

The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Saint John Lutheran Church
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
October 14, 2018

Welcome!

"How great is the Love the Father has lavished on us!" (1 John 3:1).

We are thankful that you are joining in the worship of the people of God this day. Ushers at the door are glad to assist you at any time.

- Please check that cell phones are silenced.
- Restrooms are located down either hallway to the right.
- Prayer requests may be written on the white cards in the pew rack and given to an usher before worship begins, or as you leave.
- A nursery is available to parents as needed, past the double wooden doors on the left.
- Activity bags to help keep young children occupied during the message are provided in the back right corner of the sanctuary.
- Please tell us a bit about yourself on the *Record of Friendship* during the collection of the offering.

About the Offering

An offering is gathered today during the worship service. Here the people of God bring their tithes and sacrificial offerings as an expression of their discipleship, and for the continuation of Jesus' mission work, both in this community and to the ends of the earth. Guests are not expected to bring financial gifts, but are welcome to join the congregation in offering their prayers and praises.

About Holy Communion

Today we celebrate Holy Communion. In this, we remember that the divine is united with the created as one in the person of Jesus.

This altar is the Lord's table. Here all are welcome who acknowledge their need for a Savior, and look to Jesus. We believe what he simply says about the bread – "This is my body, given for you." – and about the wine – "This is my blood, shed for you." Thus, the Lord Jesus is truly present for his redeemed people in this holy meal. In this we retain the divine mystery in the midst of his ordinary creation. From the many seeds of wheat come one loaf. From the many grapes are pressed one cup. His many diverse people constitute one body and community of faith.

Young children are welcome to this altar to receive a blessing, as are those who have not been instructed in the Christian faith. Please indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest or by simply asking for a blessing.

Alcohol-removed communion wine is available for those who desire it. The individual communion cups in the center of the tray contain denatured wine, which contains less than ½% alcohol. This wine is pink in color. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.

We are imperfect people and we live in an imperfect world. We are all in this together. So when we believe or act wrongly towards someone, or when we feel that another has wronged us, we commit ourselves to the humble teaching and forgiving pattern of Jesus in Matthew 18.

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+ GATHERING +

Prayer as We Begin — *Please stand.*

C Heavenly Father, as we come before you this morning in Jesus' name, we pray all that we say and do in our worship will give you glory. Help us, Lord, to focus our thoughts on you, so your Word will find fertile ground in our minds and hearts. May the worship service today accomplish in us the purpose you desire. Amen.

Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

L In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

L If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

L Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

L Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Kyrie

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C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

C Amazing grace, Lord! Amazing grace, Lord! Amazing grace, Lord!

Apostles' Creed

℣ This is the faith into which we've been baptized and by which we live:

☩ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Catechesis: The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*As the head of the family should teach the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in a simple way to their household.
(From the Small Catechism)*

Part Three

How can water do such great things? – **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying."**

Part Four

What does such Baptism with water indicate? – **It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.**

Where is this written? – **St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."**

Salutation and Collect Prayer

L The LORD be with you.

G And also with you.

L We pray together...

G Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

L *The Old Testament Reading for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost is from Amos, chapter five. Through his prophet the LORD speaks law-full words of rebuke to those who misuse their wealth and power, who make themselves great while making others small.*

⁶Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! ¹⁰They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so, the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 3:12-19

L *The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter three. Now is the opportune time to respond in faith-full trust to the call of the living God. Our hymns this morning are based on this text.*

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would

not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse — *Please stand.*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. *John 20:31*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 10:17-22

L The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the tenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷ As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." ²¹And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²²Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Message —

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

The Message — *Jesus Loved Him*

The Prayers of the Church

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings — *For the continuation of Christ's work, both in this place and to the ends of the earth. You may also donate online.*

Get Connected — *We are grateful to worship together today. Please note your attendance in the Record of Fellowship. New and updated contact information is always helpful. Thanks!*

+ MEAL +

This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. In this meal we truly receive the body and blood of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a great and divine mystery! Here we are joined with God and all the saints, and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Young children and those who would prefer to receive a blessing are welcome to come forward.

