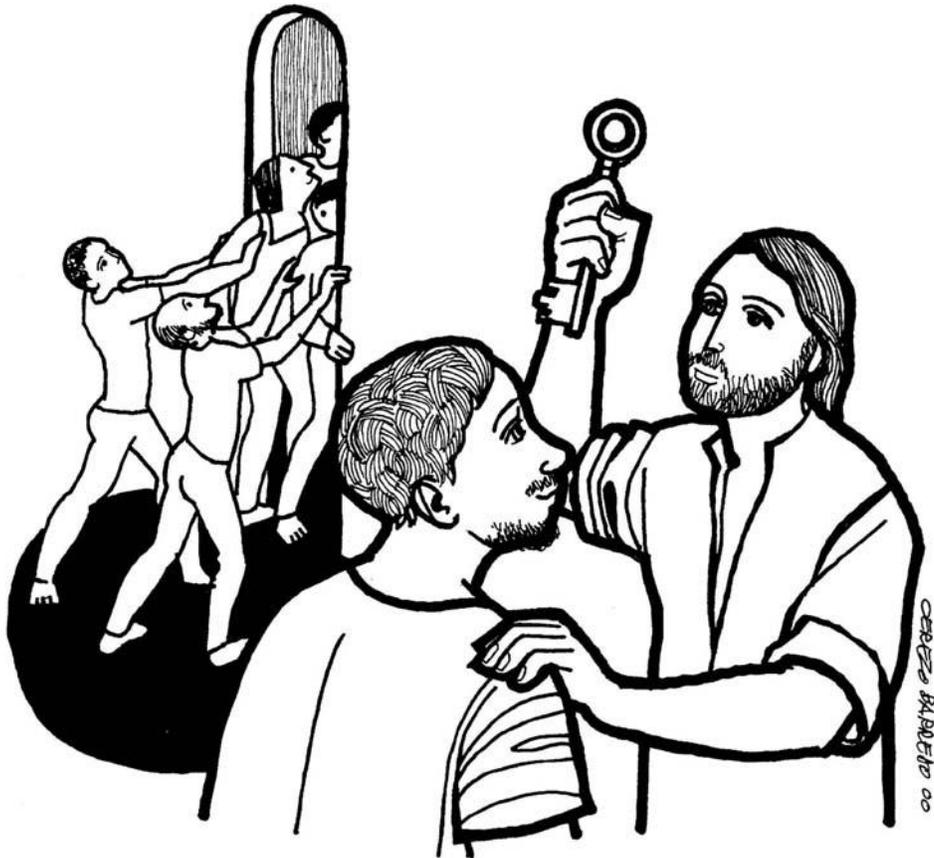


The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



Saint John Lutheran Church

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

August 25, 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 Fourth Petition – **Give us this day our daily bread.**

What does this mean? – **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

What is meant by daily bread? – **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

The Fifth Petition – **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

What does this mean? – **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

Salutation and Collect Prayer

L The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

L We pray together...

C **O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18-23

L *The Old Testament Reading for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, chapter 66. This last chapter of the prophet Isaiah's good news sounds like the last chapter of the evangelist Matthew's gospel, where Jesus sends out his disciples to accomplish the fulfillment of God's great plan for the all the peoples of the world to worship before him.*

¹⁸For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, ¹⁹and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.

²¹And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

²²For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain.

²³From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:4-29

L *The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 12. Disciples of the Lord welcome his loving discipline. This is a demonstration of his fidelity to us, and a guarantee of the kingdom we are receiving from him. Will we offer to the God who is a consuming fire our acceptable worship with awe and reverence?*

⁴In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

⁵And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." [Proverbs 3:11-12]

⁷It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

¹⁸For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. ²⁰For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse him who is speaking. For if they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, much less will we escape if we reject him who warns from heaven. ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our God is a consuming fire.

