

# **The Festival of Pentecost**



**Saint John Lutheran Church**

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

**June 9, 2019**

# 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, down the first hallway to the right.
- 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.*

# The Festival of Pentecost

## The Worship of the Holy Church During the Great Fifty Days of Easter

Easter, the oldest Christian feast, was understood anciently to be one continuous festival, the “Pentecost,” the Great Fifty Days of rejoicing, corresponding to the Jewish “feast of Pentecost, which is the sacred festival of the seven weeks” (Tobit 2:1; Leviticus 23:15-21; Deuteronomy 16:9-11). It is a fifty-day long Sunday. There was no fasting during these days, no kneeling, and *Alleluia* was its characteristic and repeated song.

Our Easter liturgy reflects this season of rejoicing in our opening hymn of praise, *This Is the Feast of Victory for Our God, Alleluia!* For these eight Sundays we temporarily set aside the rite of confession and absolution. In this we reflect the practice of the ancient Church, which did not associate this rite with either the regular gathered worship of the faithful or the celebration of the Lord’s Supper (Pfatteicher).

For fifty days after Easter it is granted to us to live in the paschal joy, to experience time as the *feast*. And then comes the “last and greatest” day of Pentecost and with it our *return* into the real time of this world. At Vespers of that day the Christians are ordered – for the first time since Easter – to kneel (Schmemmann). Until then, we sing our *Alleluias* with great joy!

## + 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.

## The Invocation and Hymn of Praise

**P** Baptized into the name of the Triune God, we call upon him by this same name and invoke his presence to worship him:

**C** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## This is the Feast

**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Salutation and Collect Prayer

The LORD be with you.

**And also with you.**

We pray together...

**O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day, by the same Spirit, to have a right understanding in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; 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 +

### First Reading

*Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

**L** *The Old Testament Reading for the Day of Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter 11. God confuses the language of overly ambitious people and disperses them over the earth.*

<sup>1</sup>Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. <sup>2</sup>And as people migrated from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. <sup>3</sup>And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. <sup>4</sup>Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be dispersed over the face of the whole earth." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of man had built. <sup>6</sup>And the LORD said, "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language, and this is only the beginning of what they will do. And nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. <sup>7</sup>Come, let us go down and there confuse their language, so that they may not understand one another's speech." <sup>8</sup>So the LORD dispersed them from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. <sup>9</sup>Therefore its name was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth. And from there the LORD dispersed them over the face of all the earth.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

*Acts 2:14, 22-36*

**L** *The Second Reading is from the Acts of the Apostles, chapter two. Here is what happened at the first festival of Pentecost following Jesus' ascension to the side of our Father.*

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. <sup>7</sup>And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, <sup>11</sup>both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." <sup>12</sup>And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>15</sup>For

these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. <sup>16</sup>But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;  
<sup>18</sup>even on my male servants and female servants  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.  
<sup>19</sup>And I will show wonders in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;  
<sup>20</sup>the sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.  
<sup>21</sup>And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia Verse** — *Please stand.*



**Holy Gospel**

*John 14:23-31*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father’s who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

<sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I will come to you.’ If you loved me, you would have rejoiced, because I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe. <sup>30</sup>I

will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has no claim on me,  
<sup>31</sup>but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father.  
Rise, let us go from here.”

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



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

## Nicene Creed

**P** The Holy Church throughout the world and the ages confesses this faith:

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come.  
Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children’s Message — ?**

# Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from Heaven

LSB 502



1 Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en,  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire \_\_\_\_\_ ce - les - tial,  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er,



Ev - er one with the One who is Three,  
Who on Pen - te - cost came as fore - told,  
Source of strength and of peace and of love,



From the Fa - ther You came, Words of peace to pro - claim,  
To de - scend from on high And the Church oc - cu - py  
Tru - est Com - fort - er, plead, As You bring all our need



Come and com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly.  
As the cloud filled the tem - ple of old;  
To the throne of God's glo - ry a - bove.



