

# **The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**



**Saint John Lutheran Church**

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

**August 6, 2023**

# Welcome!

*"How great is the Love the Father has lavished on us!" (1 John 3:1).*

We are thankful 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 silenced.
- 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 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 as you enter the sanctuary.
- If this is your first visit, please sign our Guest Book located in the lobby near the Sanctuary.



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*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.*

## + GATHERING +

**Prayer As We Begin** — *Please remain seated.*

**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.

### I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

LSB 699



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."  
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.  
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

**Invocation, Salutation, and Collect Prayer** — *Please stand.*

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**L** The LORD be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** We pray together...

**C** Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## + WORD +

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:1-5*

**L** *The Old Testament Reading for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost is from Isaiah, Chapter 55, Verses 1-5. God says, "Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.*

<sup>61</sup>"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Choir Anthem ~ *O Sing to the Lord*

### Epistle

*Romans 9:1-13*

**L** *The Epistle is from Romans, Chapter Nine, Verses 1-13. Paul anguishes over the people of God, so greatly loved by God, that they might not reject the divinity of Jesus the Messiah.*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— <sup>12</sup>she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the LORD.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia Verse — *Please stand.*

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 14:13-21*

℣ The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### ☩ Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.

<sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

℣ This is the Gospel of the LORD.

### ☩ Praise to You, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

℣ This is the faith into which we've been baptized and by which we live:

☩ **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.**

# O Living Bread from Heaven

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1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You  
 2 My Lord, You here have led me To this most  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can  
 4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly



feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en  
 ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me  
 death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed  
 food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,



Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of  
 The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly  
 The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not  
 To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my



bles - sing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this  
 giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of  
 mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my  
 spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,



gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.  
 life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.  
 soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.  
 through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

## The Message — Mr. Mark Keyl ~ *God's Gifts*

### The Prayers of the Church and the Our Father

**☩ 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.**

## + SENDING +

### Benedicamus and Blessing — *Please stand.*

**L** Let us bless the LORD.

**G** **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.

**G** **Amen**

### In Thee Is Gladness

LSB 818



1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je - sus,  
2 Since He is ours, \_\_\_\_\_ We fear no pow - ers, Not of



sun - shine of my heart. By Thee are giv - en The gifts of  
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless - es In worst dis -



heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou  
tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the



wak - est, Our bonds Thou break - est; Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built se -  
sto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With hearts and voic - es; All heav'n re -



cure - ly; He stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are  
joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for



pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing  
glad - ness, Tri - umph o'er sad - ness, Love Him and praise Him



To Thee are cleav - ing; Naught can us sev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!  
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia!

# Announcements — Sunday, August 6, 2023

## THIS WEEK

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>10:30am</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>MITES</u> <u>Breadbasket</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>10am</u> <u>Avenues</u> <u>Bible Study</u>  <u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>12pm AA</u>	<u>9am</u> <u>Men's</u> <u>Breakfast</u>  <u>10am AA</u>

## Serving the Lord Today

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Gary Weier 228.284.4314 <a href="mailto:garyweier@yahoo.com">garyweier@yahoo.com</a>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Christina Keiper, Nancy Kaul
<b>Organist</b>	Jason Sims
<b>Lector</b>	Christina Keiper

**Altar Flowers:** Jane & Wayland Johnson in memory of Irene Amason's Birthday

**Eternal Candle:** The Lovdahl's to celebrate their anniversary & Ryne's Birthday

### Scriptures for Next Sunday

Job 38:4-18  
Romans 10:5-17  
Matthew 14:22-33

## Today's Theme

The Lord's Word quenches thirst, satisfies hunger, and conveys an everlasting covenant between God and His people. Israel is the rightful nation to receive God's adoption, glory, covenant, worship, and promise. But their lineage is no guarantee! Only those who believe the promise of Jesus are claimed by Him. So also, every man, woman, and child who hears His Word is completely satisfied with the truth, righteousness, and compassions of Christ.