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

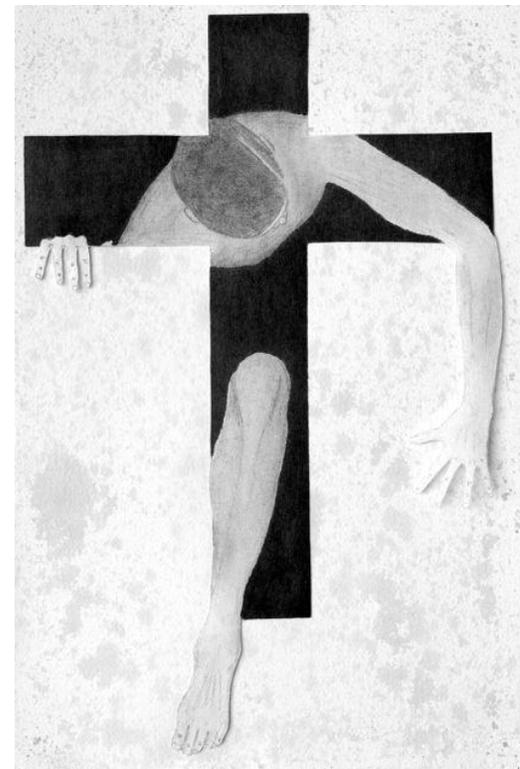
Luke 13:22-30

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

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

²²[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem.

²³And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, ²⁴"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' ²⁶Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' ²⁷But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' ²⁸In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. ²⁹And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last."



L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated.

Children's Message —

A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

LSB 510



1 A mul - ti - tude comes from the east and the west
2 O God, let us hear when our Shep - herd shall call
3 All tri - als shall be like a dream that is past,
4 The heav - ens shall ring with an an - them more grand



To sit at the feast of sal - va - tion
In ac - cents per - sua - sive and ten - der,
For - got - ten all trou - ble and mourn - ing,
Than ev - er on earth was re - cord - ed.



With A - bra - ham, I - saac, and Ja - cob, the blest,
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,
All ques - tions and doubts have been an - swered at last,
The blest of the Lord shall re - ceive at His hand



O - bey - ing the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion.
And find Him, our might - y de - fend - er.
When ris - es the light of that morn - ing.
The crown to the vic - tors a - ward - ed.



Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!
Have mer - cy up - on us, O Je - sus!

The Message — *To Recline at the Table in the Kingdom of God*

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 ½% 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

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

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

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me

LSB 756

1 Why should cross and tri - al grieve me? Christ is near
 2 When life's trou - bles rise to meet me, Though their weight
 3 God gives me my days of glad - ness, And I will
 4 From God's joy can noth - ing sev - er, For I am
 With His cheer; Nev - er will He leave me.
 May be great; They will not de - feat me.
 Trust Him still, When He sends me sad - ness.
 His dear lamb, He, my Shep - herd ev - er.
 Who can rob me of the heav - en That God's Son
 God, my lov - ing Sav - ior, sends them; He who knows
 God is good; His love at - tends me Day by day,
 I am His be - cause He gave me His own blood
 For me won When His life was giv - en?
 All my woes Knows how best to end them.
 Come what may, Guides me and de - fends me.
 For my good, By His death to save me.

5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
 Though it might,
 Day and night,
 Trouble and dismay me.
 Christ has made my death a portal
 From the strife
 Of this life
 To His joy immortal!

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

LSB 680



1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree



Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly



sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the



vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast.
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

+ SENDING +

Concluding Prayer, 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**

Christ Is Surely Coming

LSB 509



1 Christ is sure - ly com - ing Bring - ing His re - ward,
2 See the ho - ly cit - y! There they en - ter in,
3 Grace be with God's peo - ple! Praise His ho - ly name!



Al - pha and O - me - ga, First and Last and Lord:
All by Christ made ho - ly, Washed from ev - 'ry sin:
Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Ev - er - more the same;



Root and Stem of Da - vid, Bril - liant Morn - ing Star;
Thirst - y ones, de - sir - ing All He loves to give,
Hear the cer - tain prom - ise From the e - ter - nal home:



Meet your Judge and Sav - ior, Na - tions near and far!
Come for liv - ing wa - ter, Free - ly drink, and live!
"Sure - ly I come quick - ly! Come, Lord Je - sus, come!"

