

# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



**Saint John Lutheran Church**  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
**July 11, 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 on the left in the lobby and down the bell tower hallway to the right towards the fellowship hall.
- 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 self-staffed nursery is available to parents as needed, past the wooden double 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.

**Notice to Worshipers:** Today's service is livestreamed and recorded. It is available for public viewing and playback at [www.SaintJohnHattiesburg.com](http://www.SaintJohnHattiesburg.com) by clicking on the 'Watch Live' button.

## 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.*

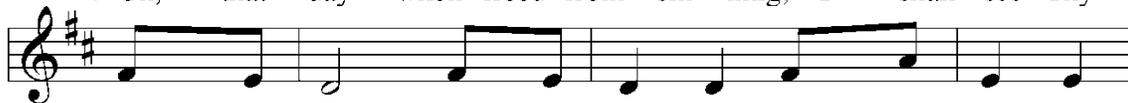
☑ **Heavenly Father, as we come before you this morning in Jesus' name, we pray all that we say and do in our worship will give you glory. Help us, Lord, to focus our thoughts on you, so your Word will find fertile ground in our minds and hearts. May the worship service today accomplish in us the purpose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

### Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -  
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,  
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter  
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less  
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a  
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I  
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me  
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to  
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my  
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.  
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

## 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



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

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

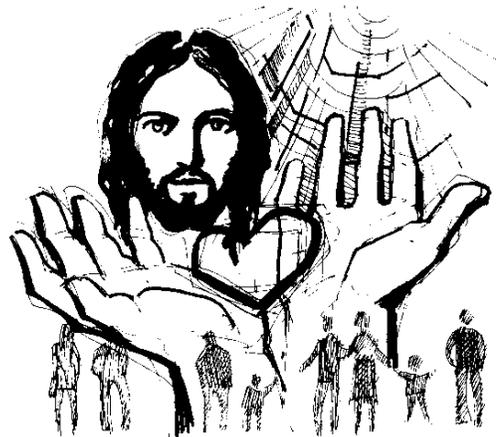


## Apostles' Creed

**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.**

### Catechesis: The Creed

*As the head of the family should teach the Creed in a simple way to their household.*

*(From the Small Catechism)*

The Second Article: Redemption – **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

What does this mean? – **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death, that I may be his own and live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

## Salutation and Collect Prayer

**L** The LORD be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** We pray together...

**C** **O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully, even into suffering and death; through the same 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

Amos 7:7-15

**L** *The Old Testament Reading for the Seventh Sunday after Pentecost is from Amos, chapter seven. The Lord has called Amos to prophesy against the northern kingdom of Israel and King Jeroboam, because they have become crooked and disobeyed the Lord. Amaziah the priest at Bethel, the northern center of religious worship, doesn't like Amos' message of destruction and urges him to go away to the southern kingdom of Judah. Amos refuses, asserting his divine call to the people of Israel.*

<sup>7</sup>This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

<sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; <sup>9</sup>the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For thus Amos has said,

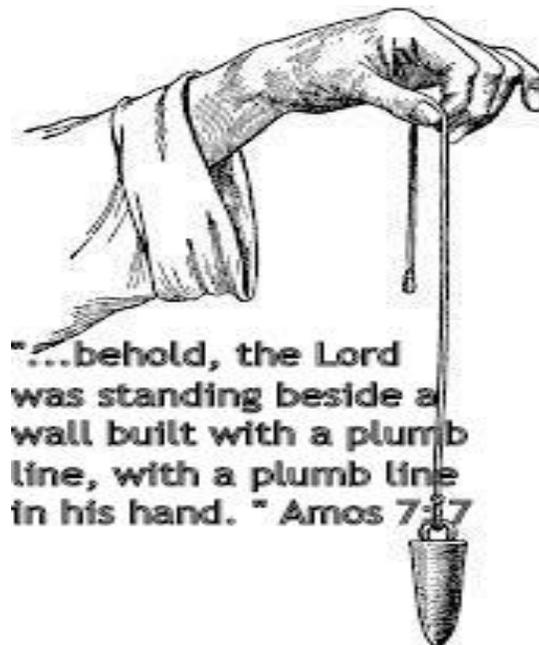
"Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land."

<sup>12</sup>And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, <sup>13</sup>but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

<sup>14</sup>Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



"...behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand." Amos 7:7

## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

**L** The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter one. With majestic words and insight Paul begins his letter to the Ephesian Christians to the praise of God's glory.

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia Verse — Please stand.



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

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

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

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

Alleluia

## Holy Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

℣ The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the sixth chapter.

