

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Saint John Lutheran Church
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
July 18, 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 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.

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.

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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



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 Third Article: Sanctification – **I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

What does this mean? – **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in**

**Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the
Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.**

**In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian
church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

**In this Christian church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all
believers.**

**On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all
believers in Christ. 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 **Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all
our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your
gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through**

**Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

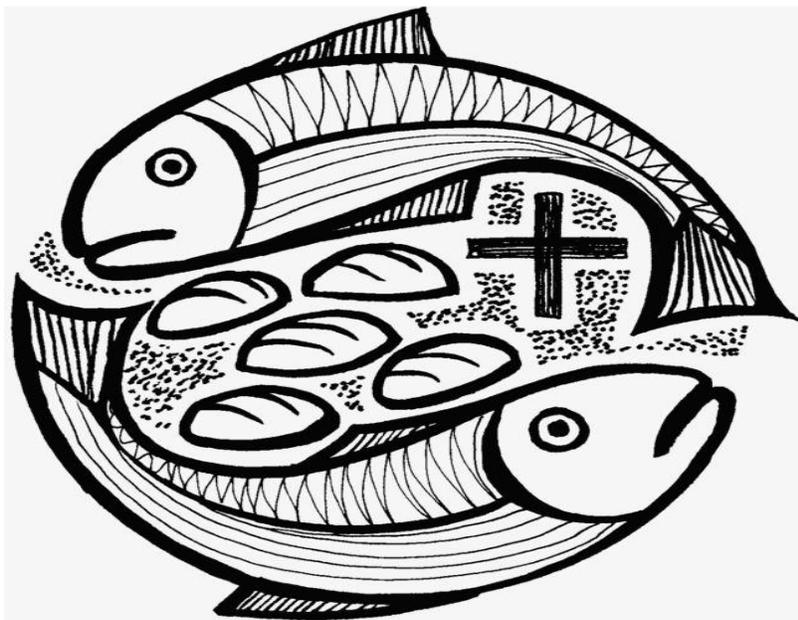
L *The Old Testament Reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from Jeremiah, chapter 23. God curses false and destructive shepherds and, in their place, promises to provide new shepherds who will seek and care for the lost sheep. In the end, God himself shepherds his people.*

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

L This is the Word of the LORD.

G **Thanks be to God.**



Epistle Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

L The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter 2. God has bridged the gap between himself and his people, and by Christ Jesus has broken down the hostile dividing wall between all people, whom he is building into his mosaic dwelling place by the Spirit.

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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.

Holy Gospel

Mark 6:30-44

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves.

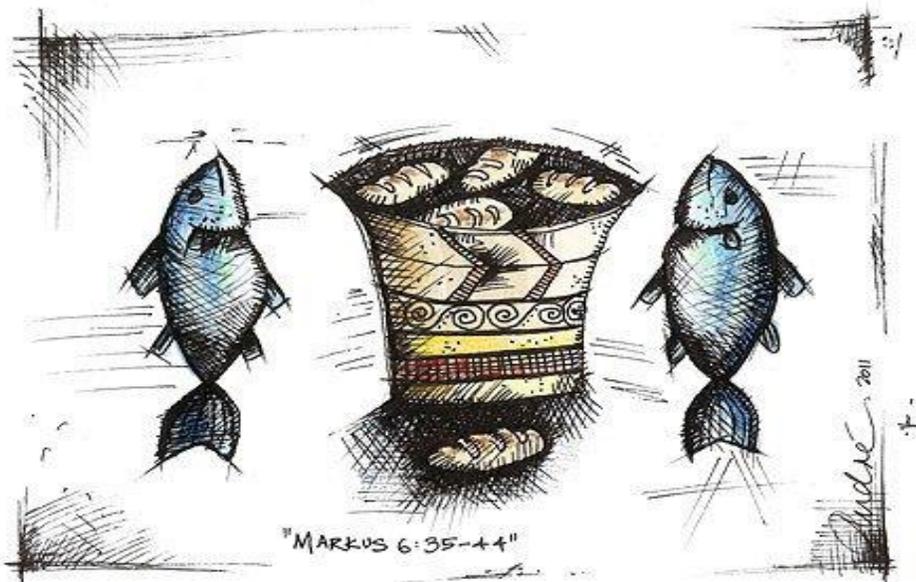
³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. ³⁵And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. ³⁶Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" ³⁸And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²And they all ate and were satisfied.

⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. ⁴⁴And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.



825 Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are
To all the world go out and tell the
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

The Message

The Prayers of the Church — *Please stand.*

+ 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.

The individual communion cups in the center of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request

The Preface and Hymn of Praise

L The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the LORD.

