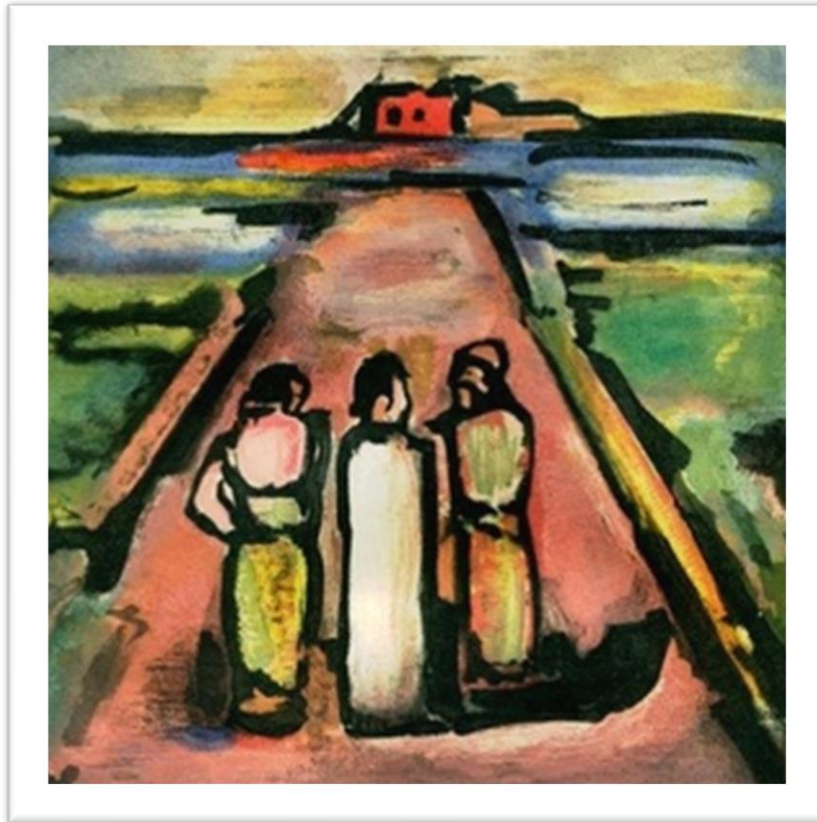


The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Saint John Lutheran Church

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

January 14, 2024

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 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 or the Pastor before worship begins, or as you leave.
- A self-staffed 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.
- If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book located in the lobby near 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 at the entrance of the Sanctuary. 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.

The Invocation, Confession, and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's word and for self-examination. Then the confession.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

The minister pronounces the Absolution.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a servant of Christ and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

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The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics are: **A** Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below the second staff, the lyrics are: **C** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and

Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God: You
take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a -
lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Peace and Collect Prayer

P The LORD be with you.

C And also with you.

P We pray together...

C Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth,
mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, and grant us Your peace through all our

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

Please be seated.

+ WORD +

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

[L] *The Old Testament Reading is from First Samuel, Chapter Three, Verses 1-20. Three times the Lord calls Samuel before he recognizes that it is the Lord calling. God establishes Samuel as one who speaks for him.*

- ¹Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.
- ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.
- ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.
- ⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.
- ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man.
- ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
- ¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."
- ¹¹Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."
- ¹⁵Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."
- ¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.
- ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

[L] This is the Word of the LORD.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem ~ Be Thou my Vision

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

L The Epistle is from First Corinthians, Chapter Six, Verses 12-20. In words that have applicability to our modern culture and to the challenge of following Jesus, Saint Paul counsels us regarding how we may glorify God with our bodies.

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse — Please stand.

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the First Chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good

come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!"

⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these."

