



***“I called to the LORD out of my distress,
and he answered me.”***

Jonah 2

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11 am

St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury, North Carolina



Welcome to St. John's!

*Part of this morning's liturgy may also be found at the front section of this hymnal, where noted in your bulletin. Occasionally you will be invited to turn to a hymn in the red 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, on the second and fourth Sundays at the 8:30 am service, and on the first Sundays at the 9:27 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.

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

AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP, please feel welcome and invited to greet your neighbors and enjoy this time together. As the prelude begins, let us be silent and prepare ourselves for worship. Be mindful that this is a worship service. Please turn off all electronic devices. The use of cameras, iPads and other picture-taking technologies should be limited to before or after the service. Thanks for being considerate of others regarding flashes and ringtones. May the Spirit of God fill this place and lead us into the wonder of his Presence.

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 11 am service. Our ushers will be glad to assist you.

Gathering

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

Prelude

Be Still for the Presence of the Lord
Kevin Agner, cello

David Evans

Call to Worship and Prayers of Confession

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

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

Let us pray. 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.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God's Promise of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.. **Amen.**

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

Entrance Hymn 825

You Servants of God

LYONS

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.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

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

Let us pray. O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Recognition of Joanna Smith

Word

Preaching Text: Jonah 2

A psalm of thanksgiving

¹Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,

²saying,

"I called to the LORD out of my distress, and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

³You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas,
and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me.

⁴Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;
how shall I look again upon your holy temple?'

⁵The waters closed in over me;
the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head

⁶at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O LORD
my God.

⁷As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD;
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

⁸Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty.

⁹But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;
what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the LORD!"

¹⁰Then the LORD spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

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

Second Reading: Psalm 85:8-13

A prayer of David

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

⁹Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

¹¹Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.

¹²The LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness will go before him,
and will make a path for his steps.

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

Children's Worship *Children are invited to Children's Worship, returning after the sermon.*

Please stand

Response Hymn 794

Calm to the Waves

CALM SEAS

Choir sings first, then Congregation joins in

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Calm to the Waves'. It consists of four staves of music. The first two staves are for the choir, and the last two are for the congregation. The music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first line of lyrics is 'Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."' and the second line is 'Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.'

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The Holy Gospel:

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus visits Martha and Mary

³⁸Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

*Please stand***Hymn 824***This Is My Father's World*

TERRA PATRIS

*Please be seated***Collection of our Tithes and Offerings****Offertory Solo***There Is a Savior*
Norman Sloop, soloist

Greg Nelson/Bob Farrell

Offertory Hymn. *As the gifts are presented the congregation stands and sings.*

**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.**

Sending

Benediction

Sending Hymn 893

Before You, Lord, We Bow

DARWALL'S 148TH

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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