


The Holy Trinity Sunday

A graphic illustration featuring three crosses of varying heights silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange at the horizon to a lighter, hazy orange at the top. The crosses are positioned on a dark, silhouetted hill. The entire scene is framed by a rough, torn-edge border in shades of red and orange.

**Let all the house of Israel therefore know
for certain that God has made him both Lord
and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.**

Acts 2:36

**Saint John Lutheran Church
May 31, 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.

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 have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

Athanasian Creed

L Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.

C Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.

L And the catholic faith is this,

C that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.

L For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.

C But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

L Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:

C the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;

L the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;

C the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.

L And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,

C just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.

L In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;

C and yet there are not three Almighty, but one Almighty.

L So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;

C and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

L So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;

C and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

L Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.

C The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.

L The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.

C The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.

L Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.

C And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;

L but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.

C Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.

- Ⓐ But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Ⓒ **Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.**
- Ⓐ He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- Ⓒ **perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;**
- Ⓐ equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- Ⓒ **Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:**
- Ⓐ one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- Ⓒ **one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.**
- Ⓐ For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- Ⓒ **who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,**
- Ⓐ ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- Ⓒ **At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.**
- Ⓐ And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- Ⓒ **This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.**

+ WORD +

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds,

and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations
of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

P This is the Word of the LORD

C Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem— Eternal Father Strong to Save



Epistle

Acts 2:14a, 22–36

¹⁴Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .

²²“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— ²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.’

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P This is the Word of the LORD

C Thanks be to God

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

L This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message



662 Onward, Christian Soldiers



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

The Message ~ Rev. Chet Scherbarth ~ Acts 2:36



~ Takeaways that God has put on my heart. ~

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the user to write their takeaways.

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.

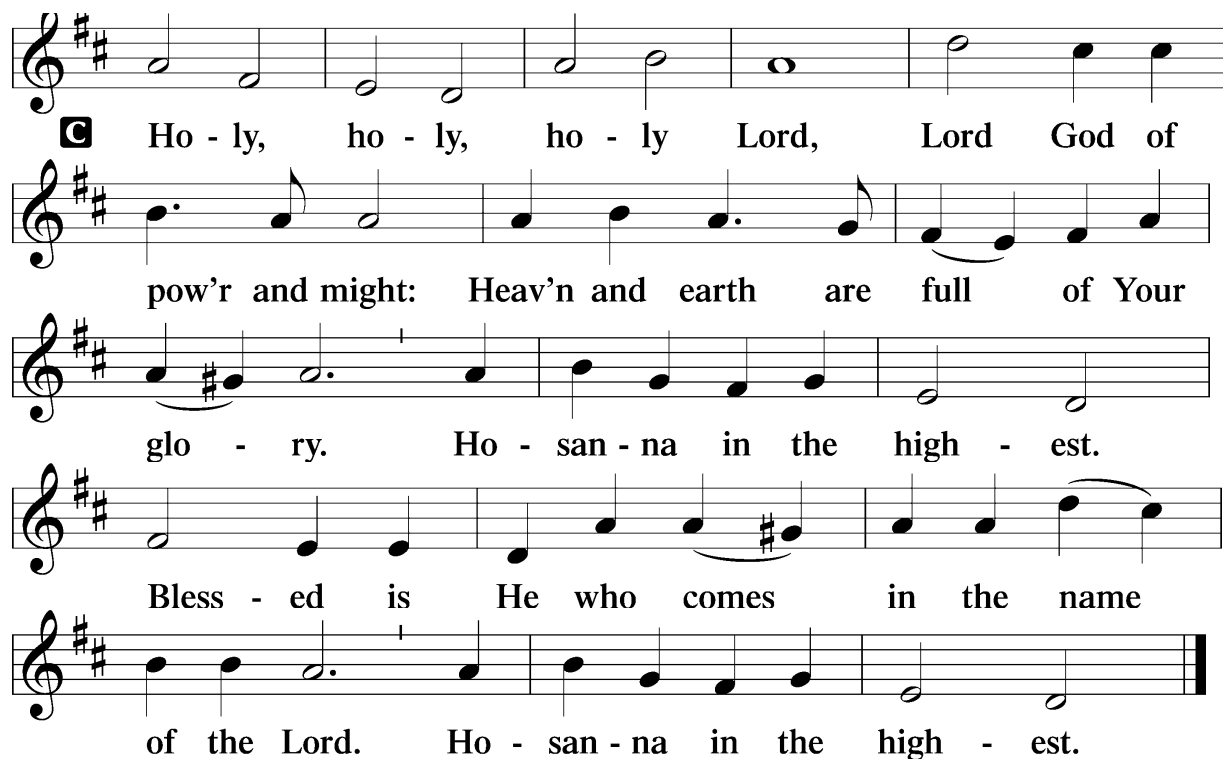
P Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

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

733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last
And our eternal home!

793 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,





al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.
 al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.
 al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

+ 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.

837 Lift High the Cross

Refrain



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a-dore His sa-cred name.



1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,
 2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
 4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,





Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.
As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

- 5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain
- 6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain



Take the word of God with you as you go.