⁵¹And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Children's Message

The Only Son from Heaven

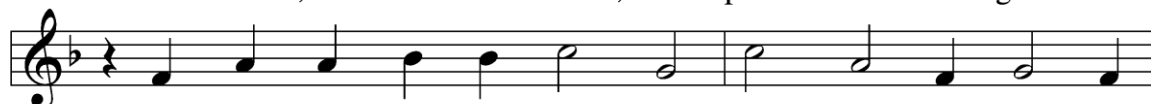
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1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us And bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

The Message — Rev. Chet Scherbarth ~ on John 1:43-51

Prayers of the Church — *Please stand.*

Apostles' Creed

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

+ MEAL +

This is Christ's table. Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. In this meal we truly receive the body and blood of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. This is a great and divine mystery! Here we are joined with God and all the saints, and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Young children and those who would prefer to receive a blessing are welcome to come forward.

The individual communion cups in the center of the tray have white grape juice for those who desire it. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.

The Preface and Hymn of Praise

P The LORD be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the LORD.**

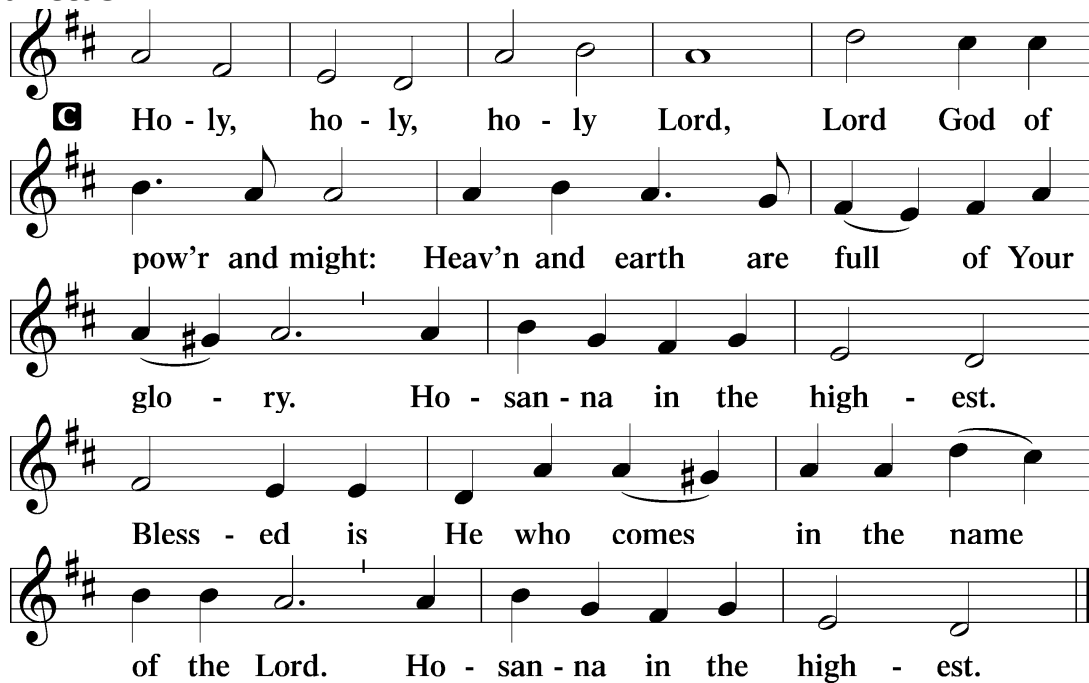
P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

Sanctus

LSB 178



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

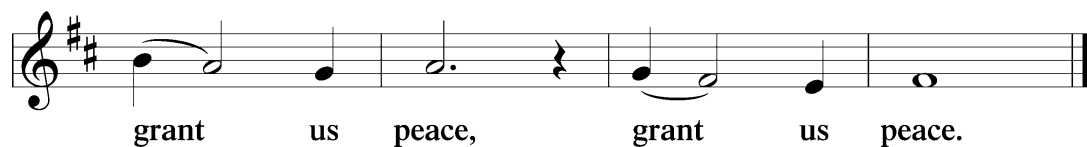
The Words of Institution and Agnus Dei

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Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;





Please be seated.

