

Jesus told his disciples...



LITHIA SPRINGS
METHODIST CHURCH

September 28, 2025

WELCOME TO
LITHIA SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

The flowers in the chancel area are dedicated to the glory of God.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

John Gentry

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS,
AND INVOCATION**

Rev. Thomas Long

PRELUDE

“Meditation on ‘Gordon’”

John Gentry

Arr. Gerald Peterson

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalms 146

Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, my soul.

**I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing
praise to my God as long as I live.**

*Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who
cannot save.*

**When their spirit departs, they return to the
ground; on that very day their plans come to
nothing.**

*Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope
is in the Lord their God.*

**He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea,
and everything in them — he remains faithful
forever.**

*He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the
hungry. The Lord sets prisoners free,*

**The Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts
up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves
the righteous.**

*The Lord watches over the foreigner and sustains the
fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the
wicked.*

**The Lord reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for
all generations. Praise the Lord.**

CHORAL RESPONSE*

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

No 23

HYMN*

“I Know Not Why God’s Wondrous Grace”

No 571

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

The Apostles’ Creed

No 691

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

ANTHEM

“I Will Worship”

Chancel Choir

Arr. Dennis Allen

PASTORAL PRAYER; LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Thomas Long

CHILDREN’S TIME

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

John Gentry

Arr. George Shearing

DOXOLOGY*

№ 682

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Words Thomas Ken; Music Louis Bourgeois
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HYMN*

“Be Still, My Soul”

№ 346

SCRIPTURE*

Luke 16: 19-31

Paul Wilkerson

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go

from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

30 “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Leader: *This is the Word of God for the people of God.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Thomas Long

HYMN*

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

№ 117

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomas Long

POSTLUDE

“Minuet from Suite Gothique”

John Gentry

Leon Boellmann

This Week’s Schedule

Today, September 28:

- 9:45 a.m.....Adult Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m.....Children’s Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m.Sunday Worship Service

Monday, September 29:

- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Troop 62
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday, September 30:

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study

***Please stand as you are comfortable**

Wednesday, October 1:

5:00 p.m. Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 62
6:45 p.m. Handbell Choir
7:45 p.m. Chancel Choir/Cantata Choir

Friday, October 3:

4:00 p.m. Fall Festival Setup

Saturday, October 4:

8:00 a.m. Fall Festival Setup
11:00 a.m. Fall Festival

Sunday, October 5:

9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Children’s Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Youth Group

**Chancel Choir’s
Christmas Cantata NEEDS YOU!**

Join us now for the Christmas season on Wednesday nights at 7:35pm. All voices welcome. We will perform on Sunday, December 7th at 11am.

**Youth Group NEXT SUNDAY
October 5th, 4 PM**

Youth ages 10 and up are invited. We’ll meet every other Sunday in the Children’s Building. Bring your Books and invite a friend!

Family Fun Night NEXT WEEK

Next FFN is Wednesday, October 8th, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Invite a friend or neighbor and join us for supper and fun!

Not My Jesus Bible Study

Monday, September 29th at 7 PM
Tuesday, September 30th at 10 AM.

FALL FESTIVAL NEXT SATURDAY!

Oct. 4th, 11-4pm. Come out and enjoy a time of fellowship and fun as we welcome our community to LSMC! We have a bouncy house, face painting, dunk tank, carnival games, arts & crafts, relay races, music, food, cotton candy, snow cones, and more! We have many community resources and local vendors joining us this year, so invite your friends and neighbors and share our Facebook and Instagram posts to spread the word! To volunteer, please fill out the sign-up sheet on the front pews or call the church office. There is a job for everyone! Setup will begin on Friday, October 3rd, from 4-7p, and

then will resume on Saturday morning at 8am! If you have a canopy we may borrow, please let us know. We want to make sure everyone is out of the weather and comfortable.

Charge Conference 2025

Sunday, November 23rd, at 3pm
Here, at Lithia Springs Methodist Church!

Prayer Requests

Please remember to lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ in your prayers throughout the week:

Betty Andrews • Mae Ora O’Shields • Sarah & Zach Varnell • Debra Livingston • Joetta Hayes • Betty McWhorter • Victims of violence throughout our land • Hank Seedorf • Koreen Lail • Diane Dempsey • Linda & Brandy Brackett • Alan Hembree • Jan Lemke-Springmier • Dave Lemke • Sandra Rodriguez • Celia Jo Walbert • Cole Black

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