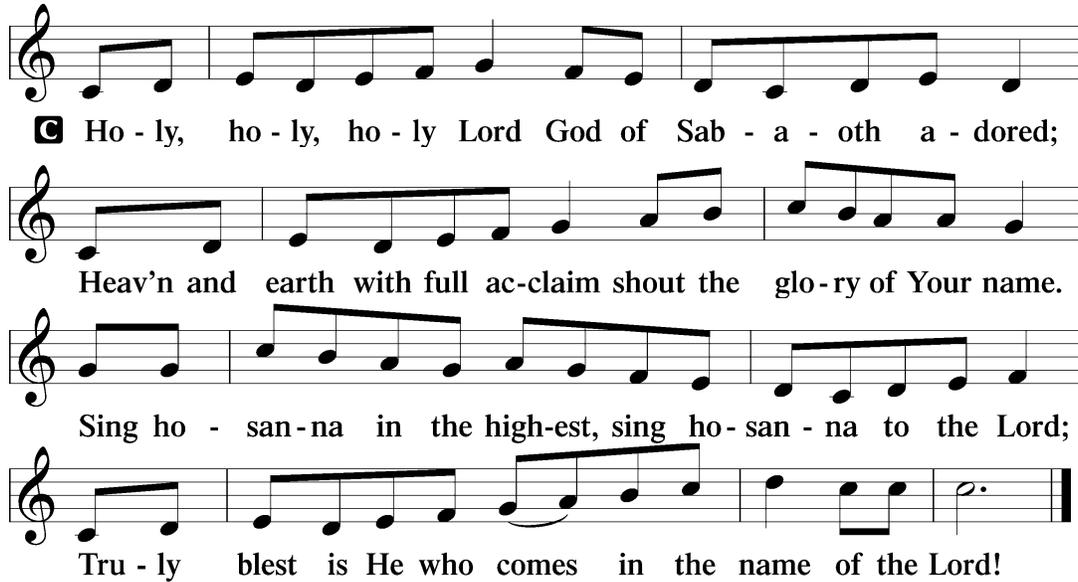
L Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus

LSB 208



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.

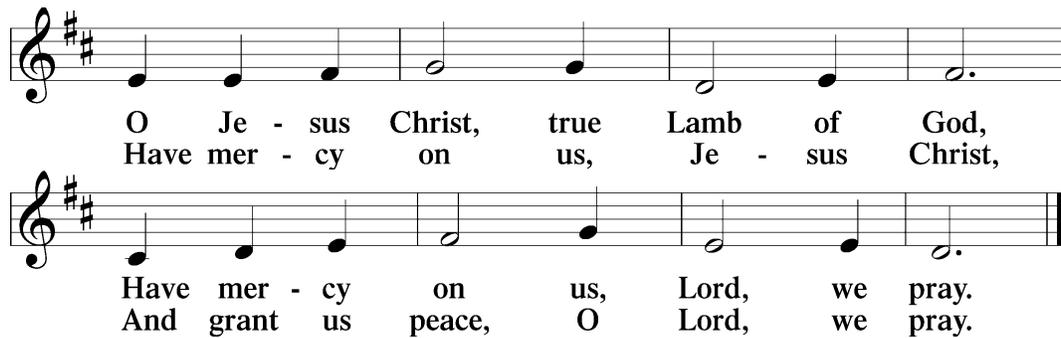
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution and Agnus Dei

LSB 210



C 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 Hymn

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

+ SENDING +

Dismissal, Concluding Prayer, Benedicamus, and Blessing

P Let us bless the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

P We speak the Romans 15 blessing to one another:

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

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

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

C Amen

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone



1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;



With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus



great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.



**THE LORD IS
MY SHEPHERD,
I SHALL NOT WANT.**

PSALM 23:1

Take Home Announcements — Sunday, July 18, 2021

Serving the Lord Today

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| Pastor | Rev. Gary Weier 228.284.4314 garyweier@yahoo.com |
| Altar Guild | Jane Kersh & Christina Keiper |
| Organist | Jason Sims |

Altar Flowers:

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

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Genesis 9:8-17
Ephesians 3:14-21
Mark 6:45-56

Today's Theme

Shepherds are to gather, tend, nourish, and protect flocks. The Lord passes harsh judgement on unfaithful shepherds. Ultimately, it is only Christ, the righteous Branch, who gathers together His flock both from alien Gentile nations as well as chosen Israel. Christ alone provides respite for shepherding disciples, nourishing them with His Word and presence. Furthermore, He miraculously equips faithful shepherds to feed, tend, and nourish those who gather to hear His Word of truth.

Birthdays

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| Robert Meyer | July 21 |
| Jesse Cubley | July 22 |
| Patrice Lovdahl | July 22 |

Baptisms

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| Jerry Hagen | July 19 |
| Patrice Lovdahl | July 20 |

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.

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

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.

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

August Newsletter — Deadline for submissions for August newsletter is July 26th.

Oktoberfest Meeting Update — The meeting July 11th resulted in deciding to have all the deli items in the fellowship hall. We will stress take out menu with limited seating outside. We

will have two serving lines outside. The only other venue we will have will be the Oompah Band.

Weekday Growth Group for Adults:

The Avenues Bible Study Group — Meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 10am at Saint John. They are studying Hope When Your Heart Breaks: Navigating Grief and Loss, a book of Hope when your heart breaks. The next meeting will be July 28th.

| THIS WEEK | | | | | | |
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| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
| <u>18</u> | <u>19</u> | <u>20</u> | <u>21</u> | <u>22</u> | <u>23</u> | <u>24</u> |
| <u>10:30am Worship</u> | <u>12pm AA</u> | <u>10am AA</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.

| Prayers Needed | | | |
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| 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/ stroke | Member | 7/12/21 |
| 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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Love. Like. Jesus. + Hope for the City.



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