

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Saint John Lutheran Church
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
August 18, 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 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 nursery is available to parents as needed, past the double wooden doors on the left.
- Activity bags to help keep young children occupied during the message are provided in the back right corner of the sanctuary.
- Please tell us a bit about yourself on the *Record of Friendship* during the collection of the offering.

About the Offering

An offering is gathered today during the worship service. Here the people of God bring their tithes and sacrificial offerings as an expression of their discipleship, and for the continuation of Jesus' mission work, both in this community and to the ends of the earth. Guests are not expected to bring financial gifts, but are welcome to join the congregation in offering their prayers and praises.

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 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 Second Petition – **Thy kingdom come.**

What does this mean? – **The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer,
but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.**

How does God's kingdom come? – **God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives
us his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead godly lives
here in time and there in eternity.**

The Third Petition – **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

What does this mean? – **The good and gracious will of God is done even without our
prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.**

How is God's will done? – **God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan
and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to
hallow God's name or let his kingdom come; and when he strengthens and keeps us
firm in his Word and faith until we die. This is his good and gracious will.**

Salutation and Collect Prayer

L The LORD be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L We pray together...

☩ Merciful Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church by the sacrifice of Christ. United with Him in Holy Baptism, give us grace to receive with thanksgiving, the fruits of His redeeming work, and daily follow in His way; through the same 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

Jeremiah 23:16-29

L *The Old Testament Reading for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost is from Jeremiah, chapter 23. God's greatest condemnation rests on those who make up things that are neither his words of Law or Gospel, those who put words in his mouth or steal his name to attach it to their own words.*

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

¹⁸ For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹ Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹ "I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

²³ "Am I a God at hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴ Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵ I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹ Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

L This is the Word of the LORD.

☩ Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 11:17—12:3

L *The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapters 11 and 12. The writer lists the ancestors of our faith, their sacrifices, trials, and tribulations, that we might therefore "lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus..."*

- ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹ He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.
- ²³ By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.
- ²⁹ By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.
- ³² And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.
- ³⁹ And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.
- ¹² Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that

is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse — *Please stand.*

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

Luke 12:49-56

L The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 12th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ⁴⁹ "I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ Jesus also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Message —

The Clouds of Judgment Gather

LSB 513

Choir 1 The clouds of judgment gather, The
Choir 2 A - rise, O true dis - ci - ples; Let
All 3 The home of fade - less splen - dor, Of
All 4 Oh, hap - py, ho - ly por - tion, Re -

time is grow - ing late; Be so - ber and be
 wrong give way to right, And pen - i - ten - tial
 blooms that bear no thorn, Where they shall dwell as
 lief for all dis - tressed, True vi - sion of true

watch - ful, Our judge is at the gate:
 shad - ow To Je - sus' bless - ed light:
 chil - dren Who here as ex - iles mourn;
 beau - ty, Re - fresh - ment for the blest!

The judge who comes in mer - cy, The
 The light that has no eve - ning, That
 The peace of all the faith - ful, The
 Strive now to win that glo - ry, Toil

judge who comes in might To put an end to
 knows no moon or sun, The light so new and
 calm of all the blest, In - vi - o - late, un -
 now to gain that light; Send hope a - head to

e - vil And di - a - dem the right.
 gold - en, The light that is but one.
 fad - ing, Di - vin - est, sweet - est, best.
 grasp it Till hope be lost in sight.

The Message — *Send Hope Ahead*

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. You may also donate online.*

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!*

+ 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.

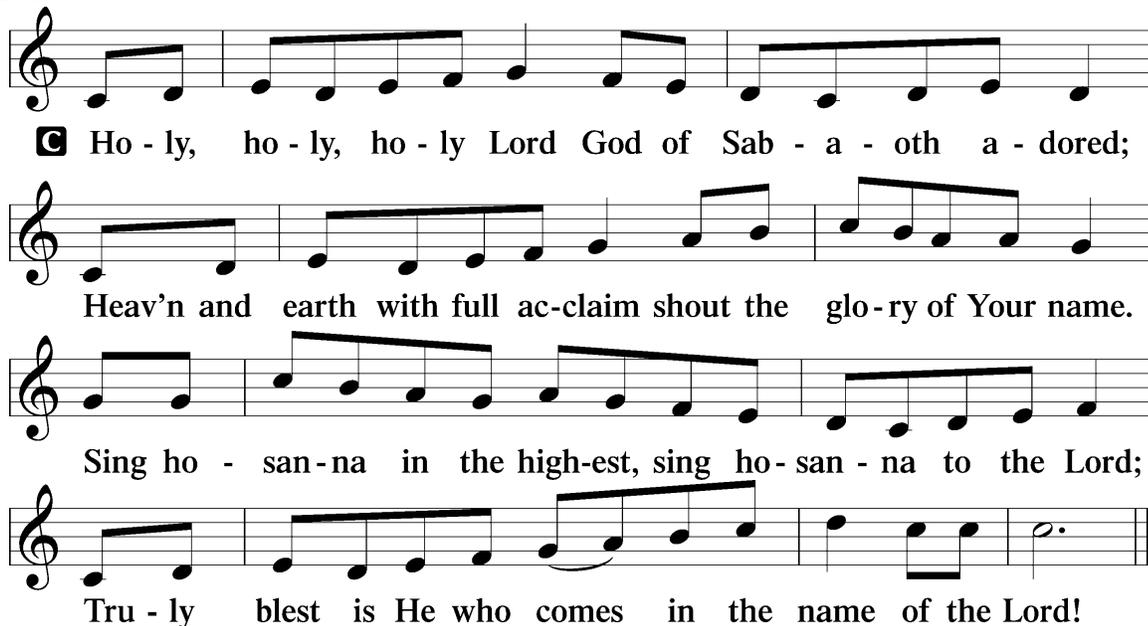
Alcohol Removed Communion Wine — The individual communion cups in the center of the tray contain denatured wine, which contains less than 1/2% alcohol. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.