You, the fra - grance of life we are seek - ing;  
All the bap - tized You seal with Your prom - ise,  
Be the light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures;



Fill Your tem - ple, Your al - tar make clean.  
All be - liev - ers Your gift there re - ceive,  
Keep our feet from each dev - il - ish snare;



Joy - ous shel - ter of love, Gra - cious friend from a - bove,  
So that all the e - lect— All in Christ— may ex - pect  
On - ly You can make whole All that trou - bles our soul;



In Your care we are rest - ing, se - rene.  
To en - joy what by grace they be - lieve.  
By Your chrism, \_\_\_\_\_ Christ's tri - umph we share.

**The Message** — *Come, Holy Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love.*

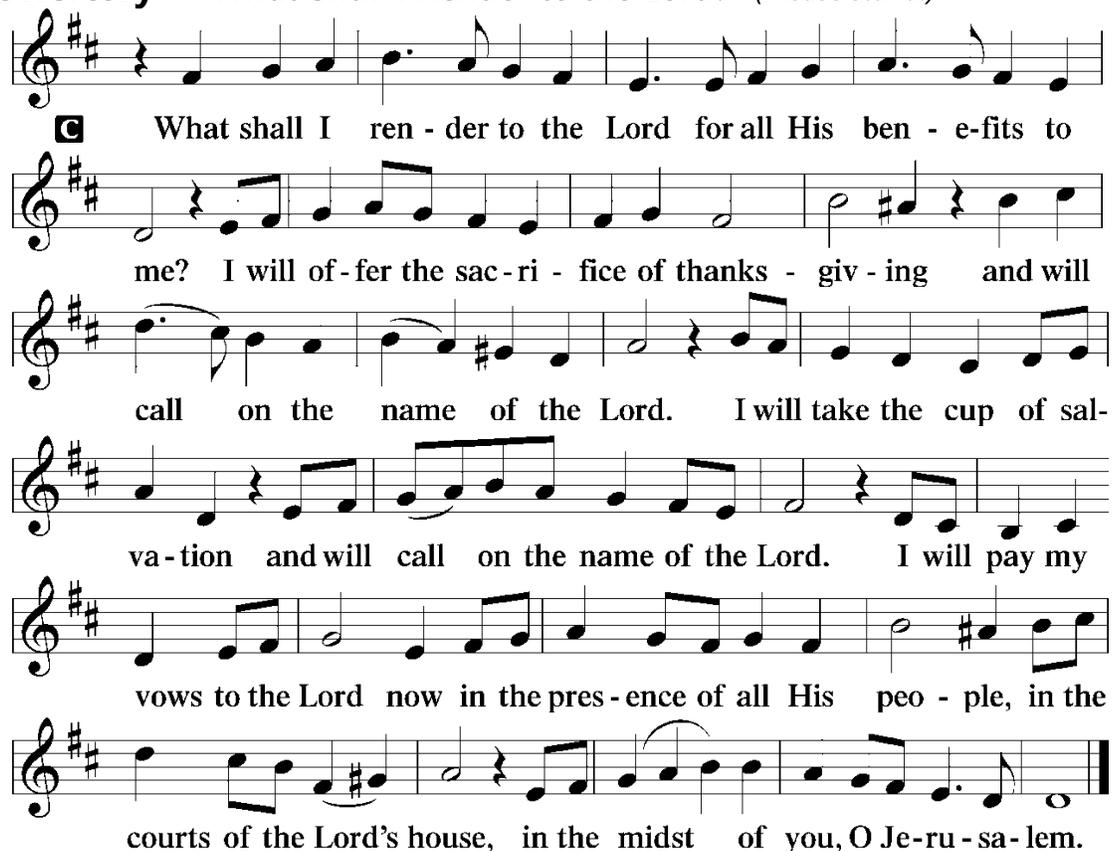
**The Prayers of the Church**

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

**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!*

**The Offertory** — *What Shall I Render to the Lord? (Please stand.)*

LSB 176



What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to  
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

## + 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, Proper Preface, and Sanctus

**P** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the LORD.

**P** Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

LSB 179

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### 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.

