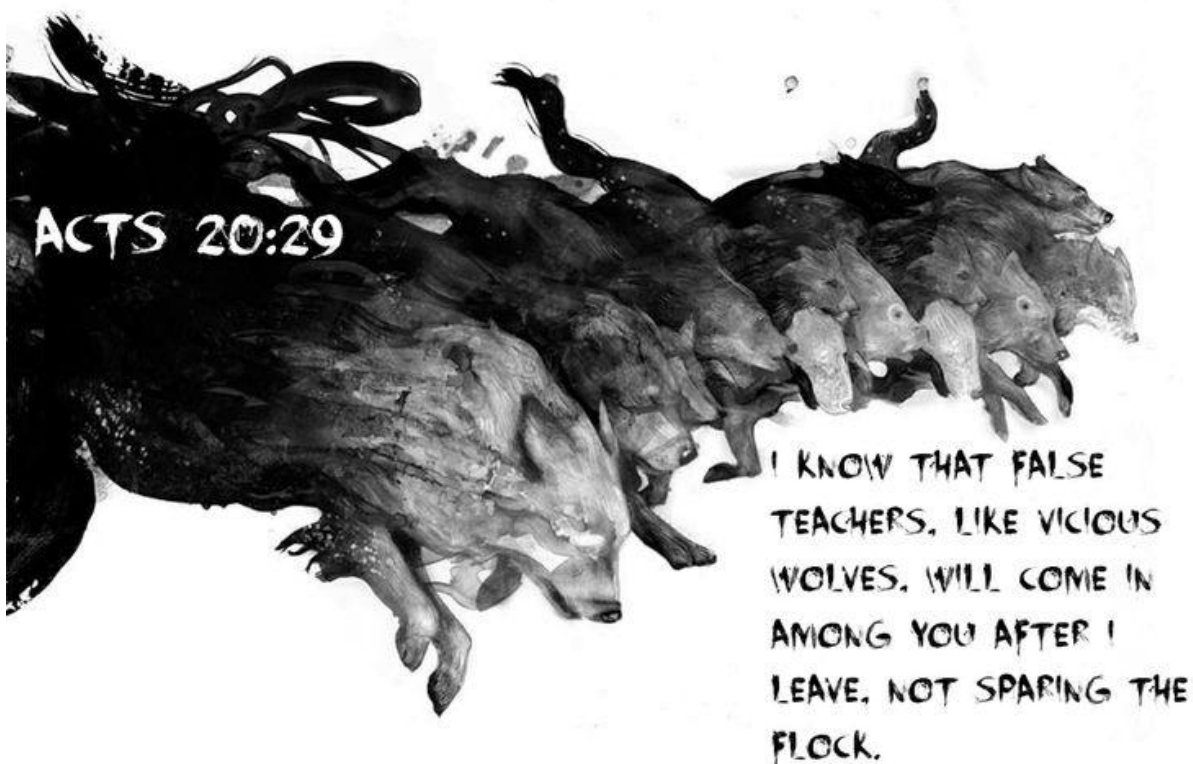


Fourth Sunday of Easter



Saint John Lutheran Church
Hattiesburg, Mississippi
May 11, 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

Fourth 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, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

+WORD +

First Reading

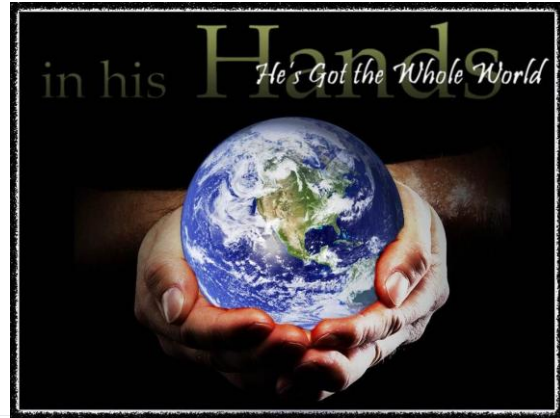
Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹servicing the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

L This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.



Choir Anthem ~

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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 10:22–30*

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

L This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear

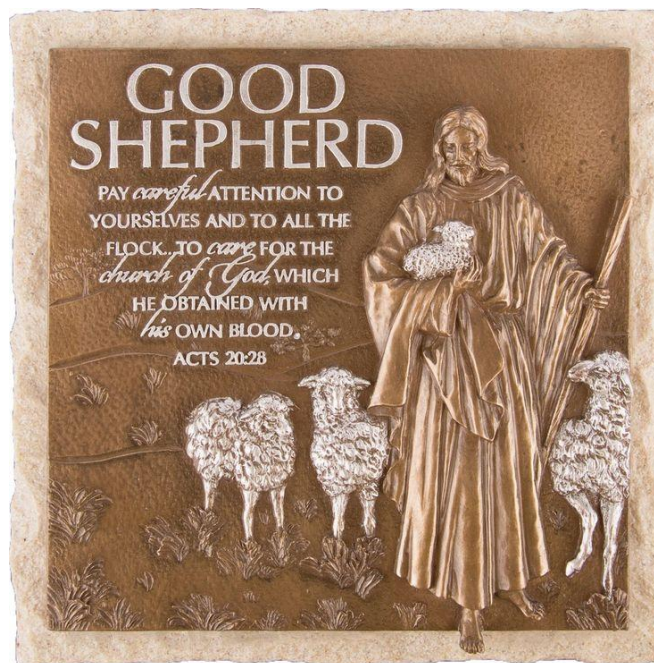


fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
 love He sought me And on His shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
 com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

The Message ~ Rev. Chet Scherbarth ~ Acts 20:17-35



~ Takeaways / Things to remember ~

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for taking notes or recording key takeaways from the text above.

