

Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church September 6, 2026

Where Two or Three Are Gathered

Christ in the Midst of the Church



Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20

15th Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 2026 – Communion

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Lawrence Chapel UMC practices the love and teachings of Jesus*

Prelude	<i>It's Just Like His Great Love</i>	arr. by Melody Bober
Bringing Forth the Light		
Making a Difference (Welcome and Announcements)		Rev. Justin Ritter
*Call to Worship We come together today as the family of God, united by our love for Christ. We are not perfect, but we are called to love one another with grace. When our relationships become broken, Christ calls us to seek reconciliation. Give us the courage to speak honestly, the humility to listen, and the grace to forgive. When we gather in Christ's name, we are never alone. Christ is here among us, calling us to love, forgive, and walk together. Let us worship the God who has shown us grace and calls us to share that grace with one another. We come with open hearts, ready to receive God's grace and to share it with others.		
*Hymn	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You</i>	89
Pastoral Prayer		
Children's Moments		Deanna Phifer
Invitation to the Offering		Evelyn Davison
Offertory	<i>My Song is Love Unknown</i>	arr. by John D. Edwards
*Doxology		95
*Offertory Prayer		Evelyn Davison
*Apostle's Creed		881
*Gloria Patri		70
*Hymn	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	408
Scripture Reading	Matthew 18:15-20	Pew Bible NT p.20

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion Music

Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. by Cindy Berry

*Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

TFWS 2223

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

I Come with Joy (vs.5)

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"Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise, we'll live and speak his praise."

*Postlude

Love the Lord Your God

arr. by Jean Strathdee

Jim Strathdee

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If you are worshipping at LCUMC for the first time, we welcome you in the name of Christ! Please fill out a visitor card in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate so that Pastor Justin can send you a note.

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey in Christ, you are welcome at LCUMC. You do not have to join in order to participate in worship, many areas of serving, and small groups. However, becoming a member of this body of Christ is an excellent way for you to fully live out your Christian commitment and deepen your faith. If you would like to become an official member of this community, Pastor Justin would love to have a conversation with you!

To reach a larger ministry audience, our service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube and recorded for posting on our website. Typically, the last 5 pews in the church are never "on camera" (near the street entrance).

Prayer Concerns

Kelly(Sandra and Lou), Sam(Glenns), Drew Meyers, Gunther Nocht(Kris Ellenburg), Betty Ambrose, Barbara Ochoa, Braelyn Hollensbe, Joann Holmes(Walter Hadden), Pat and Skip Fenton, Bob and Josie Geehreg, Cherie Pressley(Sandra and Lou), Tommy McCall(Wesley Ramey), Lesa Hendrick, Robyn Daffron(Anne Lee), Vera Crane(Heather Beam), Ray Smith(Cindy Arnold), Andrea Hyde(Laura Linder), Eddie Sweet(Morgans), Joyce Hartsell, Ginger Roper(Davison's), Anne Lee, Rev. Bruce and Ann Sayre, Josh Howard(Lee), Julie Wardlaw, Linda Oakley(Julie Wardlaw), Gregg Martin, Ann Fuhr, Ray(Linda Regnier), and Michael(Linda Regnier's stepson).

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Music Director: Dr. Amy Ahui
Children's Director: Deanna Phifer
Counter: Linda Middleton
Greeters: Skip and Evelyn Davison
Children's Church: Suzi Harmon and Deanna Phifer
Offertory Reader: Evelyn Davison
Acolytes: Lynn Kelley

Meeting Reminders:

9/7 Church Office Closed - Happy Labor Day! No Coffee with Justin.

9/9 12:00pm Senior Lunch - bring several dishes to share.

1:00pm Hooks and Needles meets in the library.

5:30pm Children/youth group - dinner is provided.

9/10 10:00am Luke in the Land bible Study all are invited.

9/13 Epworth Workday Offering Collected.

9/14 10:00am Coffee with Justin meets in the fellowship hall.

9/16 12:00pm Hooks and Needles meets in the library.

5:30pm Children/youth group - dinner is provided.

9/17 10:00am QAVA Study Series meets in the library.

9/18 Last day to submit articles for the October Newsletter.

9/20 11:30am Greeting Cards on sale in the fellowship hall.

Finance Summary, July 2026	Month	Year to Date	Budget
Giving	\$19,284.28	\$146,003.66	Monthly \$22,248.00
Expenses	\$21,046.23	\$142,981.22	YTD- \$155,736.00
Variance Expenses to Giving	(\$1,761.95)	\$3,022.44	

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Nursery and Restroom facilities are in the Education Building across from the sanctuary.

Church WiFi ID - LCMGuest Password - PeaceBeWithYou!

Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee (Ode To Joy)

Verse 1

Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Opening to the sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness
Drive the dark of doubt away
Giver of immortal gladness
Fill us with the light of day

Verse 2

All Thy works with joy surround Thee
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays
Stars and angels sing around Thee
Center of unbroken praise
Field and forest vale and mountain
Flowery meadow flashing sea
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee

Verse 3

Thou art giving and forgiving
Ever blessing ever blest
Wellspring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest
Thou our Father Christ our Brother
All who live in love are Thine
Teach us how to love each other
Lift us to the joy divine

Verse 4

Mortals join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began
Father love is reigning o'er us
Brother love binds man to man
Ever singing march we onward
Victors in the midst of strife
Joyful music lifts us sunward
In the triumph song of life

Edward Hodges, Henry Van Dyke, Ludwig van Beethoven
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The Gift Of Love

Verse 1

Though I may speak with bravest fire
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love my words are vain
As sounding brass and hopeless gain

Verse 2

Though I may give all I possess
And striving so my love profess
But not be given by love within
The profit soon turns strangely thin

Verse 3

Come Spirit come our hearts control
Our spirits long to be made whole
Let inward love guide every deed
By this we worship and are freed

Hal H. Hopson

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TFWS 2223 – They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Verse 1

We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored

Chorus

And they'll know we are Christians
By our love by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love

Verse 2

We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news
That God is in our land

Verse 3

We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each man's dignity
And save each man's pride

Verse 4

All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one

Peter Scholtes

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