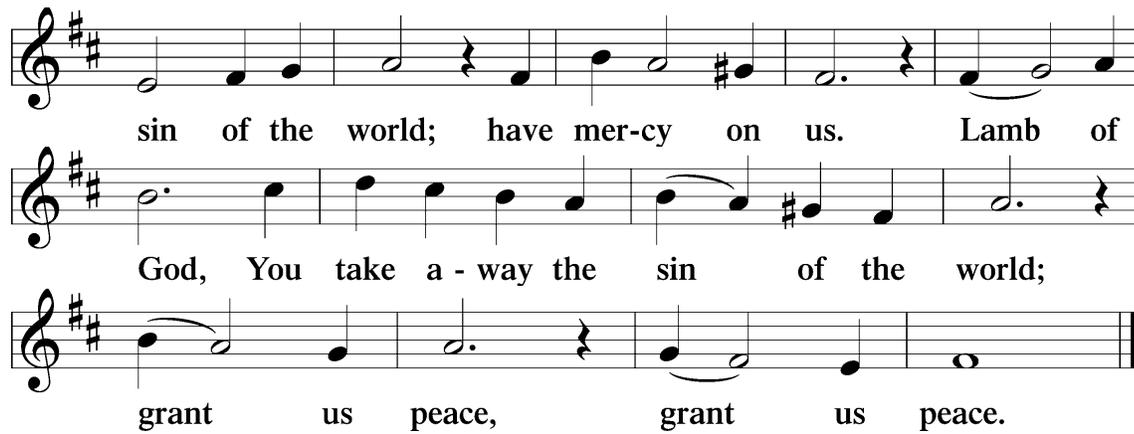
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Institution and Agnus Dei

LSB 180

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the





sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated.*

## Distribution Hymns

### O Day of Rest and Gladness

LSB 906



1 O day of rest and glad - ness, O day of joy and light,  
 2 This day at earth's cre - a - tion The light first had its birth;  
 3 This day, God's peo - ple meet - ing, His Ho - ly Scrip - ture hear;  
 4 That light our hope sus - tain - ing, We walk the pil - grim way,  
 O balm of care and sad - ness, Most beau - ti - ful, most bright;  
 This day for our sal - va - tion Christ rose from depths of earth;  
 His liv - ing pres - ence greet - ing, Through bread and wine made near.  
 At length our rest at - tain - ing, Our end - less Sab - bath day.  
 This day the high and low - ly, Through a - ges joined to bless,  
 This day our Lord vic - to - rious The Spir - it sent from heav'n,  
 We jour - ney on, be - liev - ing, Re - newed with heav'n - ly might,  
 We sing to Thee our prais - es, O Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;  
 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," The tri - une God con - fess.  
 And thus this day most glo - rious A three - fold light was giv'n.  
 From grace more grace re - ceiv - ing, On this blest day of light.  
 The Church her voice up - rais - es To Thee, blest Three in One.



1 Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion, Star of our  
 2 See round Your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing; See how Your  
 3 Lord, be our light when world - ly dark - ness veils us; Lord, be our  
 4 Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing, Peace in Your



night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion: Hear and re - ceive Your  
 foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing And with great spite their  
 shield when earth - ly ar - mor fails us; And in the day when  
 Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing, Peace when the world its



Church's sup - pli - ca - tion, Lord God Al - might - y.  
 fi - ery darts are hurl - ing, O Lord, pre - serve us.  
 hell it - self as - sails us, Grant us Your peace, Lord:  
 end - less war is wag - ing, Peace in Your heav - en.

**+ SENDING +**

**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

# O Day Full of Grace

LSB 503

1 O day full of grace that now we see Ap - pear - ing on  
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, His Spir - it new  
 earth's ho - ri - zon, Bring light from our God that we may be  
 life re - veal - ing, That we might no more from Him be lost,  
 Re - plete in His joy this sea - son. God, shine for us  
 All dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the  
 now in this dark place; Your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.  
 mark of sin ef - face And bring to us all His heal - ing.

5 When we on that final journey go  
 That Christ is for us preparing,  
 We'll gather in song, our hearts aglow,  
 All joy of the heavens sharing,  
 And walk in the light of God's own place,  
 With angels His name adoring.



