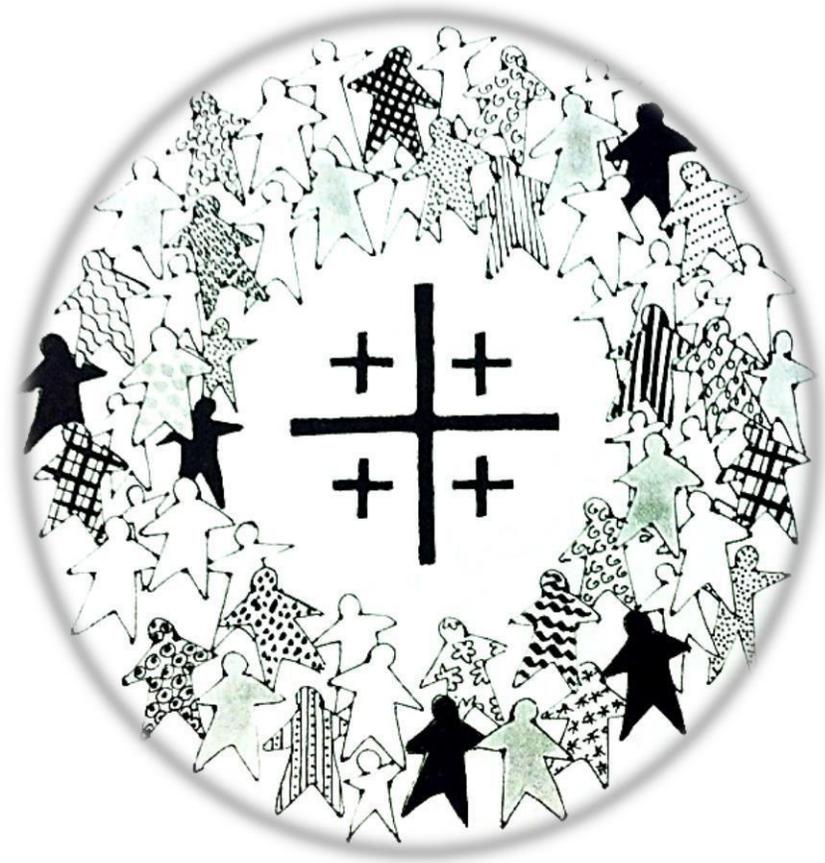


# All Saints' Sunday



**Saint John Lutheran Church**

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

**November 7, 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.



*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 remain seated.*

**☩ 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.**

### 671 Sing with All the Saints in Glory

1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -  
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has  
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who

rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing  
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!

To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the  
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,  
Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!

clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall  
Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come  
Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -

cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,  
waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,  
known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,

Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.  
Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.  
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

## Invocation, Confession, and Absolution — *Please stand.*

**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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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 everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times  
and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that,  
together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for  
those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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 7:9-17

**L** *The Old Testament Reading for the Feast of All Saints' is from the Revelation to Saint John, chapter seven. Saint John beholds the great host, arrayed in white, before the throne of God.*

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading

1 John 3:1-3

**L** *The Epistle is from First John, chapter three. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!*

<sup>1</sup>Behold what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

<sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**



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**

Matthew 5:1-12

**L** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

## 677 For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the war - fare long,  
 6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;  
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The  
 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
 Steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, And  
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;  
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; The  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.  
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.  
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.  
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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## The Message

### The Prayers of the Church 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.

## + 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

### 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,  
2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,  
3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks  
4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit



When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row  
Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and  
And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.  
pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.  
an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there  
Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.

6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare  
For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore  
With all Thy saints above.

## Serving the Lord Today

**Pastor** Rev. Gary Weier  
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**Altar Guild** Christina Keiper

**Organist** Jason Sims

### **Altar Flowers:**

John & Donna in Celebration of 52<sup>nd</sup>  
Wedding Anniversary!

### **Eternal Candle:**

Potesta's in Celebration of Ethan's  
Birthday!

### Scriptures for Next Sunday

Daniel 12:1-3  
Hebrews 10:11-25  
Mark 13:1-13

## Today's Theme

*The confession resounds in every time and place by all believing peoples, tribes, and churches: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" These words emanate from faith-filled saints who belong to Jesus. In His eternal presence, the beloved saints are utterly content in endless service and worship. Saints are the ones forever blessed, comforted, satisfied, and rewarded because their inheritance is the very kingdom of God.*

### Birthdays

Jerry Herrinton	11/9
John Karle	11/9
Ethan Potesta	11/12
Macy Reid	11/12

### Baptisms

Jennifer Blair	11/7
Christina Keiper	11/13

### Wedding Anniversaries

Willy & Christina Noffke, 51yrs	11/10
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**Live Streaming of Worship Services** — [www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com](http://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.

**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](http://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.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Weekday Growth Group for Adults:**

**The Avenues Bible Study Group** — Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

THIS WEEK						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>10:30am Worship</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>10am Avenues Bible study</u> <u>12pm AA</u> <u>1:30pm Kaffee Klatsch</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>10am AA</u> <u>LWML Zone Rally Pascagoula</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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