### Birthdays

Naomi Jimenez Aug 8

### Baptism Anniversaries

Bjorn Wastvedt Aug 7  
Emma Kivlighn Aug 11

### Wedding Anniversaries

Terry & Patrice Lovdahl, 44 yrs. Aug 11

**Live Streaming of Worship Services — [www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com](http://www.saintjohnhattiesburg.com).**



**The Avenues Study Group** — meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 10am at Saint John. They are studying Be Still & Know: A Study of Rest and Refuge.  
**Next meeting: August 9<sup>th</sup>.**

**Kaffee Klatsch** — meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month at 1:30pm.  
**Next meeting: August 16<sup>th</sup>.**

**Men's Breakfast – August 12<sup>th</sup>** at Chesterfield's Restaurant – 9am

**Online Giving** — Online giving is available to members and friends of Saint John via the 'Give' tab on our webpage. Thank you for supporting our work together in Jesus' name.

### **From the LWML:**

1) The LWML will be collecting Walmart Gift Cards in the narthex for the Scherbarth family on the next two Sundays, to assist in their move to a new home, relocating to Saint John Lutheran Church and community. These Gifts will be presented at the Installation Reception. Let's welcome them with God's Blessings!

2) LWML will collect MITES today. Thank you for your support of the Mission Grants selected in convention by the Gulf States District and National LWML. There will be no Business meeting in August.

3) The LWML is preparing for the Installation Service and Reception for Pastor Scherbarth on Sunday, August 20, 2023. We will be decorating the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 19th, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed! Item Needed: Flowers for decoration, desserts, rolls, salads. If you can help in any way, a Sign-Up sheet will be available on Sunday, August 6th. Thank you for making this important day for Saint John Lutheran a day of celebration and joy.

4) On Sunday, August 13th, following the worship service a Cake & Coffee Reception will be held in the narthex for Pastor Gary Weier. Both Pastor and Peggy have been a blessing to Saint John Lutheran during our time of vacancy. Let's show them our appreciation and love!



<b>Prayers Needed</b>			
Chris Thiel	Serving Stateside (FL)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	10/1/16
Kelly Thiel	Serving Stateside (NC)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	11/20/16
Cory Thiel	Serving Overseas (Germany)	Son of Norbert and Trenia Thiel	11/20/22
Matt Geroux	Serving Stateside (TX)	Son of Kerry and Debbie Geroux	04.09.2022
Scott Chaney	Serving Stateside	Member	5/6/18
Bailey Walters	Serving Overseas	Member	10/31/18
Darrin Torrey	Serving Stateside	SIL of Jerry & Helga Herrington	10/31/18
Bill Lowry	Serving Overseas	Member	4/15/19
John Krahling	Recurring Cancer	Son of Joyce Coll	7/15/18
Eric Martin	Cancer	Member	10/6/19
Kenneth Johnson	Prostate Cancer	Brother of Wayland Johnson	10/18/20
Lisa Case	Health & strength	Member	3/22/23
Warner Boortz	Health and Strength	Member	12/1/18
DuWayne Lemke	Lung Cancer	Brother of Shirley Thone	3/24/21
Doug Taylor, Bo Cleveland, Judy Lacey	Seriously ill	Friends of Don Shields	1/26/22
Faye Hill	Health and Strength	Mother of Chris Keiper	10/19/22
Yvonne Lee	Health and Strength	Mother of Patrice Lovdahl	6/29/22
Josephine Nwachuku	Prayers for Health and Strength	Member	9/11/22
Ian VanWinkle	Started infusions/Crohn's Disease	Nephew of Terry & Patrice Lovdahl	10/9/22
Family of Keri Allen	Died in the Lord July 30th	Niece of Dennis & Lillian Smith	8/2/23
Pete Harris	Cancer	Friend of Susan Perkins	1/3/23
Geraldine Wheeler	Health and strength	Member	2/12/23
Doris Schneider	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	2/22/23
Cheyenne Thiel	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	3/3/23
Julie Radavich	Prayers for Health & Strength	Member	3/13/23
John & Laura Hojem	Health and Strength	Cousins of Chris Noffke	3/23/23
Jason May	Recurring Cancer	Friend of Al & Diana Rymarz	3/2/23
Cindy Landry	Health & Strength	Member	4/23/23
Jason Sims	Health & Strength	Member	5/21/23
Shelly Pardue	Strength & Healing	Doris Schneider's son	6/11/23
Ricky Myers	Recovering from a liver transplant.	Friend of Jane & Wayland Johnson	7/23/23
Ermal Collister	Healing for 2 broken ribs	Grandmother of Beth Scherbarth	7/30/23
Marcia Scherbarth	Prayers for healing from a recent break	Mother-in-Law of Beth Scherbarth	7/31/23