



Living a Life of Prayer: A Three-Week Series
Week Two: *Holy Conversation*

The Season of Pentecost

Father's Day

June 18, 2017

8:30 am

St. John's Lutheran Church

Salisbury, North Carolina



Welcome to St. John's!

Please note that today's service is printed entirely in this worship booklet.

*Occasionally you will be invited to turn to a hymn
in the red book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship.*

*The congregation's responses are in **bold**.*

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We hope that you will feel a warm sense of welcome today. If you are without a church home, we invite you to become a part of the ministry of St. John's. Please complete the Friendship Pad found on the pew so that we might get to know one another better. For more information, visit our website at stjohns-salisbury.org.

HOLY COMMUNION is offered on the first and third Sundays at the 11 am service, and on the second and fourth Sundays at the 8:30 am service. All baptized and communing Christians are welcome to the Table to receive God's gift of grace through his body and blood. Those not communing are invited forward for a spoken blessing. Following the ushers' instructions, proceed down the aisle to the front of the church.

Grape juice and non-gluten wafers are available. Please indicate your preference to the pastor. Persons with walking difficulties may receive the bread and wine by sitting in the reserved front pew. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

SMALL CHILDREN are always welcome at worship, although a nursery for infants through age 5 is provided in the lower level of Peeler Hall for your convenience. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.

ST JOHN'S IS FULLY ACCESSIBLE to those with physical restrictions. An elevator to the sanctuary is located along the side entrance of the church. Hearing aids and audio loops are available at the 11 am service. Large print bulletins are available at the 8:30 am and 11 am services. Our ushers will be glad to assist you.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Welcome *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

Prelude

Our Father Who Art In Heaven
Vater unser im Himmelreich

Johann S. Bach

Please stand

Call to Worship and Prayers of Confession

As we gather for worship, you are invited to make the sign of the cross as a reminder of your baptism.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God's Promise of Forgiveness

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of + Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come. **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ *The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.*

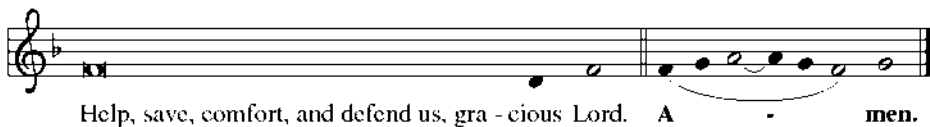
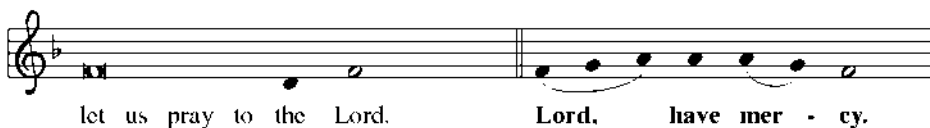
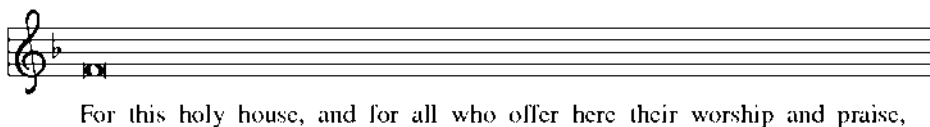
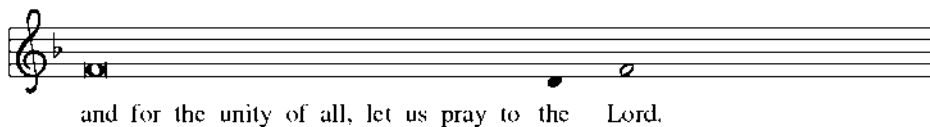
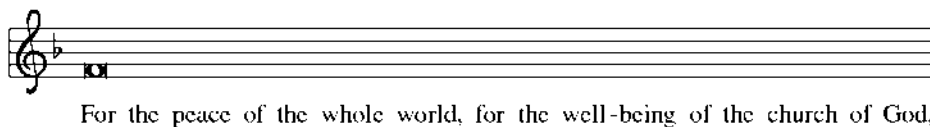
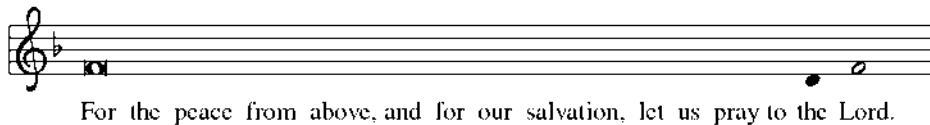
Entrance Hymn 834

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

ST. DENIO

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie. *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace.*



The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share blessings and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Faith+Life Moment

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

First Reading: Psalm 63 *Comfort and assurance in God's presence*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-18 *Marks of the true Christian*

Paul writes: ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel. "Alleluia" is an ancient Jewish acclamation that means "God be praised." In the Christian tradition, Alleluia means "He is risen!"



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:5-15

A model for prayer

Jesus said: ⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. ⁷"When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

⁹"Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

¹⁰Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹Give us this day our daily bread.

¹²And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

¹⁴For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; ¹⁵but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated

Please stand

Hymn 744

Lord, Be Glorified

BE GLORIFIED

Apostles' Creed. *The three paragraphs of the Creed express our belief in the three-fold nature of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offering Solo

There is a Savior
Norman Sloop, soloist

Nelson/Farrell/Helvering

As the gifts are presented the congregation stands and sings the Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession *Each petition ends: "Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**"*

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer and Blessing

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn 824

This Is My Father's World

TERRA PATRIS

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God
Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello