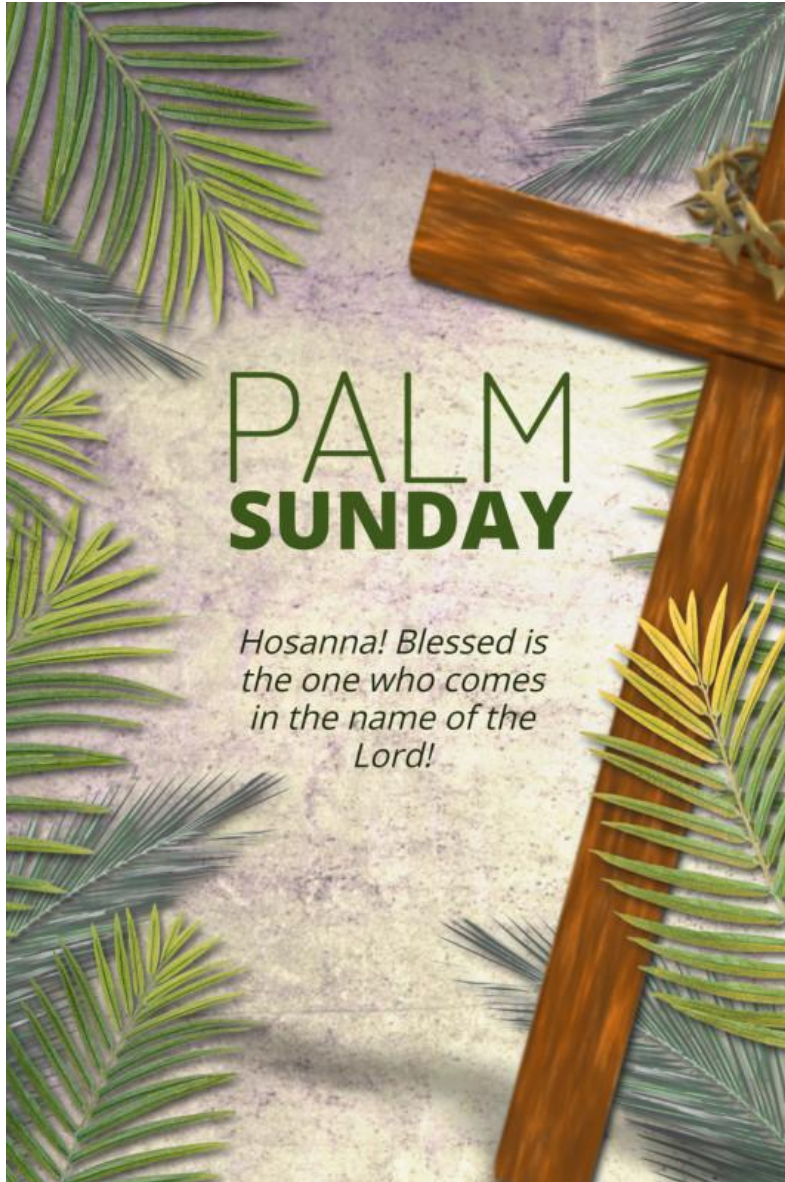


Palm Sunday



Saint John Lutheran Church
March 29, 2026

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 silent.
- 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 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.

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.

Palm Sunday

+ GATHERING +

Meet by the bell

John 12:12-19

The Triumphal Entry

¹² The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³ So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" ¹⁴ And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵ "Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷ The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸ The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

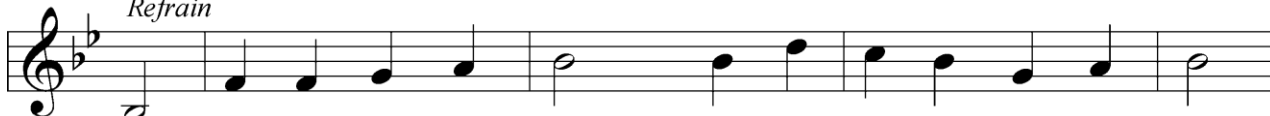


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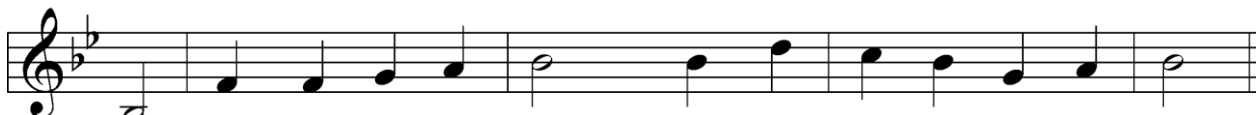


442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To You, Re-deem - er, King,



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the King of Is - rael And Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Is prais - ing You on high,
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims With palms be - fore You went;
- 4 To You be - fore Your pas - sion They sang their hymns of praise;
- 5 As You re - ceived their prais - es, Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Refrain

Now in the Lord's name com - ing, Our King and Bless - ed One.
And we with all cre - a - tion In cho - rus make re - ply.
Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore You we pre - sent.
To You, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Our good and gra - cious King.

