Anderson, Brooks Anderson, Amanda Christianson, Fredda Voumard, Maureen Sokora, Averie Brown, Jerry Drews, Debbie Cook, Melanie Swears, Ron Hoyt, Elizabeth Hoskyn, Kathy Griffith, Pat Maree, Karl Jacobs, Kim Maier, Karen Wilson, Britni Rutherford, Paula Smith

Those Unable to Worship with us: Donna Almond, Genevia Chlapecka, Wanda Phelps, Loretta Blackwell

Our Nation: Military Personnel, Elected Officials, Fire, Police, Sheriff, World Leaders



Birthdays and Anniversaries



5/31 Brenda Longnecker

5/31 Jim Worstell

6/2 Janice Abel

6/2 Amy Marek

6/4 Debby Smith

6/2 Bud and Debbie Norris

6/5 Gwen and Donald Stephens

Missionary of the Week:

The Rev. Dr. Walter and Robyn Steele serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Asia, based in the Republic of the Philippines.

Walter and Robyn serve respectively as theological educator and nutrition educator at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Baguio in northern Luzon. Prior to moving to the Philippines, Walter served as academic dean and professor of Bible and Confessions Studies at Neema Lutheran College in Matongo, Kenya. He also served as an advisor in curriculum development for schools throughout Africa. Robyn served as a dietitian educator in Kenya, where she taught nutrition classes and worked with deaconess students. As a deaconess intern, she continues to work with the deaconesses in the Philippines.

A 16-year veteran of the United States Navy, Walter has served Sailors and Marines in Japan, Thailand, Korea, the Persian Gulf and stateside at naval installations as a Navy chaplain. Prior to serving in Africa, he was pastor of three LCMS congregations. In addition, he has taught courses for various colleges and seminaries around the world.

Robyn is a registered dietitian and a member of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. She has worked in the field for over 25 years. Prior to serving in Africa, she ran her own nutrition consulting company and has worked in acute care hospitals and outpatient nutrition clinics.

The Steeles have two married adult children and four grandchildren, who live in the U.S

Hope of the Delta Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Don't forget to grab a baby bottle from the back of the sanctuary or from the chapel! Fill the bottle with change (or dollars!) and return to St. John's on Father's Day, June 21st. All change collected will go to Hope of the Delta, which provides resources, prenatal services, parenting classes, and more for men and women facing an unplanned pregnancy. Hope of the Delta has locations in Stuttgart and Pine Bluff, as well as a Medical Mobile Unit visiting Star City, Dumas, East End, and other southeast Arkansas communities.

An Update from the Elders

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to make everyone aware that the Elders are working diligently on finding a full-time pastor. Until we find one, Pastor Marshall has committed to serve the congregation to his best capacity. We have been seeking candidates from Dr. Paavola, our district president, and Pastor Andy Toopes.

On May 4th and 5th, we interviewed a young pastor from Lincoln Illinois, Noah Kerstein. The Elders chose, for the time being, to continue the search. The Elders have reached out to Pastor Andre Frandle. He currently lives in Clarksville, Tennessee. We spoke with him two weeks ago, and he was very interested in a visit. We will report on the progression with Pastor Frandle as time goes.

In the meantime, I have visited with Dr. Paavola, and he is waiting on authorization from several district presidents to release the names of more candidates. As soon as we get their names and information, we will start reaching out to these pastors.

In addition, if you know of a fellow church member that needs communion or if there are any concerns, please call me 870-674-8982.

Thank you for your prayers and patience.

God's Peace

Chuck Lock
Head Elder

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

News from the Office

Church Office Hours

Monday, June 1

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Wednesday, June 3

10:00 a.m. to Noon

Thursday, June 4

10:00 a.m. Noon

Any announcements for the June 7 bulletin must be submitted by Wednesday, June 3.

Office Phone

The church office phone system is experiencing technical issues. If you are unable to leave a message at the church office, contact Stephanie at (870) 830-7841 or secretary@stjohnsluth.com.

Resource Materials

The resource materials that were located in the narthex of the church have been moved to the Fellowship Hall library.

Endowment Funds

The Endowment Fund still has \$2,700 to distribute for the current fiscal year ending June 30. Please contact any member of the Endowment Committee to request a form for a church or school related need.


For more information contact Georgia Worstell at (870) 672-3288 or committee members Tawnya Herring, Becky Liebig, Lynda Staton or Gwen Stephens.

Contact Information

St. John's is upgrading to a digital records and management system. Please complete the Contact Information form in today's bulletin or scan the QR code to complete the form online. We sincerely appreciate your patience and cooperation as we transition to our new system!

Questions? Contact Stephanie at (870) 830-7841.



The page is decorated with several hearts and stars. At the top, there are several hearts in shades of pink, light blue, and purple, hanging from thin blue lines. At the bottom corners, there are two large, light blue stars.

The LWML will be gathering items to go to the Compassion Ministries that provides a safe haven for young mothers aged 11 to 21 who are pregnant or parenting. Items will be delivered to the LWML district convention in Springdale June 12-14.

Requested items include:

- Gift cards to Walmart or Harps
- Disposable diapers size 4-5
- Diaper cream, baby wipes, and baby shampoo

Donated items may be placed in the Narthex or the church office. Items will be collected until Sunday, June 7. For more information or to have items picked up from your home, contact Barbara Cook at (870) 830-1621 or any LWML member.