

The Last Sunday of the Church Year



Saint John Lutheran Church

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

November 25, 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

L 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 the Altar

As the head of the family should teach the Sacrament of the Altar in a simple way to their household.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar? – **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink.**

Where is this written? – **The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."**

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking? – **These words, "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? – **Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."**

Who receives this sacrament worthily? – **Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."**

But anyone who does not believe these words or doubts them is unworthy and unprepared, for the words "for you" require all hearts to believe.

Salutation and Collect Prayer

L The LORD be with you.

G And also with you.

L We pray together...

G Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

First Reading

Isaiah 51:4-6

L *The Old Testament Reading for the Last Sunday of the Church Year is from Isaiah, chapter 51. Though the heavens and the earth will pass away, the Lord's righteous salvation will never cease.*

⁴"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

G Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Jude 20-25

L *The Epistle is from Jude. The brother of our Lord gives us encouragement and blessing that will keep us until our Lord Christ's return in glory.*

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

L This is the Word of the LORD.

G 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 13:24-37

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

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

²⁴[Jesus said:] "But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep watch. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Watch."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Children's Message —

905 Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
 2 Come, Thou in - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
 might - y sword; Our prayer at - tend. Come and Thy
 wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
 prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 peo - ple bless, And give Thy Word suc - cess,
 might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
 maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 And let Thy righ - teous - ness On us de - scend.
 And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

The Message — *When the End Comes*

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.

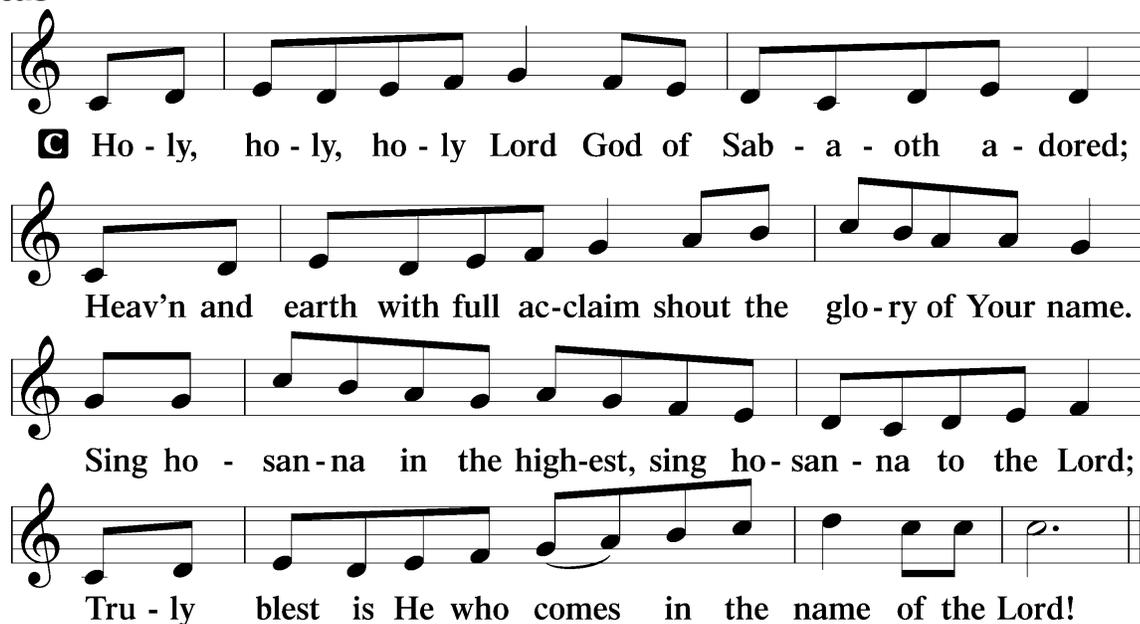
Alcohol Removed Communion Wine — *The individual communion cups in the center of the tray contain denatured wine, which contains less than ½% alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.*

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

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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!

