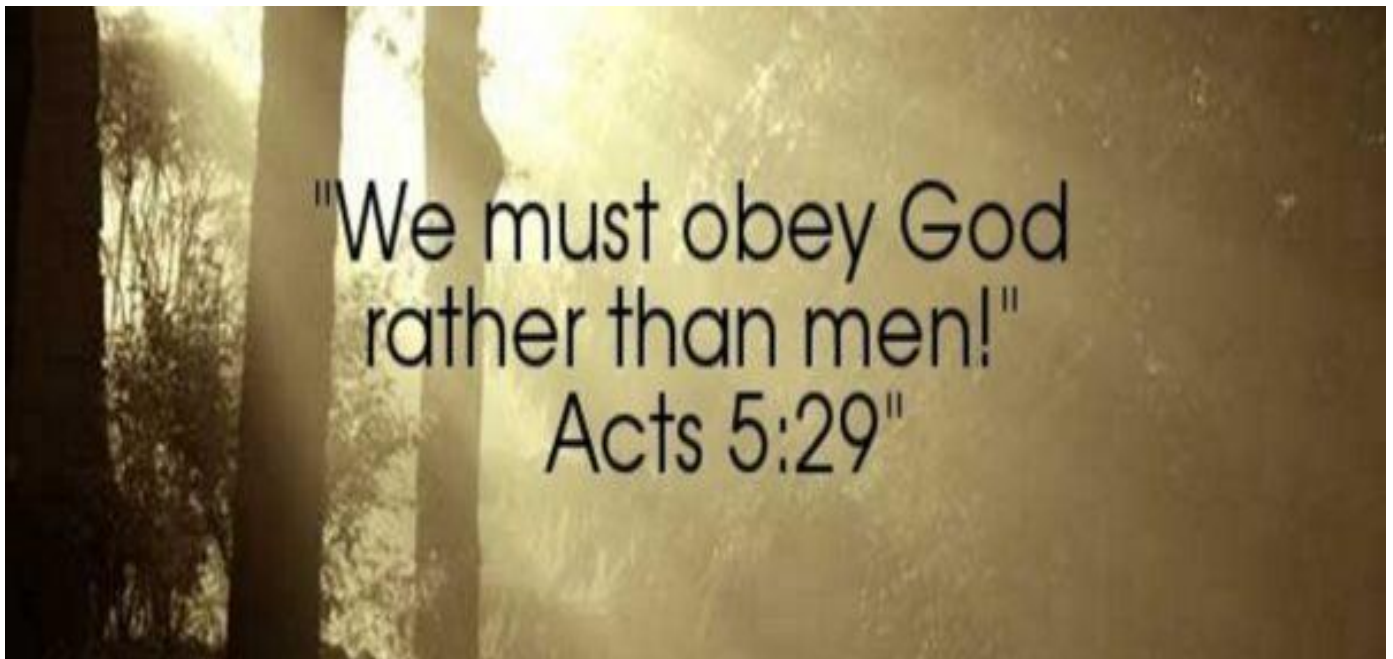


Second Sunday of Easter



Saint John Lutheran Church
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
April 27, 2025

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

Second Sunday of Easter

+ 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 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 God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection
may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and
God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

+WORD +

First Reading

Acts 5:12–32

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, ²⁰"Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life." ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, ²³"We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." ²⁴Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. ²⁵And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." ²⁶Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people.

²⁷And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem ~ Soon and Very Soon



Second Reading

Revelation 1:4–18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

L This is the Word of the LORD

C Thanks be to God.

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 20:19–31*

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

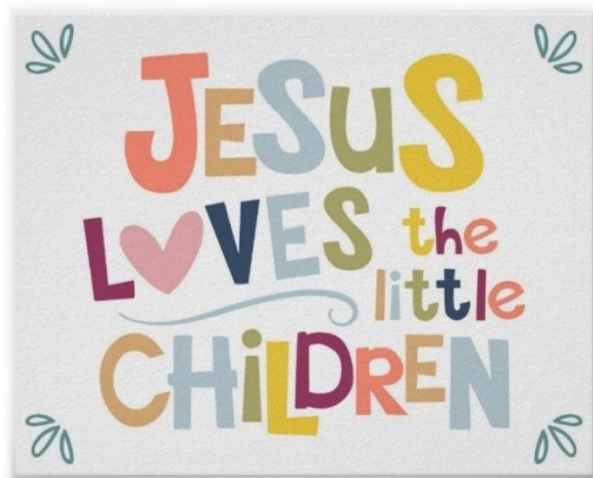
²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

L This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message



549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
2 Crown Him, ye mar-tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.



