

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



Saint John Lutheran Church

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

July 25, 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.



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.*

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.

How Wide the Love of Christ

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1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But
2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -
3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And
4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He
5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose



holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.
til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.
yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.
bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.
length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

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.

ℳ 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.

☐ Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

☐ Amazing grace, Lord! Amazing grace, Lord! Amazing grace, Lord!

Apostles' Creed

ℳ This is the faith into which we've been baptized and by which we live:

☐ **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**



**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

Catechesis: The Lord's Prayer

As the head of the family should teach the Lord's Prayer in a simple way to their household.

(From the Small Catechism)

The Introduction – **Our Father who art in heaven.**

What does this mean? – **With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask him as dear children ask their dear father.**

The First Petition – **Hallowed be thy name.**

What does this mean? – **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

How is God's name kept holy? – God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Salutation and Collect Prayer

L The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

L We pray together...

C **Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe, that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; 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.

Give thanks to the LORD,

for He is good

His love endures forever

Psalm 136:1

+ WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 9:8-17

L *The Old Testament Reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost is from Genesis, chapter 9. God establishes his covenant with all creation, and by the rainbow provides an everlasting sign of his good promise.*

⁸ God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L This is the Word of the LORD.

G Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

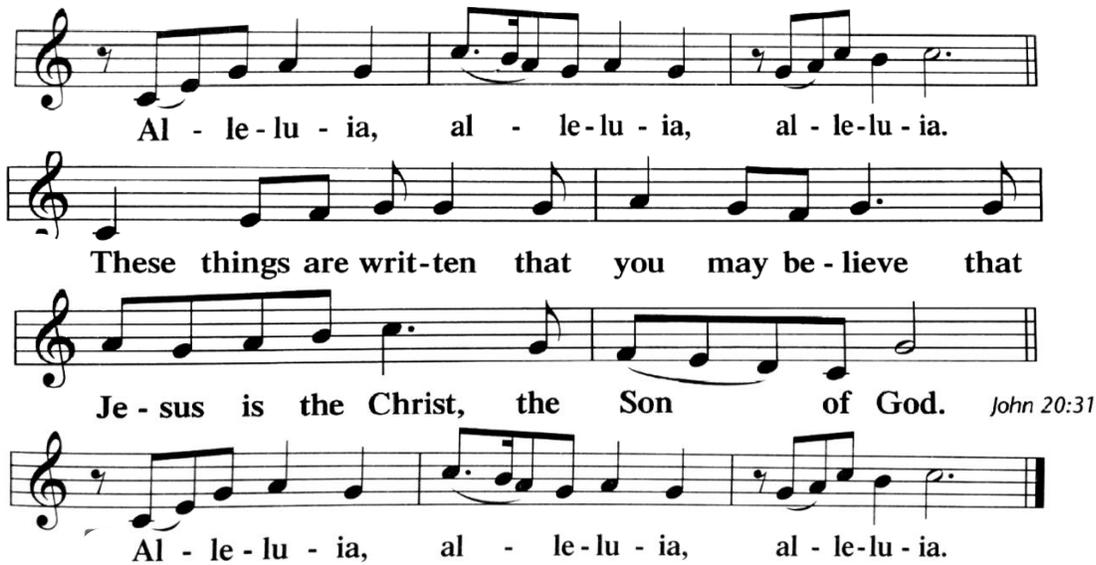
L *The Epistle is from Ephesians, chapter three. In two magnificent sentences Saint Paul purposefully commends those who have ears to hear, and glorifies God with a doxology that wraps up the first half of his letter.*

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

Mark 6:45-56

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

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

⁴⁵Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

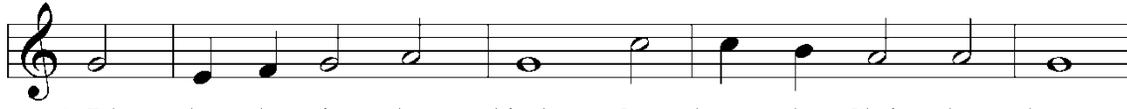
⁴⁶And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. ⁴⁸And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵²for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him ⁵⁵and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
 4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;
 5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com - forts and our cares.
 And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.
 And per - fect love and friend - ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

☩ 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.

☩ Amen

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered

at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious

Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and

Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us

storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.



Take Home Announcements — Sunday, July 25, 2021

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor	Rev. Gary Weier 228.284.4314 garyweier@yahoo.com
Altar Guild	Jane Kersh & Christina Keiper
Organist	Sandy Barnett

Today's Theme

*"Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."
These words of Jesus are precious. At His words, storms cease, fear subsides, disease is eradicated. Christ is able to do far more abundant work than we can comprehend. We are rooted and grounded in His love, which surpasses all boundaries of breadth, length, height, and depth. In all things, Christ is the fulfillment of God's covenant promise through all generations forever and ever.*

Altar Flowers: Mary & Bob Cubley— Jesse's 40 th & Colin's 18 th Birthdays.
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Eternal Candle: Potesta's— Koosje's Birthday.

<u>Scriptures for Next Sunday</u>
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Exodus 16:2-15
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:22-35

Birthdays

Debbie Geroux	July 27
Lorhetta Lawrence	July 27
Colin Cubley	July 29
Joyce Coll	July 30

Baptisms

Jesse Cubley	July 26
Cheyenne Thiel	July 27
Donna Blair	July 28

Wedding Anniversaries

Steve & Lorhetta Lawrence	July 27
Norbert & Trenia Thiel	July 30

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. Altar flowers needed for August 1st, 8th, and 22nd.

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.

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.

THIS WEEK

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</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>12pm AA</u>	<u>10am AA</u>

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
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
Ernie Easterling	Paralyzed & in a wheelchair/Going to Costa Rica for treatment	Friend of Jane Johnson	7/21/21
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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