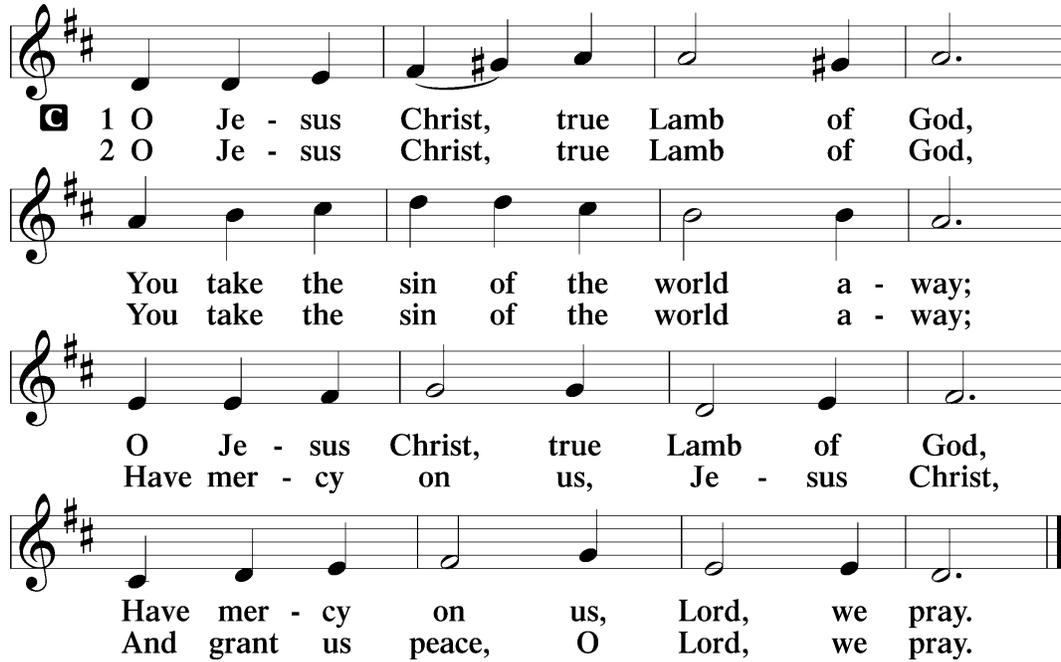
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Our Father

- 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

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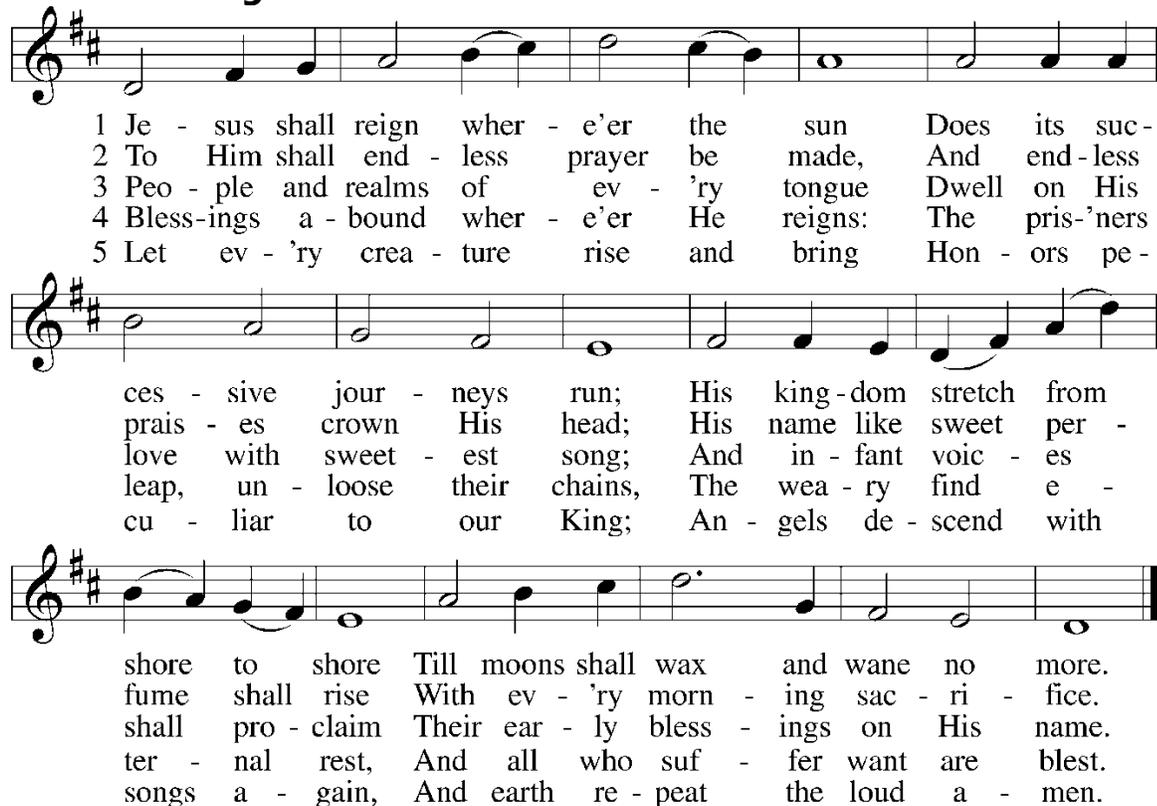


1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Please be seated.