The Preface and Hymn of Praise — *Please stand.*

- 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

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

Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord

LSB 778

Grant peace, we pray, in mer-cy, Lord; Peace in our time, O send us!
For there is none on earth but You, None oth-er to de-fend us.
You on - ly, Lord, can fight for us. A - men.

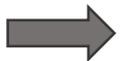
Please be seated.

Distribution Hymns

Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

LSB 667

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.

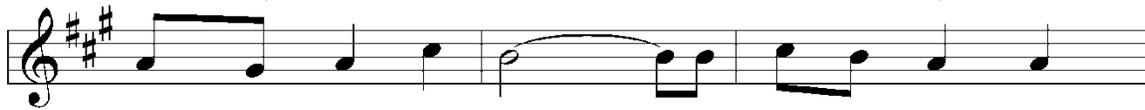
6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
You fail us never!

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

+ 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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal
Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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.

Sunday Morning Bible and Spiritual Studies

Bible Study #1 — Philip Yancey's book *What's So Amazing About Grace?* — "If grace is God's love for the undeserving, Yancey asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy?" This is a compelling read of a book that's becoming a classic. We hope you will join in the meetings at 9:15 in the Community Room. For more information contact Nancy Kaul at 601-307-5127.

Bible Study #2 — The Mystery Study: ??? meets in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15am.

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor	John Karle 318.332.3352 johnkarle17@gmail.com
Altar Guild	Nancy Kaul and Josephine Nwachuku
Organist	Jason Sims
Communion Assistant	Donna Blair 601.550.3760
Ushers	Willy Noffke & Ethan Potesta
Nursery	Gabby Stringer

Theme:
Deceptive prophecies are wicked. God will execute judgment on those whose counsels mitigate God's Word! The refrain for the covenant people of God is faith! They wholeheartedly believe exactly what the Lord says and count on His deliverance generation after generation. Jesus desires to reveal not only judgment, but also grace through His cross. Faith alone comprehends the impact of Law and Gospel. Faith clings to Christ and repels all wickedness and deceit.

Office Hours:
Wednesday and Thursday, 10am-1pm
Sunday Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 10am.
Altar Flowers: Terry and Patrice Lovdahl in Celebration of their 40th Anniversary.
Eternal Candle: The Lovdahl family in Celebration of Ryne's Birthday.

Birthdays
Dean Weaver August 23
Baptisms
Mark Cubley August 19
Shelley Songy August 20
Darrin Renz August 22
Wedding Anniversaries
Richard & Julie Radavich, 54yrs Aug. 21

Live Streaming of Worship Services —
www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com.

Scriptures Next Sunday:
Isaiah 66:18-23
Hebrews 12:4-29
Luke 13:22-30

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).

Back to School Bash — Thank you for all your help this Saturday with the Back to School Bash. We love when we can celebrate with and do good things for the neighborhood!

BOD Meeting Saturday, August 24th at 10:30am.

September Newsletter Deadline — Monday, August 19th.

First Aid Kits — Are located at the foyer mailboxes, in the fellowship hall kitchen, and in the nursery.

Altar Flowers — Sponsor openings on September 29th and October 6th. Sign up calendar and envelopes are inside the church office along the left wall.

New Address — Ron, Regina, and Kyra Johnson and Geraldine Wheeler now reside at 706 Cypress Avenue in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 39401.

Weekday Bible and Spiritual Study Groups

West Hattiesburg Bible Study meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am at the home of Shirley Thone, 2 Bluebeard Point. (Phone: 228.324.6697) Bring your Bible as we work our way through the book of **2 Thessalonians** as facilitated by Debbie Frederick. Friends—men and women—are very welcome here!

Next study: August 21st.