Alcohol Removed Communion Wine — *The individual communion cups in the center of the tray contain denatured wine, which contains less than ½% alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.*

The Preface and Hymn of Praise — *Please stand.*

- L** The LORD be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- L** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the LORD.**
- L** Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- L** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Our Father

- C** **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 and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Institution

Agnus Dei

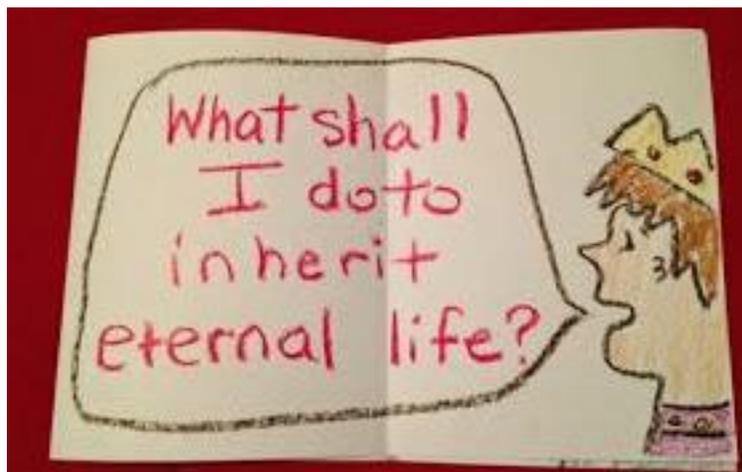
1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymns

707 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!
2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;
3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;
4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!
Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.
And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.
Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.



783 Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it Thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own, It shall be Thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

+ SENDING +

Concluding Prayer, Benedicamus, and Blessing

P Let us bless the LORD.

G Thanks be to God.

P We speak the Romans 15 blessing to one another:

**May the God of HOPE
fill you with all JOY and PEACE
as you TRUST in him,
so that YOU may overflow with HOPE
by the POWER of the Holy Spirit.**

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

G Amen

Would you like to pray with someone following worship?

A Prayer Servant will be stationed at the right sanctuary window following the sending hymn today. They will gladly serve you in prayer. Anything you share with them will be kept confidential. Our heavenly Father delights in the prayers of his people.

924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with Your bless - ing, Fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Your Gos - pel's
 3 Sav - ior, when Your love shall call us From our strug - gling



joy and peace; Let us each, Your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Your sal - va - tion
 pil - grim way, Let not fear of death ap - pall us,



Tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us;
 In our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,
 Glad Your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us, Trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful To Your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er Reign with You in end - less day.

THIS WEEK

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>9:15am Sunday School</u> <u>10:30am Worship</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>10am AA</u>				

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor	John Karle 318.332.3352 johnkarle17@gmail.com
Altar Guild	Shirley Thone and Pat Davenport
Organist	Jason Sims
Accompanist	Sandy Barnett
Communion Assistant	Dennis Smith 601.329.6806
Ushers	Wayland Johnson and Terry Lovdahl
Nursery	Gabby Bulger
Sunday School	Lillian Smith John Karle

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
Hebrews 4:1-16
Mark 10:23-31

Hearing Assistance Devices are available from the ushers upon request.

Live Streaming of Worship Services — www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com.

Online Giving — Online giving is available to members and friends of Saint John via the 'Give' tab on our webpage. Thank you for supporting our work together in Jesus' name.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MISSION

Campus Mission — Welcome to all college students! We're glad you're here. Please check in with Pastor John after worship today (or text/call at 318.332.3352).

Sunday School — We have classes and activities at 9:15am for ages five years to 95 years. For school age kindergarten through fifth graders generally, we have Dig In Sunday school. For youth, college, and adults we have a class on making marriage work based on a book by John Gottman or a class on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book "Life Together." We'd love for you to make your spiritual growth a priority by joining one of these interactive groups to exchange ideas, learn from trusted experts, and encourage one another.

Today's Theme

Seek the Lord and live. In life's journey, there is great contention between evil and good. One we abhor; the other we cherish. As we live in this constant tension, it is difficult to keep our sight focused on Jesus. Sin rears its deception and we are enticed to unbelief. Only in Christ, the Good Teacher, is goodness completely revealed. It is Him that we truly seek, for He alone is our treasure in heaven.

Birthdays

Kerry Geroux	October 14
Alicia Liverett	October 14
Bob Cubley	October 15
Gil Emmons	October 15
Lynn Umbdenstock	October 15
Cody Morales	October 18

Baptisms

Julia Hagen	October 20
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Office Hours:

Wednesday-Thursday, 9am-1pm.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday at 10am.

Altar Flowers: Maggie McMichael in Memory of Waldean McMichael.