Distribution Hymns

832 Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -
2 To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And end - less
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Dwell on His
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -
ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from
prais - es crown His head; His name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; And in - fant voic - es
leap, un - loose their chains, The wea - ry find e -
cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with
shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

506 Glory Be to God the Father



1 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to
 2 Glo - ry be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each
 3 Glo - ry to the King of an - gels, Glo - ry to the
 4 Glo - ry, bless - ing, praise e - ter - nal! Thus the choir of



God the Son, Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it:
 spot and stain; Glo - ry be to Him who bought us,
 Church's King, Glo - ry to the King of na - tions;
 an - gels sings; Hon - or, rich - es, pow'r, do - min - ion!



Great Je - ho - vah, Three in One! Glo - ry,
 Made us kings with Him to reign! Glo - ry,
 Heav'n and earth, your prais - es bring! Glo - ry,
 Thus its praise cre - a - tion brings. Glo - ry,



glo - ry While e - ter - nal a - ges run!
 glo - ry To the Lamb that once was slain!
 glo - ry To the King of glo - ry sing!
 glo - ry, Glo - ry to the King of of kings!

+ SENDING +

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.**

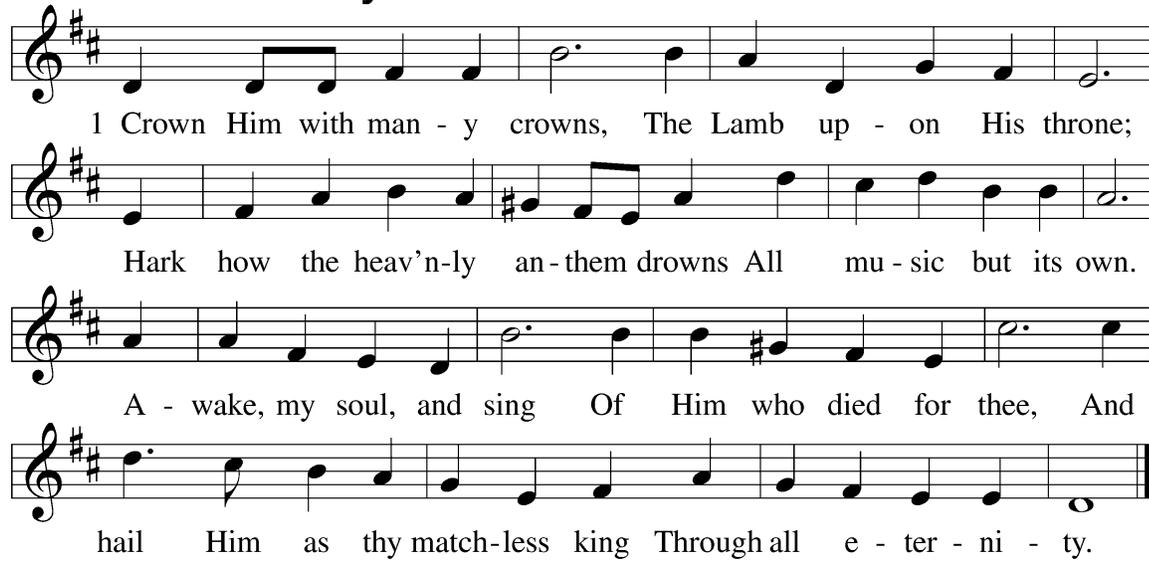
P The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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.

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor	John Karle 318.332.3352 johnkarle17@gmail.com
Altar Guild	Don and Pat Shields
Accompanist	Sandy Barnett
Communion Assistant	Bob Cubley 601.596.3153
Ushers	Mark Keyl and Ethan Potesta
Nursery	Gabby Bulger
Sunday School	Lillian Smith, Pat Potesta, and Ethan Potesta

Office Hours:

Closed this week while the Stringer's are on their honeymoon.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday at 10am.

Altar Flowers: Jane and Wayland Johnson in Celebration of their Anniversary.

Eternal Candle: The Potesta Family in Celebration of Ethan's Birthday.