Take Home Announcements — Sunday, May 31, 2026

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor Rev. Chet Scherbarth
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Organist: Yinghan Zhang

Altar Guild Team: Brenda & Thomas
Hesselgrave

Acolyte: Isaac

Birthday

Maresa McKinley June 1

Damian Potesta June 2

Baptism

Bill Coll June 1

Anniversaries

Robert & Julie Nelson (41) June 1

David & Nancy Grunig(59) June 3

Altar Flowers In praise to our Lord

Eternal Candle

Avenue Bible Study

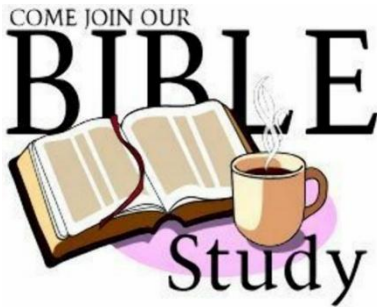
Wed, June 24th at 10:00 a.m.

Pastor's Bible Study

Thurs., June 4th at 1:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Thurs., June 25th at 4:30 p.m.



Kaffee Klatsch will be

Monday, June 15th at 1:30 pm



Men and Young Men

You are invited to:

Men's Breakfast, Saturday, June 6, 2026

at 9:00 a.m.

Come and Enjoy Devotion, Food and Fellowship!

At: Chesterfields 4646 Hardy Street Hattiesburg, MS.

Oktoberfest Prep dates:

August 15th Mustard 9 a.m.

August 22nd Strudel Prep (make dough) 9a.m.

August 29th Making the strudel 9 a.m.

September 12th Bacon 9 a.m.

September 19th Sauerkraut 9 a.m.

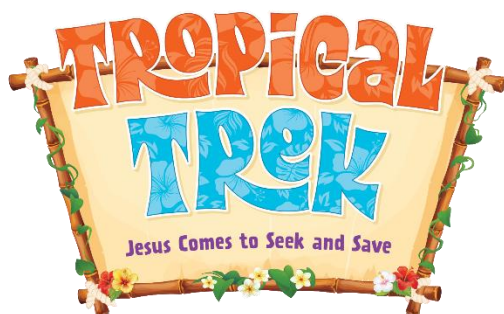
September 25th Sort Potatoes 9 a.m.

September 26th Potato Salad 9 a.m.

September 27th Oktoberfest set-up day (inside of the church)

October 2nd Strudel Baking 9 a.m.

October 3rd Oktoberfest



June 7

VBS Set-up

Cross-Generational VBS June 10-12

Dinner 5:00 VBS Program 6:00



Sean Drummond	Affected by California fires	Son of Josie Nwachuku	1/17/25
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
Debbie	Prayers for treatable lung cancer	Requested by Diahn	11.30.25
Percy Howard	Cancer	Requested by LaToursha	12.17.25
Clyde Brisendine	Prayers for healing after amputation.	Requested by Mark Keyl	1.4.26
Jill Martins	Waiting for heart transplant		1.18.25
Brian Dossett	Health Issues	Requested by Diane and Al Rymarz	2.1.26
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
Kemp Landry	Medical Issues	Requested by Cindy Landry	2.22.26
Brian McKenzie	Medical issues	Judy McKenzie	3.4.26
Don Shields	Health issues	Member	3.4.26
Kristy	Custody hearing		3.12.26
Mrs. Peggy Ray	Serious health issues	Requested by LaToursha	3.17.26
Mr. Herbert David	Serious health issues	Requested by LaToursha	3.17.25
BJ	Health issues	Requested by Joan Shafer	3.15.26

Debbie	Recovery from Chemo	Requested by Joan Shafer	3.15.26
Dominique Fimiano	In critical condition	Requested by Jane & Wayland.	3.22.26
Wayland & Jane's family	Cancer	Requested by Jane	3.26.26
Rusty Weiss	Recovering from strokes	Chris Weiss	4.1.26
Nancy Jones	Health issues	Requested from Sheralee	4.3.26
Judi Cosentino	Caregiver stress & grief	Requested by Joan & Sheralee	4.9.26
Sydney Holland	Congestive Heart Failure	Friend of Diana & Al Rymarz	4.10.26
Donna & Ron Lichte	Multiple Severe Health Issues	Friend of Diana & Al Rymarz	4.10.26
Cindy Landry	Health issues	Member	4.13.26
Diahn Lee	Health concerns	Member	4.17.26
Kristi Fimiano	Praise Jesus! Clear scans of cancer. Continued prayers during treatment.	Jane & Wayland's daughter	4.16.26
Regina Johnson	Recovery from surgery	Member	4.17.26
Family of Julie Kringas	Julie passed away.	Requested by Brenda Hesselgrave	4.22.26
Family of Amy Carter	Amy passed away	Requested by Chris Noffke	4.23.26
Tom Myers	Prayers for Tom who has terminal cancer.	Requested by Judy McKenzie	4.23.26
Chris Weiss	Prayers concerning maintenance course & that everything would go well.	Requested by Sheralee	4.24.26
Norman	Colon Cancer		4.19.26
Angela	Cancer	Requested by Sheralee	5.7.26
Donnie & Family	Health Struggles		5.7.226
Elizabeth & Eli	Having a baby		5.7.26
Kendall	Health Issue	Requested by LaToursha	5.7.26
Grandpa Paul	Treatment of Esophageal cancer	Requested by Pastor & Beth	5.27.26

David Smith	Cancer	Member	5.9.26
Wayne Scherbarth	Little Stroke	Requested by Pastor & Beth	5.15.26



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