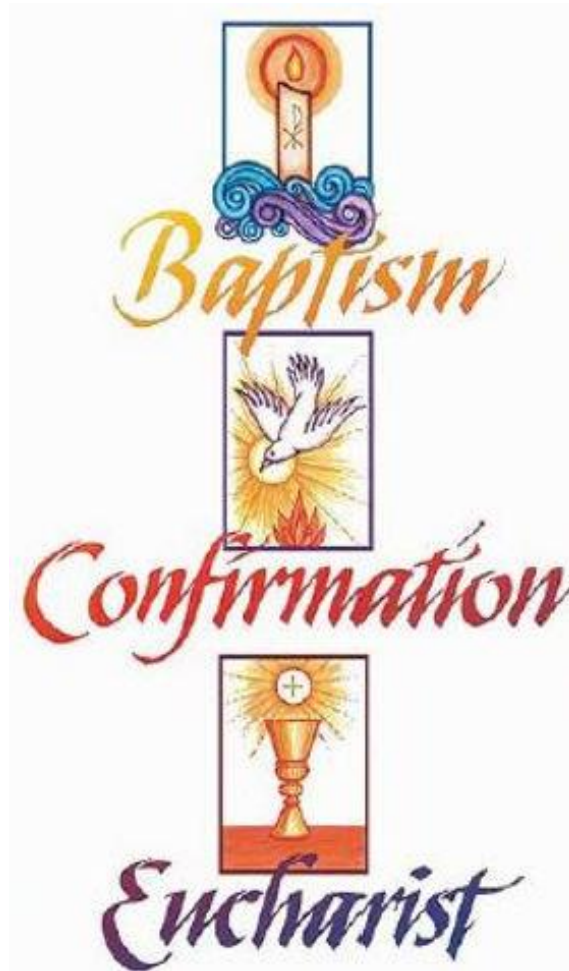


The Third Sunday of Easter



Saint John Lutheran Church

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

April 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 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 on the left 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 of 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 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.

+ HOLY BAPTISM +

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

C Amen

P Dearly Beloved, Christ our Lord Says in the Last Chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." and the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P How are you named?

R *Name*

P Catherine, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the Crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God,

according to your Strict judgment you condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea yet lead your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism.

Through the Baptism in the Jordan of your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waster to be a blessed flood and lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Catherine according to your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her, which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned, and die.

Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen**

Sponsors addressed

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them

in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Catherine as sponsors in the Christian Faith?

R *Yes, with the Help of God.*

P God enable you to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

C **Amen**

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.**

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even † forevermore.

C **Amen**

Candidate Addressed

P Catherine, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Catherine do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Catherine, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C** Amen
- P** The almighty God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.
- P** Receive this white cloth to show that you have been clothed with the robe Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.
- P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for his coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which shall have no end.
- P** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasure of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our Sister in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.
- C** **Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

+The Rite of Confirmation+

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you believe the faith expressed in the Apostles Creed?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired word of God?
- R** *I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to faithful and true?
- R** *I do.*

- P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of the, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.
- C** Amen

Catechumen kneels for blessing.

- P** Catherine, the Almighty God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new Birth of water and of the Spirit has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life † everlasting.
- R** Amen.

Confirmation Verse is given

Please stand

- P** Let us pray.
Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing Your daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and enabling her both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, she may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C** Amen

- P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they might live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him,

learning from this sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear their cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever.

C Amen

P Peace ☩ be with you.

C Amen

Please be seated

+ WORD +

First Reading

Acts 3:11–21

L *The First Reading for the Third Sunday of Easter is from Acts, Chapter Three, Verses 11-21.*

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it, he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem ~ *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

L *The Epistle is from First John, Chapter Three, Verses 1-7.*

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so, we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he

appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse — *Please stand.*

LSB 173

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature and contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of text. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Twenty-fourth Chapter.

G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and consists of a few notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Please be seated

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

With High Delight Let Us Unite

LSB 483



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

The Message — Pastor Chet Scherbarth ~ on Acts, Chapter Three

The Prayers of the Church — Please stand.

+ 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 contains white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available at distribution upon request.

The Preface, Proper Preface, and Sanctus

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:

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

The Words of Institution and 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

Distribution Hymns

Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living

LSB 479

- 1 Christ is ris - en, Christ is liv - ing, Dry your tears, be un - a - fraid!
- 2 If the Lord had nev - er ris - en, We'd have noth - ing to be - lieve.
- 3 Death has lost its old do - min - ion, Let the world re - joice and shout!

Death and dark-ness could not hold Him, Nor the tomb in which He lay.
But His prom-ise can be trust-ed: "You will live, be-cause I live."
Christ, the first-born of the liv - ing, Gives us life and leads us out.

Do not look a-mong the dead for One who lives for - ev - er - more;
As we share the death of Ad-am, So in Christ we live a - gain;
Let us thank our God, who caus-es Hope to spring up from the ground;

Tell the world that Christ is ris - en, Make it known He goes be - fore.
Death has lost its sting and ter - ror, Christ the Lord has come to reign.
Christ is ris - en, Christ is giv - ing Life e - ter - nal, life pro - found.

We Are Called to Stand Together

LSB 828



1 We are called to stand to- geth - er With the saints of
2 Those whom Je - sus called a - pos - tles Jour - neyed with Him
5 To each com - ing gen - er - a - tion Tell the truth, per -



a - ges past, With the pa - tri - archs and proph - ets
side by side, Heard His teach - ing, felt His pow - er,
suade, ex - plain, Till the time when time is end - ed,



In the faith they once held fast; Prom - is - es and
Saw the way He lived and died; Then the news of
Till the Sav - ior comes a - gain— Till the saints are



hopes they trea - sured Now we find ful - filled at last!
res - ur - rec - tion They de - liv - ered far and wide.
all u - nit - ed Un - der Christ's e - ter - nal reign!