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.

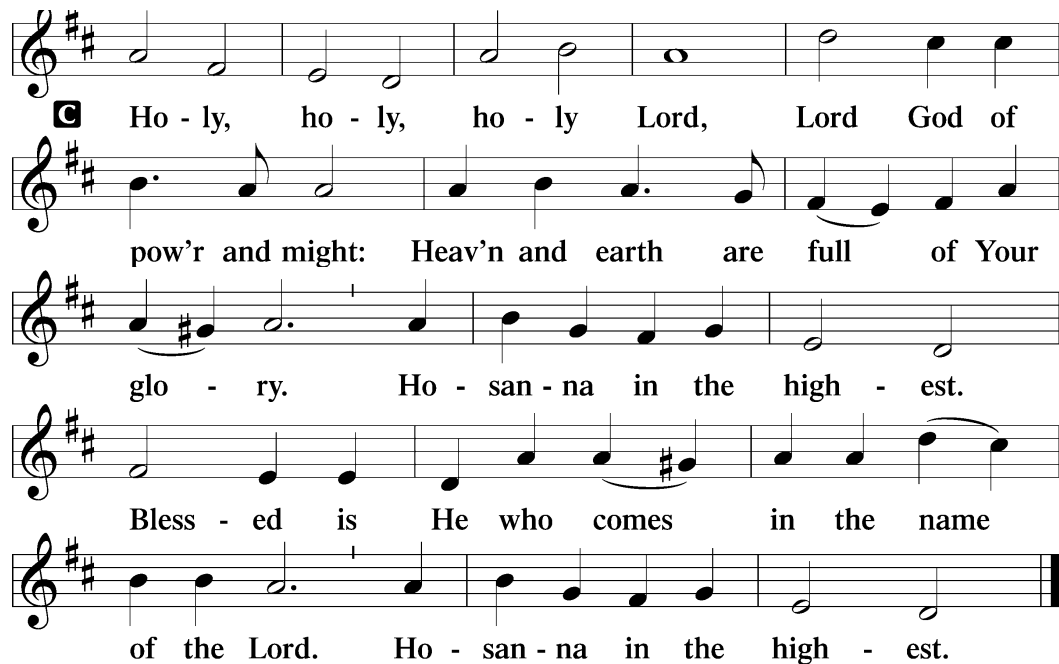
P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

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

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.

783 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

+ 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**

711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us



1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have





bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.





Take Home Announcements — Sunday, May 11, 2025

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor Rev. Chet Scherbarth
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Organist: Lewei He

Altar Guild Team: Brenda & Thomas
Hesselgrave

Acolyte: Paul Scherbarth

Birthday

Wally Pye May 12

Wayland Johnson May 13

Baptisms

Susan Perkins May 11

Terry Lovdahl May 13

Brooklyn Noffke May 16

Wedding Anniversaries

Brian & Diahn Lee May 14 (7)

Altar Flowers: Nancy Kaul, in memory of
Eddie McMillan

Eternal Candle: Thankful for God's
blessings.



Thank you to the LWML and all who helped to put on the Cinco de Mayo Fundraiser for VBS! It was a wonderful success! We raised \$644.58 for VBS!!!



Avenue Bible Study—May 14th at 10:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



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.

Glenn Aubrey Canfield
is turning
100
Join us to celebrate his birthday!

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| Andy Hensley | In chemo for a brain tumor that spread. | Friend of Chloe Scherbarth | 3/3/2025 |
| Prayers for people in Job transitions | Job transition | Member | 2/23/25 |
| Brantley and his family. | Healing from a bike accident. | 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 | In the midst of transitioning | 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 |

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| Mark | Heart Surgery | Doris's son | 3/13/25 |
| Joan | Recovery from a car accident. | 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 |
| Buddy Berge | Cancer | Friend of Will Noffke | 3/27/25 |
| Jonathan Noffke | Type 4 Lymphoma | Will Noffke's brother | 3/27/25 |
| Family of Porsche Lyles | Porsche Lyles passed away. | Close Friend of Debbie Geroux | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

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| Elise Rogers and family | 9 year old hospitalization | | 4/20/25 |
| VBS | Prayers for our Families that attend VBS and that God's word would go out and the gospel be heard and the lessons taken to heart. | Member | 5/5/25 |
| Prayers for the family and friends of Candy Davey. | She passed away. | A friend of Ellen | 5/4/25 |
| Prayers for the family of Dave Petty at the loss of his brother. | He passed in the LORD. | Family of Ellen | 5/4/25 |
| Van Lowry | Recovering in the hospital | Member | 5/4/25 |



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