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The Message ~Rev. Chet Scherbarth ~ Acts 5:29

~ Takeaways / Things to remember ~

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The Prayers of the Church

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.

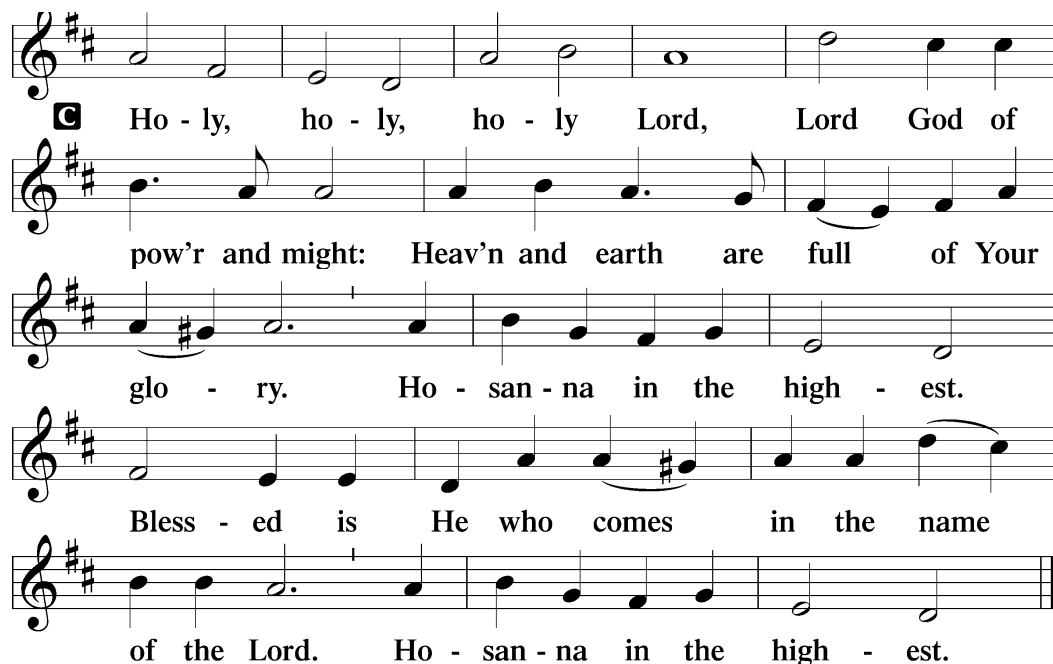
P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

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 and Agnus Dei

LSB 180



□ 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

547 The Lamb

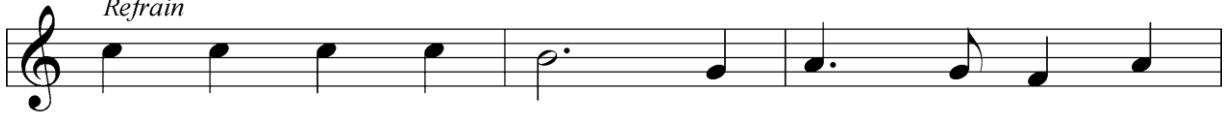


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!



738 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



Whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Your hands swift to wel - come, Your arms to em - brace:
Whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



Be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
Be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

+ 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.**

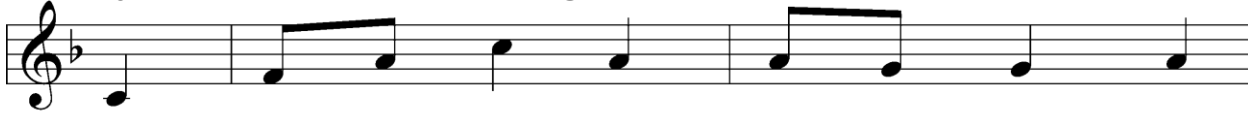
L The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup -
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,



Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

Refrain

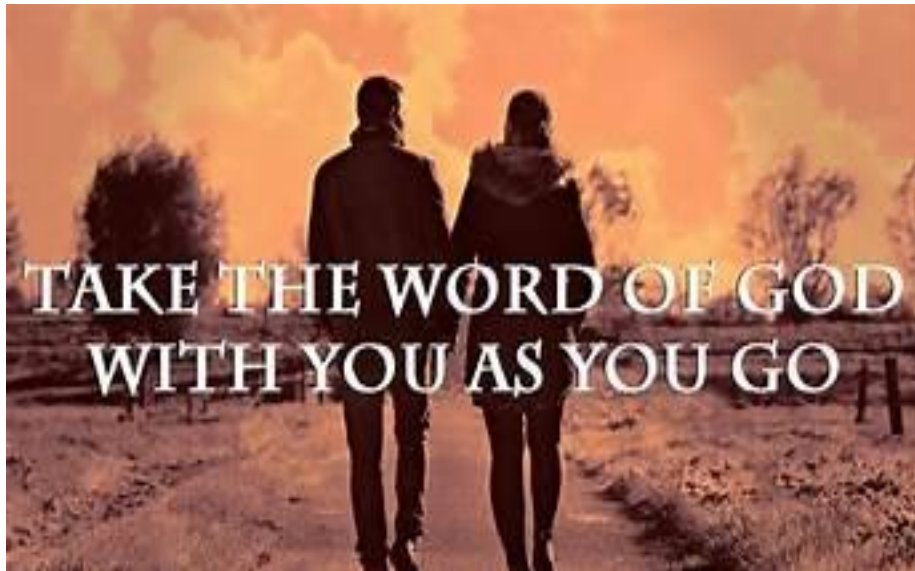


On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.





Take Home Announcements — Sunday, April 27, 2025

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor Rev. Chet Scherbarth
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Organist: Lewei He

Altar Guild Team: Christina Keiper & Pat Davenport

Acolyte: Braxton

Birthday

Beth Scherbarth April 27
Bonnie Houser April 30
Ronald Johnson April 30

Baptisms

Kyra Johnson April 29

Altar Flowers: Jerry & Debbie Frederick
in memory of Stacy May Garland

Eternal Candle: In honor of Donna Blair's
sister.



Avenue Bible Study— Wed, April 30th at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



The LWML will be collecting "MITES" next Sunday. Thank you for supporting the Mission Grants of the Gulf States District and National LWML.



The LWML is hosting a "Cinco De Mayo" Potluck Fundraiser **next Sunday, May 4th**, with help from Thrivent Financial, to cover expenses for Vacation Bible School, June 11-13, 2025. There will be a "Free-Will" offering taken at the Potluck. You are invited to bring a "Mexican" dish to share - Tacos, Enchiladas, Salads, and all kinds of Desserts. There will be a Pinata for the children. Please make plans to come and enjoy the fun and Fellowship, and help support the Vacation Bible School.



Men's Breakfast—May 3rd at 9:00 a.m.
Chesterfields 4646 Hardy St. Hattiesburg, MS.
Come enjoy devotion, food and fellowship!



May 18th immediately following church will be a VBS meeting & light lunch. All those that have already agreed to help please make plans to attend and any who would like to help please come to the meeting.



Thank you to all who prepared and served the meal at Warner's funeral. It was wonderful and I am grateful for all of you.
-Darlene & Family.

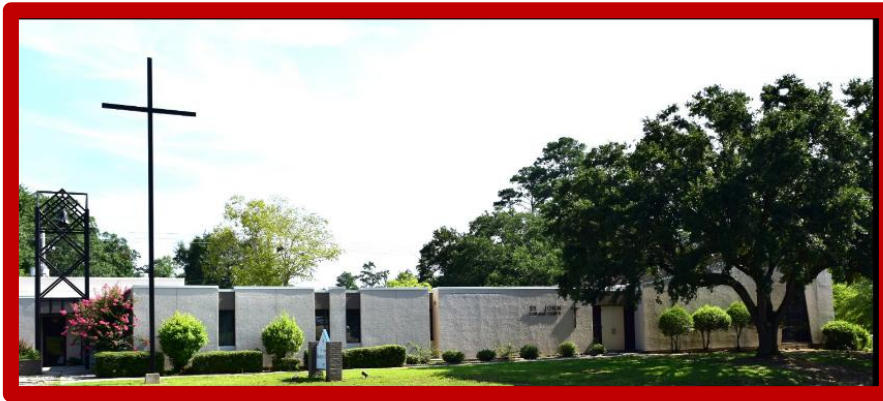


Don Shields	Health and Strength	Member	6/4/24
Mary McMichael	Recovery from Cancer	Maggie's daughter-in-law	7/6/24
Kristi Fimiano	Breast cancer	Jane & Wayland's daughter	8/18/24
Joyce Coll	Strength & Healing	Member	9/17/24
Clyde Brisendine	Recovery and rehabilitation	Mark Keyl	10/30/24
Knox	Prayers as he continues to go through chemotherapy	Friend of Chet & Beth Scherbarth	3/3/2025
Fernando	Prayers as he goes through treatment for cancer.	Friends of Pastor Chet & Beth	3/18/25