Ringing of the bell

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P 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.

P 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.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Kyrie



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

Apostles' Creed

P This is the faith into which we have 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.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The LORD be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P We pray together...

C **Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



+ WORD +

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 26

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
**that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.

Morning by morning he awakens;

he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

⁸He who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.

⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

L This is the Word of the LORD

C Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem— Rock of Ages



Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth

and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

L This is the Word of the LORD

C Thanks be to God

Holy Gospel

John 12:20–43

²⁰Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. ²¹So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." ²²Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. ³¹Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. ³²And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." ³³He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. ³⁴So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" ³⁵So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. ³⁷Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, ³⁸so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us,
and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

³⁹Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes
and hardened their heart,
lest they see with their eyes,

and understand with their heart, and turn,
and I would heal them.”

⁴¹Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. ⁴²Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

L This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message



441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The an - gel
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Thy last and
5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy tri - umphs
ar - mies of the sky Look down with sad and
fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on His
pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to



sue Thy road, With palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
now be - gin O'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
won - d'ring eyes To see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
sap - phire throne A - waits His own a - noint - ed Son.
mor - tal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

The Message ~ Rev. Chet Scherbarth ~ Isaiah 50:8.c

~ Takeaways that God has put on my heart. ~

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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

C 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

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

The Agnus Dei

LSB 180

C 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;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please be seated.

+ 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.



Distribution Hymns

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



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.

685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence





hope and love, Let us do the Fa-ther's bid-ding. Faith-ful
that an- noy Shall give way to mirth here- af- ter. Je- sus,
shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav-en. Je- sus,
con- stant-ly, Liv- ing there with You for- ev- er. Je- sus,



Lord, with me a- bide; I shall fol- low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
here with You I die, There to live with You on high.
let me faith- ful be, Life e- ter- nal grant to me.

+ SENDING +

Dismissal, Concluding Prayer, 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**

Please remain standing as you are able.



443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant - ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joyce!



Take the word of God with you as you go

Take Home Announcements — Sunday, March 29, 2026

Serving the Lord Today

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Birthday

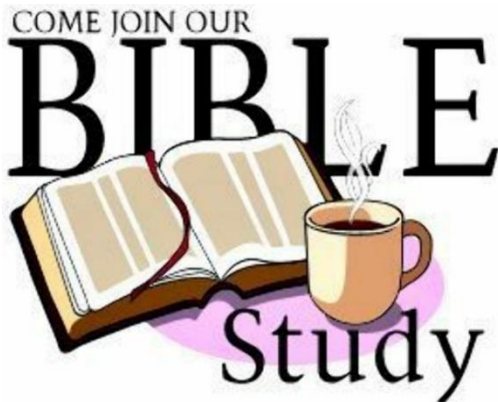
Robert Nelson March 25

Baptism

Sawyer Chaney March 30

Altar Flowers

Eternal Candle Lillian Smith, To the
Glory of God



Avenue Bible Study

Wed, April 8th & 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

April 2nd & 16th

Adult Confirmation Class

Wed, April 1 at 1:00 p.m.

Woman's Bible Study

April 9th at 4:30 p.m.



**Please check your contact information
for the directory in the fellowship hall.**



**Kaffee Klatsch will be
Monday, April 6 at 1:30 pm**



The LWML will be collecting "Gifts From the Heart" gift cards for the LWML Gulf States District Convention on April 24-26, 2026 in Gulfport. Camp Dixie in Foley Alabama has been selected as the recipient of these gifts. Gift cards and/or amount will be welcomed - such as. Lowes, Home Depot, Target, Walmart, etc. This camp has been a favorite for Youth Groups and Retreats for many years. Any questions, see Shirley.



**Holy Maundy Thursday Service
April 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**



**Good Friday Service
April 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**



Men and Young Men

You are invited to:

Men's Breakfast, Saturday,

April 4th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Come and Enjoy

Devotion, Food and Fellowship!