### ☩ Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>15</sup>But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." <sup>16</sup>But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." <sup>17</sup>For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. <sup>18</sup>For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup>And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, <sup>20</sup>for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly.

<sup>21</sup>But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup>For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." <sup>23</sup>And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." <sup>24</sup>And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." <sup>25</sup>And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." <sup>26</sup>And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. <sup>27</sup>And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison <sup>28</sup>and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup>When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

### ☩ Praise to You, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*





1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;  
 2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;  
 3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;  
 4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.  
 They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.  
 Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.  
 He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so  
 Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and  
 We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were  
 He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"  
 gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.  
 mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."  
 dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,  
 On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;  
 Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—  
 With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!  
 Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;  
 Past, present, future—You, the same forever—  
 You fail us never!

**The Message**

**The Prayers of the Church and the Our Father** — *Please stand.*

**☩ 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.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**P** We speak the Romans 15 blessing to one another:

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

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

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

**G** Amen

**God's Word Is Our Great Heritage** (Tune: EIN FESTE BURG Isorythmic 657)

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- 1 God's Word is our great heritage  
And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age  
Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way,  
In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,  
We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.

WOW, HEROD IS A TRAIN  
WRECK! HE REALLY  
THINKS JESUS IS JOHN  
BACK FROM THE DEAD?

SO IT  
SEEMS.

HEROD MAKES A MESS  
OF THINGS, BUT GOD'S  
WORD WILL NOT BE SILENCED.  
IT WILL HAVE ITS WAY, EVEN  
WHEN YOU'VE LOST YOUR WAY.

OR YOUR HEAD!



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MARK 6:14-29

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# Take Home Announcements — Sunday, July 11, 2021

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## Serving the Lord Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Gary Weier 228.284.4314 <a href="mailto:garyweier@yahoo.com">garyweier@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jane Kersh & Christina Keiper
<b>Organist</b>	Jason Sims

**Altar Flowers:** Pat Potesta — In celebration of Koosje's birthday.

**Eternal Candle:** Pat Potesta — In celebration of Koosje's birthday.

### Scriptures for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Mark 6:30-44

## Today's Theme

*God unravels political systems, schemes, and nations, using atypical prophets and preachers. God's chosen messengers attempt to subdue rebellion and call for repentance. Their efforts are met with resistance and fury. Amos, a herdsman and tender of fig trees, prophesies against Israel, but there is no repentance. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, is unjustly imprisoned and subsequently beheaded. Only through the bloodshed of Jesus is sin completely unraveled and forgiven.*

## Birthdays

Cheyenne Thiel July 16

## Wedding Anniversaries

Jim & Renee Elledge July 14

**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.

**Portals of Prayer** — July – September books are available near the foyer mailboxes.

**July Good News Newsletter** — Published online at [www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com](http://www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com). Printed copies are available at the foyer mailboxes.

**Oktoberfest Meeting** — Today in the community room following worship. All are welcome!

**BOD Announcement** — The Board of Directors reviewed our current practices when in the building, regarding Covid protocols. Since a majority of our folks are seniors with compromised immunity systems, and some of us may not yet be vaccinated, we felt the best course of action is no action for the time being. We will strongly suggest all folks entering the building wash/sanitize their hands, wear a mask, and practice social distancing when choosing where to sit. We will continue to monitor the situation as things may change. Thank you for your understanding and adherence to these practices.

**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 July 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Kaffee Klatsch** — Meets this Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm.

**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 July 14<sup>th</sup>.

THIS WEEK						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</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>12pm AA</u>	<u>10am AA</u>
<u>11:45 Oktoberfest Meeting</u>			<u>12pm AA</u>			
			<u>1:30pm Kaffee Klatsch</u>			

**Pastoral Call Process**

**Progress Report** — The Call Committee has received the Call List from the District President, as was announced on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Since then, the Call Committee has diligently and prayerfully studied the potential candidates and have begun the process of selecting the candidates whom the committee will contact and determine whether they are open for a call and would agree to an initial interview. 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.

<b>Prayers Needed</b>			
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
Brett Kull	Cancer	Cousin of Will Noffke	11/15/20
Alice Gamble	Pancreatic Cancer	Member	11/22/20
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	Health and Strength	Member	5/24/21
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
Tony Kirkley	Recovering from surgery	Son of Bjorn Wastvedt	3/24/21
Ruthie Foxworth	Health and Strength	Mother of LaToursha Ezell	5/6/21
Jay and Megan Harris	Birth of son Sloane		5/23/21
Bert Godwin, Doug Taylor, Bo Cleveland	Seriously ill	Friends of Don Shields	6/27/21
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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