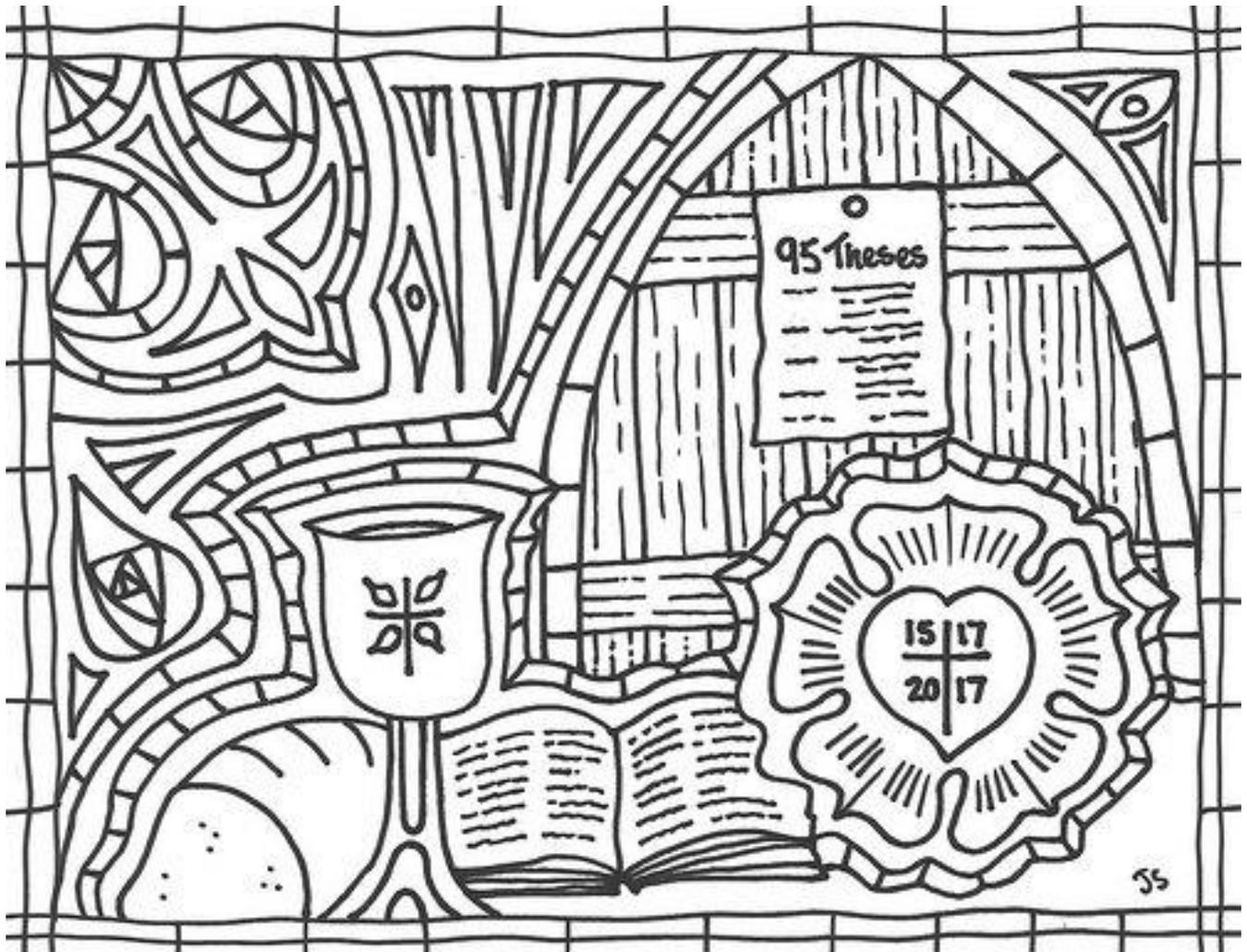


Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Reformation Sunday



Saint John Lutheran Church

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

October 31, 2021

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.

The individual communion cups in the center of the tray have white grape juice for those who desire it. 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.

Reformation Sunday

+ 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

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

C 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.

Salutation and Collect Prayer

L The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

L We pray together...

C Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people.
Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of
temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving
peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

L *The Old Testament Reading for Reformation Sunday is from the Revelation to Saint John, chapter 14. As with the messenger angel of Revelation 14, to spread the light of the eternal gospel from age to age, to all people everywhere shall be also our chief endeavor.*

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 3:19-28

L *The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 3. The righteousness of God is to justify sinners by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. What a great day to be a sinner, justified by faith in Christ!*

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.



Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

L The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free?'"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

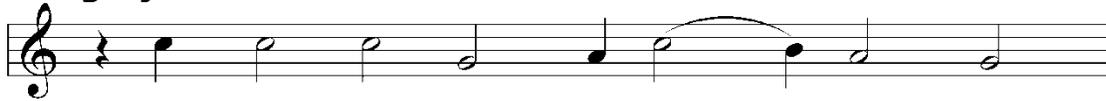
L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

*we love
because
He first
loved
us.*

656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 Soon were our loss ef - fect - ed;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev - 'ry need
 But for us fights the val - iant One,
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain



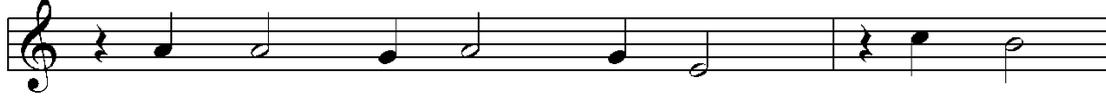
That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 Whom God Him - self e - lect - ed.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.



The old e - vil foe Now means
 Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,



dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 Christ it is, Of Sab - a - oth Lord,
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,



Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -



is not his e - qual.
 the field for - ev - er.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

The Message

The Prayers of the Church

+ 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

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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!

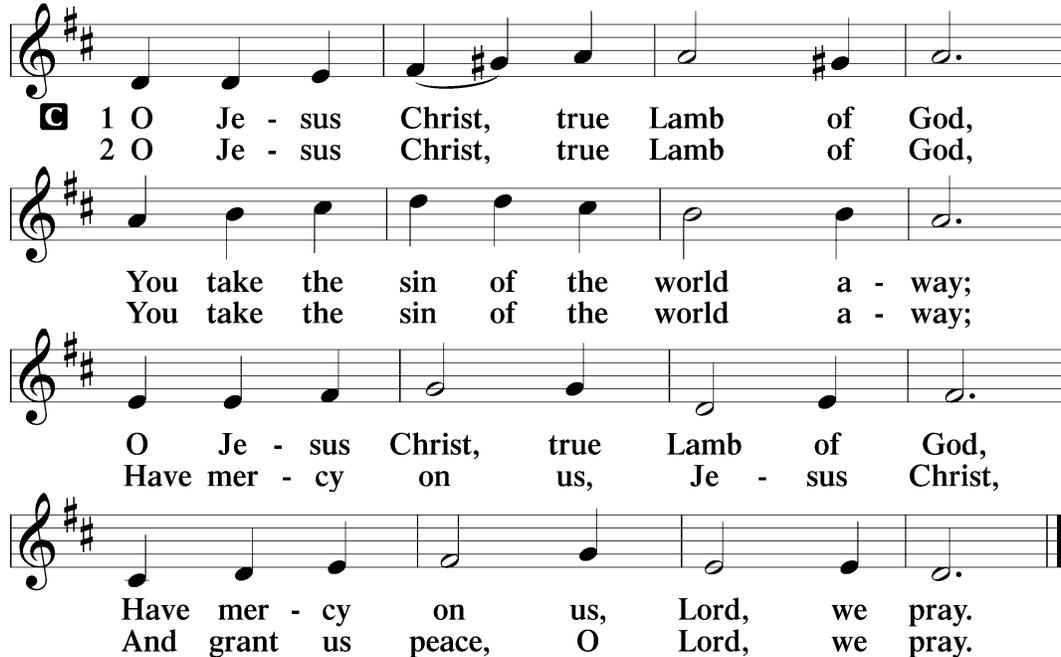
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Our Father

**☐ 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

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☐ 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.

not
PERFECT
Just
FORGIVEN

Distribution Hymns

901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty; Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee; Come Thou al - so
3 Here Thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed; Here Thy seed is
4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en; Let me keep Thy



en - ter there, Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me. Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee,
du - ly sown. Let my soul, where it is plant - ed,
gift di - vine, How - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en;



Waits for Him who an - swers prayer. Oh, how bless - ed
There a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, O
Bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, So that all I
May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guid - ing



is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
en - ter Thou; Let it be Thy tem - ple now!
hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.

- 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I

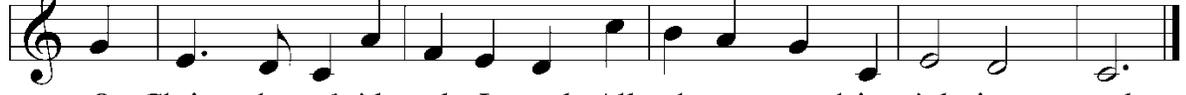


blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

+ SENDING +

Dismissal, Concluding Prayer, Benedicamus, and Blessing

P Let us bless the LORD.

C **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.

C **Amen**

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.



Take Home Announcements — Sunday, October 31, 2021

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor	Rev. Gary Weier 228.284.4314 garyweier@yahoo.com
Altar Guild	Patricia Davenport and Shirley Thone
Organist	Jason Sims

Today's Theme

The Law leaves us speechless, for it condemns us and holds us accountable to God. By the Law, every sin is unmasked, every sinner declared guilty. In Christ, by His blood, we receive faith. This faith justifies us apart from the works of the Law. Thanks be to God that Christ gives us this Gospel. By it, sin is forgiven and sinners declared innocent. This is our freedom in Christ proclaimed throughout every nation, tribe, language, and people.