David Smith and His Dad.	Strength and Healing	Member	1/5/25
Susan Perkins	Health & Healing	Susan	1/5/25
The children at St. Jude and throughout the world battling illness.	Courage, Health & Healing	Pastor Chet & Beth	3/3/25
Sean Drummond	Affected by California fires	Son of Josie Nwachuku	1/17/25
Marlena Koschmann	Cancer	Elaine Kersh	1/20/25
Layla Brooks	Seizures, wisdom for the doctors, as they plan for surgery	Chloe Scherbarth's friend	1/30/25
Kiki	Stage 4 Cancer, Healing and Strength	Chloe Scherbarth's friend	1/30/25
Jimarlin	Sight taken, prayers for comfort and Peace.	Friend of Grey	2/2/25
Isaiah	Therapy to public School	Member	2/9/25
Andy Hensley	Recovery from Radiation and Preparation for Chemo.	Friend of Chloe Scherbarth	3/3/2025
Prayers for people in Job transitions	Job transition	Member	2/23/25
Brantley and his family.	Going through radiation at St. Jude.	Friend of the Scherbarth family.	3/3/25
Brigette	That she would know the LORD.	Friend of Beth Scherbarth's	3/3/25
Karla Weiss	Strength for Carla in the midst of a very difficult situation in ICU.	Member	3/8/25
Barrett Maynard	17-year-old-accident. Broken back and arm.	Neighbor of Sheila Curry	3/8/25
Linda Magee	Eye Surgery	Latoursha's Friend	3/8/25
Mark	Heart Surgery	Doris's son	3/13/25
Joan	Recovery from a car accident.	Member	3/13/25
Chloe & Grandpa Paul	Road trip. Strength and Health.	Member	3/13/25
Tylertown, Taylorsville, Grace, Elliot and all the rest affected by the storms last week.	Strength, Healing, and Perseverance.	Member	3/18/25
The May and Ezell families at the passing of Andrew Dewayne.	Comfort and Strength	Member	3/16/25
Irvin	Surgery	Member	3/27/25
Buddy Berge	Cancer	Friend of Will Noffke	3/27/25

Jonathan Noffke	Type 4 Lymphoma	Will Noffke's brother	3/27/25
Jeremiah & Aiden	The loss of a family member.	Grey	3/27/25
Family of Porsche Lyles	Porsche Lyles passed away.	Close Friend of Debbie Geroux	3/28/25
The Family of Gary Sweeley	The loss of a family member	Beth Scherbarth	3/28/25
Family & friends of Warner Boortz	Passing in the Lord.	Member	4/7/25
Laura Hojem	Healing & Strength	Noffke cousin	4/6/25
Ann Palguta	Healing & Strength	Noffke family	4/6/25
Those affected by last week's storm.	Strength & perseverance		4/6/25
Chris Helmke	Ruptured Tendon		4/6/25
Irvin	In the hospital	Sheila Curry's husband	4/6/25
Jason & Mary	Devastation from a tornado	Maggie's family	4/8/25
Family of Stephanie McArthur	Passed in the Lord.	Friend of Bill Call.	4/9/25
Candy Davey	Healing & Strength		4/10/25
Elaine Kersch	Covid	Member	4/10/25
June Reese	Covid	Member	4/13/25
Phillip Zinke	Cancer	Member	4/15/25
Rhonda	Neck Surgery		4/13/25
Darcy Dane Reed & Baby Back safe	Thanksgiving	Member	4/13/25
Mrs. Brenda Roberts	Prayers for healing and comfort from Grief at the tragic passing of her son.	Friend of Member	4/17/25
Willie Ray Owens	Healing & Strength	Cousin of LaToursha	4/17/25
Prayers for the family and friends of Joanne Oshrin	Passed in the LORD.. Prayers for comfort and strength.	Friend of Dianna & Al	4/24/25

Elise Rogers and family	9 year old hospitalization		4/20/25
“EE”	Car totaled and soreness from impact.	Member	4/20/25



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