THIS WEEK

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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>
9:15am Sunday School	12pm AA	12pm AA	12pm AA	12pm AA Mtg	12pm AA	10am AA
10:30 Worship						3pm USM Tailgating

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	Mark Keyl & Ethan Potesta
Nursery	Gabby Stringer

Office Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday, 10am-1pm

Sunday Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday at 10am.

Altar Flowers: Jane and Wayland Johnson in
Memory of Irene Amason's Birthday.

Eternal Candle: The Lovdahl family
in Celebration of Ryne's Birthday.

Theme:

*The Lord makes all things new in heaven
and on earth. We struggle against sin;
Jesus shed blood to acquit. Sons and
daughters rebel; the Lord disciplines and
loves. Punishment is temporal; peaceful
righteousness is forever. We are heirs of
this new paradox worthy of disdain; but in
Christ we inherit His divine favor.
Believers do not weep and gnash their
teeth. But in heaven, faith-filled tongues
and hearts will be engaged in unbridled
confession and worship of Jesus.*

Birthdays

Terry Jordan August 29

Baptisms

Grey Jordan August 25

Helen Hollingsworth August 31

Wedding Anniversaries

Irvin & Shelia Curry, 51 years August 30

Scriptures Next Sunday:

Proverbs 25:2-10

Hebrews 13:1-17

Luke 14:1-14

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.

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).

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

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

New Address — Fred and June Songy now reside at 109 Kristen Cove in Madison, MS, 39110.

Picture Sunday — We're catching up with picture wall pictures today before and after worship. Come to the Community Room. Today and next Sunday. Thanks!

USM Campus Mission Tailgating on Saturday, August 31st before the first football game. We'll be set up on the lawn across from the Ogletree Alumni House.

Woodley Elementary School Supplies — Thank you for those who donated. Our donations will help the students, teachers, and classrooms get off to a great start of their school year!

Landscaping Workday — Thank you to those who came out yesterday to help beautify the church campus and get ready for Oktoberfest.

Big Bucket Second Brigade — Sunday, September 1st — We're making a big deal about collecting 2019 and 2020 'Accelerated Funding Plan' Pledges from everyone who's willing. It's voluntary, of course. Many times people find that this commitment and discipline both challenge and deepen their faith walk, and ultimately bring them the joy that comes from dedicated participation. Blank pledge card envelopes with all the instructions are located on the Red Table in the black box. Pledges can go in the buckets in the chancel or the bucket at the Red Table.

New Small Brown Envelopes for both Immediate and Pledged Gifts for the 'Accelerated Funding Plan' are available on the Red Table. They go in the offering plate during worship, and help the counters and financial secretary with accurate record keeping. Please complete the card inside the envelope to help us know whom to thank and how to track your donation. Thank you very much!

Prayer Meeting — Would a dedicated time of prayer with other Christians benefit you? We're looking to re-establish a group that would meet somewhat regularly for prayer. We could meet at the church campus or in a home. We'd keep the gathering to an hour or less, and we can talk about the frequency of meeting. If you're interested, please speak with Gil Emmons and we'll go from there (text: 601. 818.7583 or email: holycatawampus@gmail.com).

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: September 4th.

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: September 12th.

LWML Mites will be collected next Sunday, September 1st. Thank you for your continued support for the Gulf States and National LMWL.

Breadbasket Ingathering — Next Sunday, September 1st we will be collecting items to help stock the Breadbasket Pantry. Items needed include Jiffy Mix, Peanut Butter, Canned Goods, Mac and Cheese Dinners, and Cereal. Thank you for helping others and Loving Like Jesus.

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.

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.



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.

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

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!

All Things Oktoberfest

German Mustard Making — 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. Thanks!

Applications for Craft Vendor Booths — Available at the red table in the lobby and online.

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
Karen Osborne	Health and Strength	Sister of Lillian Smith	8/18/19
Family of John Harriston	Recently Died	Friend of Terry Lovdahl	8/18/19

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