## 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.

THIS WEEK						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>9:15am</u> <u>Sunday</u> <u>School</u>	<u>12pm AA</u> <u>6pm Come</u> <u>and See</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>10:30am</u> <u>Avenues Bible</u> <u>Study</u>	<u>12pm AA</u> <u>7pm Summer</u> <u>Tunes</u>	<u>10am AA</u> <u>10am BOD</u> <u>FH Reserved</u>
<u>10:30</u> <u>Worship</u>				<u>12pm AA Mtg</u>		
<u>11:45</u> <u>Oktoberfest</u>				<u>1:30pm Kaffee</u> <u>Klatsch</u>		
<u>6pm Come</u> <u>and See</u>						

# Serving the Lord Today

<b>Pastor</b>	John Karle 318.332.3352 johnkarle17@gmail.com
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christina Keiper and Shelia Curry
<b>Organist</b>	Jason Sims
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Ron Johnson 313.645.6517
<b>Ushers</b>	Wayland Johnson and Terry Lovdahl
<b>Nursery</b>	Gabby Stringer
<b>Sunday School</b>	Lillian Smith, Ethan Potesta, and Gabby Stringer
<b>Confirmation</b>	June Songy and Pat Potesta
<b>Adult Classes</b>	Nancy Kaul, Pat Davenport, Debbie Frederick, and Dennis Smith

**Theme:**  
*The Scriptures this day witness the remarkable releasing of the Holy Spirit. The mighty works of God are declared in countless languages. Fire blazes mysteriously above the disciples' heads. Outrageous confusion, mayhem, and chaos pave the way for global mission, ministry, and confession. The Holy Spirit teaches all things, equipping preachers to preach and people to listen. He is the Divine Helper, instilling within the Church an unrelenting confession of Jesus and His deeds of mercy and redemption.*

**Scriptures Next Sunday:**  
Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31  
Acts 2:14a, 22-36  
John 8:48-59

**Office Hours:**  
Wednesday and Thursday, 9am-1pm  
**Sunday Bulletin Deadline:**  
Wednesday at 10am.  
**Altar Flowers:** Jerry and Debbie Frederick in Celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
**Eternal Candle:** Brenda Hesselgrave in Memory of B. William and Arlene Olson.

## Birthdays

Lori Coleman	June 10
Dewey Case	June 13
Bjorn Wastvedt	June 14

## Baptisms

Bridgette Lee	June 11
Alex O'Connor	June 11
W.F. Perkins	June 12

## Wedding Anniversaries

Bjorn and Judy Wastvedt, 49yrs	June 12
Jerry and Debbie Frederick, 50yrs	June 13

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available from the ushers upon request.

**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.

## 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).

**Church Picnic** — Save the date: Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> following worship.

**June Monthly Newsletter** was emailed on Thursday, June 6th. It's available via the church website and printed copies are at the foyer mailboxes. Thanks to all those who contributed!

**Oktoberfest Team Meeting** — TODAY, June 9th in the community room following worship. We're searching for one or more people to help with outward-facing communications and publicity. Please speak with Mark Keyl or offer suggestions to him by next Sunday. Mark can be reached at 601.466.0200 or [mdkeyl@juno.com](mailto:mdkeyl@juno.com).

**Lutheran Women in Mission** (LWML) are collecting DONATIONS for 200 Regular Bath Towels needed for Lutheran World Relief Kits for the National Convention in Mobile, Alabama (June 20-23, 2019). These donations are for "Servant Events" on Opening day. Please place your DONATIONS (towels, cash, or Gift cards) in the Box provided or give to Mary Cubley or Chris Noffke. Thanks!

**Loitering Please** — We love it when worshipers linger in the sanctuary, lobby, or other parts of the building to listen in conversation, offer encouragement, discover what God is doing in the lives of his people, and discern ways to extend his kingdom of grace to those around us in helpful ways!

**The Colossal Colossians: *Overcoming Heresy and a Giant First Century Faith That's Good Enough for the Twenty-First Century, Too*** -- Come, read through one of Saint Paul's most encouraging letters to new followers of Jesus in a hostile world setting. Sunday mornings in June, 9:15am.