Altar Flowers: in Celebration of the Young Children's Playground
Eternal Candle: Patricia Davenport for the Glory of God.

Baptisms

Doris Schneider

November 1

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

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.

Memorial Service — A memorial service for Cheryl Smith-Emmons will be held at Saint John Church on Saturday, November 6th, at 6:00 p.m. Cheryl passed away at Forrest General Hospital on September 13, 2021. She is survived by her husband Gilbert Emmons and members of her family. An obituary for Cheryl can be viewed here: [Cheryl Smith-Emmons Obituary - Hattiesburg American](#).

LWML Announcement — The Mary Martha Society of Christ Lutheran Church in Pascagoula will be holding the LWML Magnolia Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, November 13, 2021. Registration and sign in will be from 9:00am - 9:30am; Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. If you plan to go, please contact me at 228-324-6697 by November 1, 2021, for carpooling.

November Newsletter — Published online at www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com. Printed copies are available at the foyer mailboxes

Portals of Prayer — October – December books are available near the foyer mailboxes.

German Mustard for Sale — \$8 for large and \$5 for small jars.

Men's Breakfast — Saturday, November 6th, 9am at Chesterfields.

2021 Altar Flowers —To sponsor the Sunday morning flowers, choose an open Sunday, write your name in the blank, then complete a flower envelope including \$40 and leave in the church secretary mailbox. Altar flowers needed for November 28th.

Weekday Growth Group for Adults:
The Avenues Bible Study Group — Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am at Saint John. They are studying Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Navigating Grief and Loss, a book of Hope when your heart breaks. The next meeting will be November 10th.

THIS WEEK						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>31</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>10:30am Worship</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>9am Men's Breakfast</u> <u>10am AA</u> <u>6pm Memorial Service for Cheryl Emmons</u>				

Pastoral Call Process

Progress Report — The Call Committee is continuing to diligently review and interview potential candidates. Once this step is completed, the committee will prayerfully discuss and determine second interviews, potential site visits, and recommendations to the congregation. Should you have any questions concerning the process, please feel free to contact Mark Keyl. The committee requests your continued prayers as they go about their deliberations.

Duty Roster — Those serving on the Call Committee are: Mark Keyl (chair), Christina Jimenez, Wayland Johnson, Nancy Kaul, Jane Kersh, Steve Lawrence, Christopher Longman, Shawn O'Connor, Ethan Potesta, Pat Potesta, and Dennis Smith.

Scheduled Meetings —TBA.

Prayers Needed			
Chris Thiel	Serving Stateside (FL)	Son of Norbert and Trenia	10/1/16
Kelly Thiel	Serving Stateside (NC)	Son of Norbert and Trenia	11/20/16
Cory Thiel	Serving Overseas	Son of Norbert and Trenia	12/4/16
Matt Geroux	Serving Overseas	Son of Kerry and Debbie	12/13/17
Scott Chaney	Serving Stateside	Member	5/6/18
Bailey Walters	Serving Overseas	Member	10/31/18
Darrin Torrey	Serving Stateside	SIL of Jerry & Helga	10/31/18
Bill Lowry	Serving Overseas	Member	4/15/19
Edward Curry	Cancer	Brother of Shelia Curry	2/11/18
John Krahlung	Recurring Cancer	Son of Joyce Coll	7/15/18
Dennis Smith	Cancer; Chemotherapy	Member	10/6/19
Eric Martin	Cancer	Member	10/6/19
Kenneth Johnson	Prostate Cancer	Brother of Wayland	10/18/20
DuWayne Lemke	Lung Cancer	Brother of Shirley Thone	8/23/20
Joshua Floyd	Brain Tumors	Family friend of Lorhetta	12/6/20
Joyce Lee McNeils	Lung Cancer	Cousin of Patrice Lovdahl	1/10/21
Richard Radavich	Hospice care	Member	8/4/21
Lisa Case	Health and Strength	Member	12/1/18
Olive Gorman	Health and Strength	Member	11/22/20
Warner Boortz	Liver & lymph node cancer	Member	3/24/21
Ruthie Foxworth	Health and Strength	Grandmother of LaToursha Ezell	5/6/21
Bert Godwin, Doug Taylor, Bo Cleveland	Seriously ill	Friends of Don Shields	6/27/21
Ernie Easterling	Paralyzed & in a wheelchair/Going to Costa Rica for treatment	Friend of Jane Johnson	7/21/21
Family of Brett Kull	Died 8/28/2021	Cousin of Willy Noffke	9/12/21
Zoe Soucey	Cancer	Niece of Terry & Patrice Lovdahl	9/19/21
Campus Mission	For its advance and increase	For all students and	7/26/20
Pastoral Leadership	For wisdom, discernment, and courage	Transition and Calling of Next Pastor	7/26/20

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