The Avenues Bible Study meets the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 10:30am. The group will be studying Philip Yancey's **What's So Amazing about Grace?** *"If grace is God's love for the undeserving, Yancey asks, then what does it look like in action? And if Christians are its sole dispensers, then how are we doing at lavishing grace on a world that knows far more cruelty and unforgiveness than it does of mercy?"* This is a compelling read of a book that's becoming a classic. For more information contact Nancy Kaul at 601-307-5127 or Pat Davenport at 769-223-2889.

Next study: August 22nd.

Landscaping Workday Saturday — August 24th at 7:30am — We'll be working on the Hardy Street azalea flower bed alongside the sanctuary and on the landscaping area between the bell tower parking lot and the yellow building. This is to get things ready for Oktoberfest. Bring digging tools, gloves, and a hat. Coffee and donuts provided.

Tech Booth — We've moved the worship technology booth to the second pew from the back on the right. This provides good sight lines inside the sanctuary and access to wiring. If the tech booth activities are distracting, please consider moving a bit forward. Thanks!

Restrooms — During the renovation we're limited to the fellowship hall restrooms. Thanks for your patience during the improvements.

Beautiful Bratwurst For Sale — We have 3 remaining cases of frozen 2018 Bratwurst that we'd like to sale on Sundays after worship or during office hours (Wed & Thurs, 10am-1pm). Full case (2 packs) is \$34 for 30 Brats. 1/2 case (1 pack) is \$17 for 15 Brats. Checks or exact cash welcome, payable in church office. We'd love to empty the freezer ASAP.

THIS WEEK

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>10:30 Worship</u>	<u>10am Newsletter Deadline</u> <u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>10am West Hattiesburg Bible Study</u> <u>12pm AA</u>	<u>10:30am Avenues Bible Study</u> <u>12pm AA Mtg</u> <u>1:30pm Kaffee Klatsch</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>7:30am Work Day</u> <u>10:30am BOD</u> <u>10am AA</u>



Pardon Our Construction -- We're so excited about the renovation to the church lobby, restrooms, and circle drive entrance! Please pardon our mess while we make improvements.

'Accelerated Funding Plan' Pledge Confirmation Letters — Letters were mailed on Thursday. We're still accepting immediate gifts and pledges.

All Things Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest Meeting TODAY in the community room following worship.

German Mustard Making — Moved to Monday, August 26th at 8am. With due apologies to French's, Saint John's German Mustard is the best, a critical component of our Oktoberfest, and a popular item for purchase from the deli.

Volunteer Board signup and the master preparation schedule are on the table in the lobby.

Quilt Raffle Tickets — Please pick up your Kaffee Klatsch Quilt Raffle Tickets from your lobby mailbox. Directions are inside the envelope. Many more tickets are available from Darlene Boortz, Debbie Frederick, or Chris Noffke.

Limited Storage — Our limited storage at church is being stretched to the max on account of the lobby renovations. Please keep at home any items for Oktoberfest activities until they are needed on site or October 1st. Thanks!

Good Communication Is Most Important — We love our empowered culture at Saint John Hattiesburg. Please keep the church office informed about Oktoberfest activities, things that are needed from the church office, and such. We've had a few surprises the past couple of weeks. We're flexible, but we all need everyone's timely communication, especially with limited office hours and lobby renovations. Thanks!



In addition to the delicious bratwurst we are already selling, we are taking **Orders for Usinger Bratwurst** as well as other items they offer. You can view their order forms at the red wall credenza. If you would like to order anything, please sign up on the gold Usinger Order Sheet **TODAY!** Questions may be directed to Eric Martin at 601-620-3403.

Prayers Needed			
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
Charlotte Walsh	Cancer	Family of Bill Coll	6/3/18
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
Ms. Gerrie Heckle	Cancer	Friend of Alicia Liverett	7/21/19
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
Randy Gault	Hospitalized	Son of Maurice and Ann Gault	4/21/19
Richard McLeroy	Major Stroke	Father of Lisa Case	5/19/19
Sherry Lawrence	Health and Recovery	Mother of Steve Lawrence	6/30/19
Maureen Rogers	Recovery – Broken Hip	Friend of Dennis and Lillian Smith	7/7/19
Linda Reeves	Recovery from a fall	Friend of Virginia Rosenberger	7/21/19
Hortens McCullough	Health and Strength	Sister of Eric and Jean Martin	8/4/19
Larry Sumrall	Heart Procedure	Friend of Susan Perkins	8/4/19
Virginia Rosenberger	Fractured Arm	Member	8/7/19
Ray and Evelyn Rutledge	Health and Strength	Members	8/15/19
Family of Betty Clark	Recently Died	Grandmother of Trenia Thiel	8/4/19
Family of Norma Evans	Recently Died	Friend of Shirley Thone	8/9/19

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