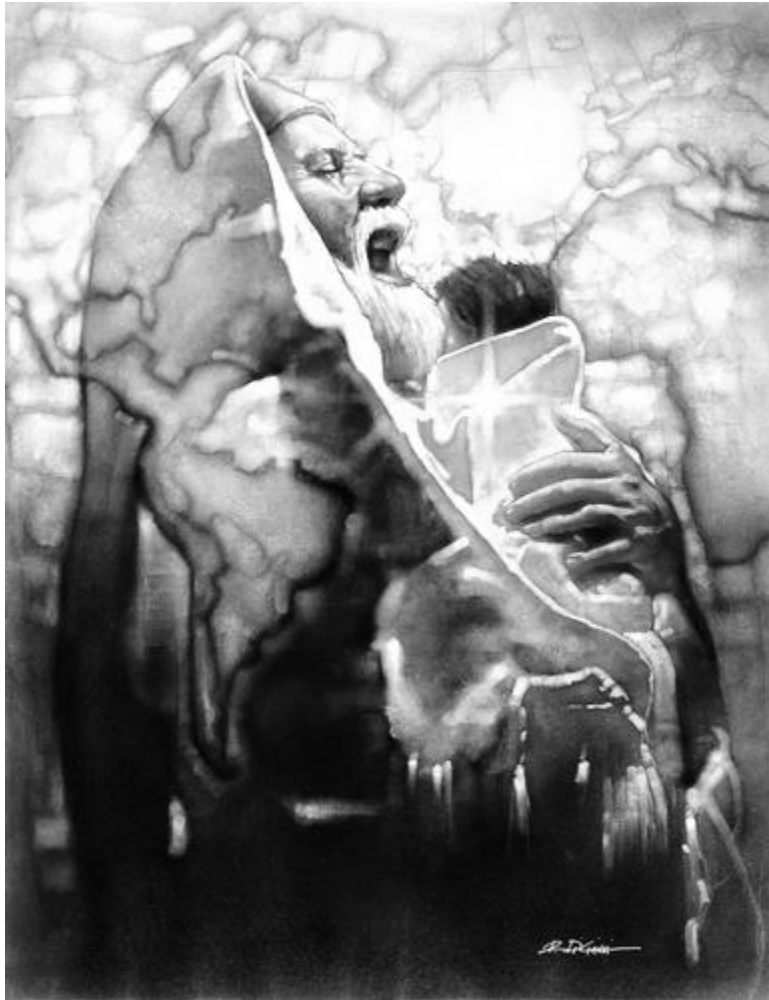


# **The Circumcision and the Name of Jesus**



**Saint John Lutheran Church**

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

**January 1, 2023**

# Welcome!

*"How great is the Love the Father has lavished on us!" (1 John 3:1).*

We are thankful you are joining in the worship with the people of God this day. We are glad to assist you at any time.

To better your experience while at St. John:

- Please check that cell phones are silenced.
- Restrooms are located on the right 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 as you enter the sanctuary.
- If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book located in the lobby near the Sanctuary.



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*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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# The Circumcision and the Name of Jesus

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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.

### Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

LSB 900



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,  
2 Je - sus! Name de - creed of old, To the maid - en moth - er told,  
3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth  
4 Je - sus! Name of mer - cy mild, Giv - en to the ho - ly Child



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
Kneel - ing in her low - ly cell, By the an - gel Ga - bri - el.  
For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."  
When the cup of hu - man woe First He tast - ed here be - low.

5 Jesus! Only name that's giv'n  
Under all the mighty heav'n  
Whereby those to sin enslaved  
Burst their fetters and are saved.

**Stand** 6

Jesus! Name of wondrous love,  
Human name of God above;  
Pleading only this, we flee  
Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

### The Invocation and Kyrie

- L** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- L** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

## Salutation and Collect Prayer

**L** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** We pray together...

**C** Lord God, You made Your beloved Son, our Savior, subject to the Law and caused Him to shed His blood on our behalf. Grant us the true circumcision of the Spirit that our hearts may be made pure from all sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## + WORD +

### Old Testament Reading

*Numbers 6:22-27*

**L** *The Old Testament Reading for the Feast of the Circumcision and the Name of Jesus is from Numbers, Chapter Six, Verses 22-27. When the blessing of the LORD is spoken over his people, he names them as his own covenant people.*

<sup>22</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>"Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus, you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them,

<sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you;

<sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;

<sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

<sup>27</sup>So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Choir Anthem

### Epistle

*Galatians 3:23-29*

**L** *The Epistle is from Galatians, Chapter Three, Verses 23-29. The new covenant of baptism is not cut into the flesh but poured over God's people as we are named God's own children with his Son Jesus.*

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

<sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

**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 2:21*

**L** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the Second Chapter.

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

<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

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

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

## Nicene Creed

**L** The holy Church throughout the world confesses this faith:

**C** **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Children of the Heavenly Father**

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

**The Message — Mr. Mark Keyl — *Not What Could Have Been, but What Will Be***

**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

**L** Let us bless the LORD.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** 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.**

**L** 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

### Go, My Children with My Blessing

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing, Nev - er a - lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Clos - er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up - on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you Mine for - ev - er.  
heard My dear Son's sto - ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo - ry.  
Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here His ten - der com - fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and Broth - er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless - ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

*Sending Hymn Continued on Next Page*

5 In this union I have joined you  
 Husband and wife,  
 Now, My children, live together  
 As heirs of life:  
 Each the other's gladness sharing,  
 Each the other's burdens bearing,  
 Now, My children, live together  
 As heirs of life.