Eternal Candle: Patricia Davenport for the Glory of God

Volunteers Needed — Every year Saint John provides a safe place for families to watch the Halloween Parade as it travels down Hardy Street. We plan to do this same this year. We need volunteers to help grill as well as distribute the hot dogs and waters. If you are interested in helping, please sign the list on the double wooden doors.

Funeral Planning — It's Time to Update Your Funeral Plans -- All Saints' Day (November 1st) is an opportune reminder each year to update your funeral plans. Saint John Hattiesburg provides excellent materials for free to its members to accomplish this. Let's get it done!

Thank You! to Sandy Barnett for filling in for organist Jason Sims while he is on leave.

Fourth Quarter *Portals of Prayer* for October, November, & December are now available at the foyer mailboxes.

The Avenues Bible Study meets the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 10:30am in the Fellowship Hall. For more information, please contact Pat Davenport at 769.223.2889.

The West Hattiesburg Bible Study is taking a break from meeting. We will make an announcement when it resumes.

— Community Activities —

Pumpkin Carving Night — The Keg and Barrel host a fun night for the whole family. Come carve your pumpkin on Thursday, October 18th at 5:30pm. Pumpkins will be judged by local "celebs" and officials.

Slidell's 2nd Annual Oktoberfest will be hosted at Lamb of God Lutheran Church in Slidell on Sunday, October 21st, 12noon-4pm. Come enjoy wine, beer, pretzels, a bounce house, and a dachshund race. Meal tickets are \$12 at the door.

ZOO BOO — Enjoy all the frights and thrills of a haunted zoo for only \$10 at the Hattiesburg Zoo October 25-30, 5:30-8pm

Halloween Parade — Join us at Saint John on Tuesday, October 30th at 6pm to enjoy hotdogs and cool water while we watch the 7th annual Halloween Parade. Hotdogs and water are free and we provide a safe place for you and your family to watch the parade!

What's Happening? Check out the Events page at www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com

Prayers Needed			
Chris Thiel	Serving Stateside (S.C.)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	10/1/16
Kelly Thiel	Serving Stateside (N.C.)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	11/20/16
Cory Thiel	Serving Overseas	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	12/4/16
Bailey Walters	Serving Overseas	Member	11/27/16
Matt Geroux	Serving Overseas	Son of Kerry and Debbie	12/13/17
Joey Kahrs	Serving Stateside	Family of Cheryl Webb	2/18/18
Bill Lowry	Serving Stateside	Member	4/21/18
Scott Chaney	Serving Stateside	Member	5/6/18
Edward Curry	Cancer	Brother of Shelia Curry	2/11/18
Jerry Frederick	Cancer	Member	4/29/18
Nelson Cubley	Lymphoma	Brother of Bob Cubley	5/15/18
Charlotte Walsh	Cancer	Family of Bill Coll	6/3/18
Dale McClanahan	Cancer	Cousin of Virginia Rosenberger	7/11/18
John Krahlung	Cancer	Son of Joyce Coll	7/15/18
Michelle Karcher	Cancer	Cousin of Bill Coll	8/3/18
Richard Radavich	Health and Strength – Tumor	Member	1/31/18
Pati Hatch	Health and Strength – Cancer	Friend of Evelyn Rutledge	8/26/18
Warner Boortz	Cancer	Member	9/2/18
Edith Pierce	Health and Strength	Member	7/1/18
Mary Gohlke	Health and Strength	Member	8/23/18
Lisa Case	Recovery from dog attack	Member	8/28/18
Geraldine Wheeler	Health and Strength	Member	9/2/18
Robert Hopkins	Brain Injury – 4 year old	Family Friend of Alicia Liverett	9/16/18
Doug Taylor	Health and Strength	Friend of Don Shields	9/16/18
Marsha Weaver	Cancer Surgery Recovery	Mother of Dean Weaver	9/23/18
Doris Schneider	Surgery Recovery	Member	9/23/18
Lee McMichael	Surgery Recovery	Husband of Maggie McMichael	9/23/18
Troy Hill	Premature Baby in NICU	Family Friend of Alicia Liverett	10/10/18
Phillip Gordon Davenport	Bicycle Accident	Nephew of Pat Davenport	10/10/18
Cheston Dearmon	Kidney Failure	Community Member	10/10/18
Family of Eartha Dear	Recently Died	Member	9/27/18
Family of Dennis Boortz	Recently Died	Brother of Warner Boortz	10/10/18

Surprise the World! **Love. Like. Jesus. + Hope for the City.**



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