**Lobby Expansion** — The Lobby Expansion Task Force met yesterday, June 8th, to review feedback since the May 5th presentation to the congregation. Recommendations were prepared for the Board of Directors to consider at its June 15th meeting next Saturday at 10am, which will then be presented to the congregation following worship next Sunday, June 16th. We welcome questions and concerns. Please direct them to Dennis Smith, Nancy Kaul, or John Karle.

**Your Will gives peace and provision.** Peace of mind comes when thoughtful provision is made for those people you love and ministries you care about through a last will and testament. Pastor John Karle recently attended a gift planning training with the LCMS Foundation in St. Louis. Please contact him with questions about how a will can express the faith of those who follow Jesus and provide for both loved ones and the ministries you care about.

**Downtown Summer Tunes** — Free concert THIS FRIDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 7pm in Town Square Park.

**"Come and See" — Recognizing New People as Mission Partners** — If you've been worshipping at Saint John Hattiesburg regularly and would like to learn more about the next step in our life together, we invite you to join us for a "Come and See" gathering. We share about how our congregation sees itself and understands its place in what God is doing in our community. We invite you to join with some of the elders and pastor John on either THIS SUNDAY EVENING, June 9th at 6pm or Monday evening, June 10th at 6pm.

**National Youth Gathering: July 11-15 in Minneapolis, MN** — Thank you for the kind and generous response to our Envelope Wall Fundraiser, which concludes next Sunday on Father's Day, June 16th. We'd love your participation! We'll prepare and share a fundraiser update after the count comes in this Sunday. We're four weeks away from the gathering! Excitement is building!



### Special 2019 Convention & Gathering Offerings

2019 is the year of national conventions and gatherings! We have much to celebrate and for which to give thanks!

While every member of our congregation will not be able to attend this summer's two national conventions and one national youth gathering, we can participate in a joyful, thankful way by contributing to the special offerings which are being gathered across our denomination. It's pretty cool that representatives of our congregation will be present at each of these three national, triennial gatherings this year, something we can't recall happening in recent memory!

We've planned three separate national offering dates among us at Saint John Hattiesburg, each concluding the week before the national convention or gathering. You can use the envelopes provided at the bulletin stand, just clearly mark your intentions. (We love our offering counters and recognize this is upping the stakes on what's asked of them.) We can accomplish greater good when we join with others to turn God's blessings back to him in joyful response to his mission in our nation and to the ends of the earth!

<b>Convention or Gathering</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Our Offering Concludes</b>
International LWML Convention in Mobile, AL	June 20-23	Sunday, June 16th
National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN	July 11-15	Sunday, July 7th
LCMS National Convention in Tampa, FL	July 20-25	Sunday, July 14th

Want to know more about how the offerings are going to be used? Check out the similar article in the June newsletter for links to offering designations.

<b>Prayers Needed</b>			
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 Geroux	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	SIL of Jerry & Helga Herrington	10/31/18
Bill Lowry	Serving Stateside	Member	4/15/19
Edward Curry	Cancer	Brother of Shelia Curry	2/11/18
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
Warner Boortz	Cancer – Radiation/Chemo	Member	9/2/18
Laura Deneke	Cancer	Sister of Nancy Kaul	12/16/18
Dr. Bitsy Browne-Miller	Breast Cancer	Prof. of Education WCU	3/31/19
Richard Radavich	Health and Strength	Member	1/31/18
Edith Pierce	Health and Strength	Member	7/1/18
Lisa Case	Health and Strength	Member	12/2/18
Bo Cleveland, Doug Taylor, Burt Godwin	Health and Strength	Friends of Don Shields	3/17/19
Danny Clark	Health and Strength	Uncle of Trenia Thiel	4/14/19
Randy Gault	Hospitalized	Son of Maurice and Ann Gault	4/21/19
Jennifer Touchtone	Recovery – Broken Neck	Grandmother of Joshua Stringer	5/12/19
Richard McLeroy	Major Stroke	Father of Lisa Case	5/19/19
Maurice Gault	Badly Injured Leg	Member	5/26/19
Richard Redlinger	Hospice Care	Brother of Donna Blair	5/26/19
Dottie Geroux	Recently Died 6/4	Mother of Kerry Geroux	6/5/19

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