Please stand

+ 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.

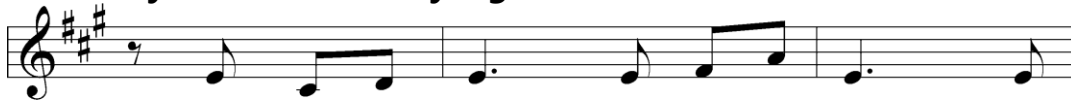
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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

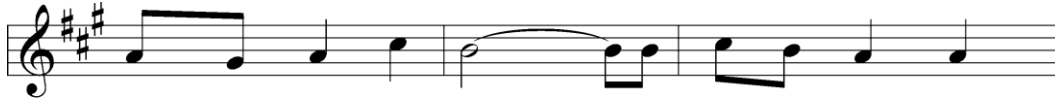
C Amen

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

LSB 720



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found.

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>
<u>10:30am</u> <u>Worship</u>					<u>1:30pm</u> <u>Kaffee</u> <u>Klatsch</u>	
<u>No Bell Choir</u> <u>In April</u>						



Take Home Announcements — Sunday, April 14, 2024

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor Rev. Chet Scherbarth
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Altar Guild Patricia Davenport
Christina Keiper
Lector Ron Johnson
Acolyte Corbin Blair

Today's Theme

*We are refreshed in the forgiveness of Christ.
Through His Word, our sins are blotted out.
This is God's love for us—in Christ, we are called
children of God. The very wounds of Jesus con-
firm His grief, His sacrifice, His death foretold by
Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.
His resurrected presence with the disciples leaves
no room for doubt. Now repentance and the for-
giveness of sins may be declared boldly every-
where, in the name of Jesus.*

Altar Flowers: Placed in celebration of
Catherine Lee's Baptism by Brandon &
Bridgette Lee and Catherine Bowen

Eternal Candle: In Memory of Rochelle
Kemnitz and Sharon Andrews

Birthdays

Nancy Grunig	4/17
Jean Martin	4/20

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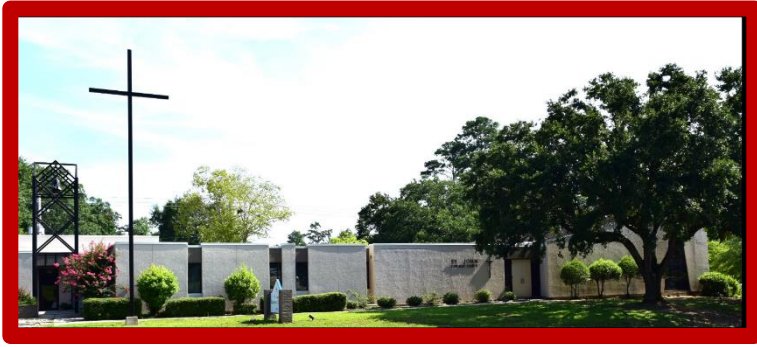
Oktoberfest Meeting — Sunday, April 21st immediately following worship.

LWML — will be collecting ALL BABY ITEMS in the "Pack 'N Play" placed in the narthex for the Autauga Interfaith Center in Prattville, AL. These Gifts from the Heart will be collected for the next three Sundays beginning on April 7, 2024. Also, Gift Cards will be collected and will be delivered at the Gulf States Districts Convention.

LWML — The Magnolia Zone Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Christ Lutheran Church in Pascagoula. We will be carpooling and need to leave the church by 7:30 a.m. There will be a continental breakfast beginning at 9:00 a.m. The business meeting begins at 10 a.m. and Lunch will be provided. This is an important meeting to make final plans for the Gulf States District Convention in Prattville, Alabama. Please contact Lillian Smith or me if you plan to attend.



Prayers Needed			
Vanessa Ajayi	Breast cancer	Friend of Lillian Smith	9/10/23
Lisa Boswell	Colon cancer	Friend of Lillian Smith	9/10/23
Warner Boortz	Health and Strength	Member	2/25/24
Mini Jasper & Family	Serious burns		1/28/24
Ruby Ezell	Mobility difficulties	Mother of LaToursha Ezell	1/28/24
Kiri	Deliverance from Islam	Daughter of Josie Nwachuku	2/18/24
Bob Glascon	Congestion-4th round of anti- biotics		3/24/24
W.F. Perkins	Complications from COVID	Husband of Susan Perkins	3/13/24
Jim Thone	Stage 4 Cancer	Father of Debbie Geroux	3/14/24
Van Lowry	Prostate Cancer	Member	3/17/24
Skip Lambert	Healing-pulmonary embolism	Relative of the Scherbarth's	3/24/24
Joy Reagan	Multiple health issues		3/31/24
Keisa Warren	Surgery & recovery		3/31/24
H & R Block Family	Tax season		3/31/24
Logan & Simon	Soon to marry	Daughter of Terry & Patrice Lovdahl	3/31/24
Lisa Case	Tests	Member	3/7/24
Cindy Landry	Health & strength	Member	3/7/24
Gracie Scherbarth	Concerns with medications	Member	3/7/24
Logan & Simon	Prayers of thanks for beauti- ful wedding & for safe travels	Daughter & Son in Law of Terry & Patrice Lovdahl	3/7/24



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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue-Thu: 9:00am – 1:00pm; Fri – Sun: by appt;