**THIS WEEK**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
9:15am Sunday School	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>9am Men's Breakfast</u>
10:30 Worship						<u>10am AA</u>

**The Avenues Study Group** — Meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 10am at Saint John. They are studying Be Still & Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge. The next meeting will be January 11th.

***A Note from Pastor Weier:***

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, I thank you for your generosity at Christmas. Thank you also for all the kind words of encouragement and well-wishes. I want you to know that my love for the St. John congregation and for you as individuals makes this extended ministry among you so easy (well... somewhat easy)! Peggy and I enjoy being part of this wonderful family in our Heavenly Father's kingdom.



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# Take Home Announcements — Sunday, January 1, 2023

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## Serving the Lord Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Gary Weier 228.256.2791 <a href="mailto:garyweier@yahoo.com">garyweier@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Organist</b>	Jason Sims
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Debbie Frederick & Christina Keiper
<b>Lector</b>	Patricia Davenport

<b>Church Office Hours:</b> Monday – Thursday: 8:00am-12:00pm
<b>Altar Flowers:</b>
<b>Eternal Candle:</b>

<b><u>Scriptures for Next Sunday</u></b> Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12
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## Today's Theme

*The Lord's benediction needs to be articulated constantly in our life's journey that oscillates back and forth between sin, guilt, and confession and mercy, life, and grace. The Divine Service unwraps the promises of God in Word and Sacrament and concludes with the comforting words, "The Lord bless you and keep you." And He does. Christ alone justifies us through faith, granting believing Jews and Gentiles an edict of equality-baptized, forgiven and heirs of heaven.*

## Birthdays

Brenda Hesselgrave	1/1
John Blair	1/4

## Baptism Anniversaries

Mary Lowry	1/1
Eric Reid	1/1
Jason Sims	1/1
Lisa Case	1/8
Jane O'Connor	1/10

## Wedding Anniversaries

Thomas & Brenda Hesselgrave, 31yrs	1/6
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**Live Streaming of Worship Services** — [www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com](http://www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com).

**Portals of Prayer for January-March** are available at the lobby mailboxes.

**January Good News Church Newsletter** — Available online at the church website and printed copies at the lobby mailboxes.

**First Sunday Breadbasket Collection** is today. It's okay to bring food items anytime to place in basket in hallway.

**Men's Breakfast** group to meet January 7th at Chesterfield's at 9:00am for food and fellowship.

**MITES** will be collected next Sunday, January 8th.

**Storing of the Greens** will take place on Saturday, the 14th beginning at 9:00am.



<b>Prayers Needed</b>			
Chris Thiel	Serving Stateside (FL)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	10/1/16
Kelly Thiel	Serving Stateside (NC)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	11/20/16
Cory Thiel	Serving Overseas (Germany)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	11/20/22
Matt Geroux	Serving Stateside (TX)	Son of Kerry and Debbie Geroux	04.09.2022
Scott Chaney	Serving Stateside	Member	5/6/18
Bailey Walters	Serving Overseas	Member	10/31/18
Darrin Torrey	Serving Stateside	SIL of Jerry & Helga Herrington	10/31/18
Bill Lowry	Serving Overseas	Member	4/15/19
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 Johnson	10/18/20
Family of Richard Radavich	Died in the Lord	Husband of Julie Radavich	11/25
Lisa Case	Health and Strength	Member	12/1/18
Warner Boortz	Health and Strength	Member	3/24/21
DuWayne Lemke	Lung Cancer	Brother of Shirley Thone	1/26/22
Doug Taylor, Bo Cleveland, Judy Lacey	Seriously ill	Friends of Don Shields	10/19/22
Faye Hill	Health and Strength	Mother of Chris Keiper	4/20/22
Campus Mission	For its advance and increase	For all students and educators	7/26/20
Pastoral Leadership	For wisdom, discernment, and courage	Transition and Calling of Next Pastor	7/26/20
Caregivers	Strength, Support, Encouragement	All those in need	6/29/22
Yvonne Lee	Health and Strength	Mother of Patrice Lovdahl	9/11/22
Josephine Nwachuku	Prayers for Health and Strength	Member	10/9/22
Ian VanWinkle	Crohn's Disease	Nephew of Terry & Patrice Lovdahl	11/15/22
Mike Tisher	Cancer	Scout friend of Bob Cubley	12/12/22
Baby Rhett	Newborn w/ heart defects	Pat Potesta's co-worker's grandchild	12/20/22
Keri Allen	Stage four liver cancer	Niece of Dennis & Lillian Smith	12/2/22