Distribution Hymns

God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets' Sons

LSB 682



2 A - noint them proph - ets, men who are in - tent
3 A - noint them priests, strong in - ter - ces - sors they,
5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Your cross;



To be Your wit - ness - es in word and deed,
For par - don and for love and hope and peace,
Forth let them go to tell the world of grace.



Their hearts a - flame, their lips made el - o - quent,
That, through their plead - ing, guilt - y sin - ners may
In - spired by You, may they count all but loss



Their eyes a - wake to ev - 'ry hu - man need.
Find Je - sus' mer - cy and from sin re - lease.
And stand at last with joy be - fore Your face.

Let Me Be Thine Forever

LSB 689



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for-sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,





Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead-fast-ness,
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.
Him to the end con-fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.
Give me Thy con-stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.

+ SENDING +

Dismissal, Concluding Prayer, Benedicamus, and Blessing

P Let us bless the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

P We speak the Romans 15 blessing to one another:

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

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

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

C Amen

Rise, Shine, You People

LSB 825



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



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



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

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

THIS WEEK						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>
10:30am Worship				6:30 pm BOD		
Elder's Mtg						



Take Home Announcements — Sunday, January 14, 2024

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor	Rev. Chet Scherbarth 619.385.2094 pastorscherbarth@gmail.com
Pastor's hours:	Tue-Thu 9-1, Fri-Sun by appt., Mon-off
Altar Guild	Debbie Frederick & Christina Keiper
Pianist	Lewei He
Acolyte	Tessa Blair
Lector	Norbert Thiel

Today's Theme

*The Lord persists. He speaks, we listen;
by faith, we are able to respond.
Samuel is roused from his sleep repeatedly
and is finally encouraged to respond,
"Speak, Lord, for Your servant hears." Jesus
bids Philip to follow, and he does. Jesus
claims to have known Nathanael, and in
turn Nathanael confesses that Jesus is the
Son of God. We, too, can only be
responsive to God's will once we have
heard His Word and believe.*

Altar Flowers: by Lillian Smith
in loving memory of Dennis

Eternal Candle: By Patricia Davenport
celebrating first birthday of Great-
granddaughter, Emersyn Rae