Chesterfields

4646 Hardy Street Hattiesburg, MS.



The LWML will host an Easter Morning Coffee Fellowship during the Sunday School Hour. There will be Coffee, Juice, and all kinds of "Breakfast Sweets". Also, some special surprises for the children. Gracie Scherbarth and helpers, will once again head the "Easter Egg Hunt" for the Sunday School children. **Please bring candy to fill the eggs & please have the candy here by Friday evening.** If you would like to bring your favorite breakfast "sweet", contact any LWML member. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship on this wonderful day! HE IS RISEN!! HE IS RISEN INDEED!! ALLELUIA !!! .





Kristi Fimiano	Breast cancer	Jane & Wayland's daughter	8/18/24
Sean Drummond	Affected by California fires	Son of Josie Nwachuku	1/17/25
Kiki	Stage 4 Cancer, Healing and Strength	Chloe Powell's friend	1/30/25
Jonathan Noffke	Type 4 Lymphoma	Will Noffke's brother	3/27/25
Joyce Coll	Healing	Member	9/14/25
Elaine Woodyard	Strength, comfort, and peace.	Chris Weiss's co-worker's wife.	10/5/25
Irene	Has Cancer.	Relative of Ellen Heck	11/2/25
Jennifer Alexander	Her health is in bad condition	Request from Diahn	11.23.25
Vanessa	Continue prayers	Requested by Diahn	11.30.25
Rhonda	Diagnosed with lupus and prayers for the new of possible breast cancer.	Requested by Diahn	11.30.25
Debbie	Prayers for treatable lung cancer	Requested by Dian	11.30.25
Percy Howard	Cancer	Requested by LaToursha	12.17.25
Marie	Broken Hip	Ellen's Sister-in-law	12.21.25
Debbie Lowery	Surgery for breast cancer	Requested by Wayland	12.30.25
Clyde Brisendine	Prayers for healing after amputation.	Requested by Mark Keyl	1.4.26
Barbara Kerner	Health concerns & healing		1.24.26
Julie Kringas	Cancer	Requested by Brenda Hesselgrave	1.24.26
Kendall	Heart surgery to check valve		1.18.25
Jill Martins	Waiting for heart transplant		1.18.25

Chris & Kristina Boleware	Prayers for circumstances would improve.	Requested by Pastor Beth	1.24.25
John Traugott	Healing from falling	Requested by Lillian	1.27.25
Enoch Johnson	Health Concerns	Requested by LaTorsha	1.28.26
Brian Dossett	Health Issues	Requested by Diane and Al Rymarz	2.1.26
Nancy Jones	Health Issues		2.12.26
Ginger Eberling	cancer		2.12.26
Debbie	Prayers that her hearing would return	Anna requesting for her sister.	2.15.26
Anna & Elijah	Prayers for a healthy pregnancy	Member	2.15.26
Haley	Health Issues	Member	2.18.26
Niles	Prayers concerning his hearing.	Member	2.18.26
Susan Thorton	Health issues		2.19.26
Kemp Landry	Medical Issues	Requested by Cindy Landry	2.22.26
Lucas	In the hospital with RSV		2.22.26
Judy Woodham	Recovering from surgery	Member	3,1,26
Susan Perkins	Healing from surgery	Member	3.1.26
Brian McKenzie	Medical issues	Judy McKenzie	3.4.26
Don Shields	Health issues	Member	3.4.26
Pat Davenport	Hurt wrists, recovery	Member	3.6.26
Van Lowry	In the hospital	Member	3.6.26
Kristy	Custody hearing		3.12.26
Sue	Peace with a move		3.12.26
John	God's giving Jon peace and direction.		3.8.26
Mrs. Peggy Ray	Serious health issues	Requested by LaToursha	3.17.26

Mr. Herbert David	Serious health issues	Requested by LaToursha	3.17.25
Pastor John Preston Smith	Serious health issues	Requested by LaToursha	3.17.26
BJ	Health issues	Requested by Joan Shafer	3.15.26
Debbie	Recovery from Chemo	Requested by Joan Shafer	3.15.26
Angela	Stage 4 cancer	Requested by Sheralee	3.15.26
Dominique Fimiano	In critical condition	Requested by Jane & Wayland.	3.22.26
Maddie Lowry	Health issues		3.27.26
Wayland & Jane's family	Cancer	Requested by Jane	3.26.26
Prayers for those in authority & military	With the war and all going on in our country.	Prayer from Women's bible study	3.24.26
Chloe Powell & safe travel for her and our family.	Prayers the cyst will shrink		3.28.26
Regina Johnson	Upcoming surgery	Member	3.28.26



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After 1p.m. by appt.

Pastor's Office Hours: Tue-Thu: 9:00am – 1:00pm; after
1p.m. by appt. Also Fri – Sun by appointment.