Today's Theme

The revelation of a new heaven and earth will be dramatic in the tumultuous last days. But God's salvation will prevail, lasting forever, through the reign of the Alpha and Omega—Jesus Christ, our Lord. He alone will judge with equity and truth, righteousness and grace. For this Last Day, we anticipate and watch, ceaseless in prayer, kept in God's love, waiting for the final revelation of God's mercy. "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

Birthdays

Lore Giles	November 26
Lee McMichael	November 26
W.F. Perkins	November 26
Jennifer Karle	November 28
Mary McMichael	November 28
Judy Wastvedt	December 1

Baptisms

Tiffany Thone	November 29
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Scriptures for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 19:28-40
Luke 21:25-36

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).

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

LWML Christmas Party — Sunday, December 2nd, at the home of Debbie Geroux & Shirley Thone, 2 Bluebeard Pt., Hattiesburg, Mississippi from 4:00-6:00 p.m. All women are welcome and invited (carpool if possible)! Call 228-324-6697 for directions. What to bring? Dirty Santa Gift (if desired), finger food to share, new members, friends, and neighbors. Let's start the Christmas holidays sharing the JOY of our Savior's birth!!!

Thank you Rev. Gary Weier for leading worship this morning while Pastor Karle and family are visiting his parents in Texas.

Christmas Breadbaskets — The Breadbasket organization provides 100 families with food for Christmas dinner every year including a turkey or a ham and several sides. To help with this, Saint John will begin collecting at least 10 boxes of cereal and 100 cans of corn on Sunday, November 25th. Thank you for helping others in this holiday season. If you would like more information on assembling (Dec. 18) or delivering (Dec. 20) Christmas Breadbaskets please speak with Gabby.

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.

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 next meeting will begin a study of *The Screwtape Letters*, Thursday, December 13th.

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

THIS WEEK						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>9:15am Sunday School</u> <u>10:30am Worship</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>8:07am Men's Breakfast</u> <u>10am AA</u>				

December Men's Breakfast — Saturday, December 1st at 8:07am. New location: Plaid Rhino located at 122 Carlisle Drive in Hattiesburg.

2019 Altar Flower Calendar — The new calendar is now on the wall by the foyer mailboxes. Cost of flower sponsorship is \$40 per Sunday. You may take the flowers home or give them to another after worship. To help keep our finances in good order, please do not remit 2019 flower sponsor money until after January 1st.

— Community Activities —

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
Matt Geroux	Serving Overseas	Son of Kerry and Debbie	12/13/17
Joey Kahrs	Serving Stateside	Family of Cheryl Webb	2/18/18
Scott Chaney	Serving Stateside	Member	5/6/18
Bailey Walters	Serving Stateside	Member	10/31/18
Darrin Torrey	Serving Overseas	Son in Law of Helga Herrington	10/31/18
Bill Lowry	Serving Overseas	Member	11/7/18
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 Krahling	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
Warner Boortz	Cancer – Radiation/Chemo	Member	9/2/18
Joshua “Scooter” Floyd	Brain Cancer – Radiation/Chemo	Friend of Lawrence Family	11/18/18
Lisa Nause	Chemo/Radiation	Daughter of Rita Wilson	11/18/18
Edith Pierce	Health and Strength	Member	7/1/18
Mary Gohlke	Health and Strength	Member	8/23/18
Doug Taylor	Health and Strength	Friend of Don Shields	9/16/18
Tom Richards	Starting Radiation	Family of Dot Richards	10/14/18
Geraldine Wheeler	Health and Strength	Member	10/21/18
Mrs. Jo Davis	Health and Strength	Sister in Law of Lorhetta Lawrence	10/28/18
Skylar Chaney	Health and Strength	Member	10/28/18
Phyllis Guysinger	Knee Surgery Rehab	Member	10/28/18
Andrea Herrington Torrey	Health and Strength	Daughter of Helga Herrington	10/31/18
Paula	Car accident	Friend of Lisa Spradley	11/11/18
Sherry Lawrence	Health and Strength	Mother of Steve Lawrence	11/18/18
Diane Whitchurch	Health and Strength	Aunt of Patrice Lovdahl	11/18/18
Chris Noffke	Recovery from Knee Surgery	Member	11/20/18
Sojourner Family	Baby Recently Died	Friend of Susan Perkins	11/16/18

 Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule 	
Sundays in Advent , 10:30am	December 2, 9, 16, 23
Wednesday Advent Prayer , 1:15pm	December 5, 12, 19
Christmas Eve Candlelight Services , 1:15pm and 6pm	Monday, December 24
The Christ Mass , Christmas Day Worship, 10:30am	Tuesday, December 25
Christmas Program , Date and Time TBA	

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



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