Birthdays

David Grunig January 16

Baptism Anniversaries

Willy Noffke January 19

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

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

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

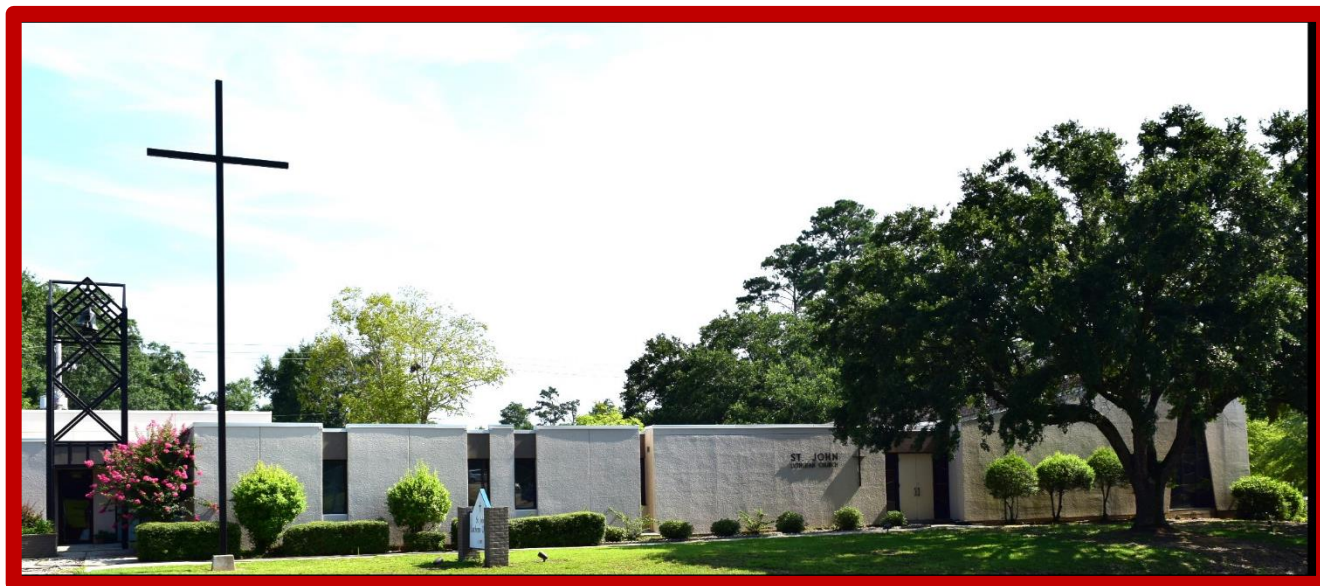
BOD Meeting – January 18th, 6:30pm

Prayer List — Please look through the prayer and let the office know if there are any updates you'd like to make. Thank you!



Prayers Needed			
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
Bill Lowry	Serving Overseas	Member	4/15/19
John Krahling	Recurring Cancer	Son of Joyce Coll	7/15/18
Eric Martin	Health & Strength	Member	9/17/23
Kenneth Johnson	Prostate Cancer	Brother of Wayland Johnson	10/18/20
Lisa Case	Health & strength	Member	3/22/23
DuWayne Lemke	Lung Cancer	Brother of Shirley Thone	3/24/21
Doug Taylor, Bo Cleveland, Judy Lacey	Seriously ill	Friends of Don Shields	1/26/22
Yvonne Lee	Health and Strength	Mother of Patrice Lovdahl	6/29/22
Josephine Nwachuku	Prayers for Health and Strength	Member	9/11/22
Ian VanWinkle	Started infusions/Crohn's Disease	Nephew of Terry & Patrice Lovdahl	10/9/22
Geraldine Wheeler	Health and strength	Member	2/12/23
Doris Schneider	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	2/22/23
Cheyenne Thiel	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	3/3/23
Julie Radavich	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	3/13/23
Cindy Landry	Health & Strength	Member	4/23/23
Shelly Pardue	Strength & Healing	Doris Schneider's son	6/11/23
Ricky Myers	Now at home recovering from liver transplant	Friend of Jane & Wayland Johnson	9/10/23
Ron Werner	Health & strength undergoing radiation Treatment	Brother of Patricia Davenport	8/9/23
Vanessa Ajayi	Breast cancer	Friend of Lillian Smith	9/10/23
Lisa Boswell	Colon cancer	Friend of Lillian Smith	9/10/23
Vic Miller	Cancer	Friend of the Lovdahl's	9/17/23
Joye McNelis	Cancer	Cousin of Patrice Lovdahl	9/17/23
Sandy Barnett	Heart concerns	Member	10/18/23
Trenia Thiel	Health & strength during recovery	Member	11/19.23
Robert Schmalz	In hospital in New Orleans	Brother of Elaine Kersh	11/19/23
Trace Fisher	Health, Strength & Recovery/ Prayers for Tom & Erica Fisher as they care for Trace	Nephew of Pastor Scherbarth	11/21/23
Family of Demsey Lee	Died in the Lord 11/24	Cousin of Patrice & Terry Lovdahl	11/25/23
Laura Kick	Terminal cancer	Friend of Lisa Case	12/24/23
Warner Boortz	Had surgery 1/4- prayers for successful recovery	Member	12/30/23

Grace & Ivy	Grace-health & strength Ivy-Born 12/30/23 2lbs, 5oz-many needs for this newborn.	Granddaughter & Great Granddaughter of Susan & W.F. Perkins	12/30823
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Pastor's Hours: Tue-Thu: 9:00am – 1:00pm; Fri – Sun: by appt; Mon: off