



The Season after Pentecost

Graduation Sunday

August 2, 2020 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

Welcome to St. John's!

You'll notice that our worship follows a simple pattern that has guided the church's worship since the first century — Gather, Word, Meal, Sending — a pattern designed to nourish and strengthen us for the week ahead. Welcome to worship!



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Call to Worship

Lord, I Need You

Written by Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, and Matt Maher
Bradley Chestnut, soloist

Lord, I come, I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart
You're the One that guides my heart

(Chorus) *Lord, I need You, oh, I need You
Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God, how I need You*

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
Where You are, Lord, I am free
Holiness is Christ in me **(Chorus)**

Prayers of Confession

We make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.

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

Let us pray. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are not perfect. We have said and done things we regret. We have tried to earn your redeeming grace, while denying it to others. We have resisted your call to be your voice in the world. Forgive us, loving God. Give us your righteousness, the strength to put aside our failures, and the courage to try again. 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. May Almighty God strengthen you with his light, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

Hymn 532

Gather Us In
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GATHER US IN

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.**

Let us pray.

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Recognition of the Class of 2020



Word

We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11

A prayer of encouragement

St. Paul writes: thank my God every time I remember you, ⁴constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, ⁵because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. ⁹And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight ¹⁰to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, ¹¹having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Hymn 574

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HERE I AM, LORD

Apostle's Creed. Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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.**

Song

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Written by Matt Cocker, Joel Houston and Saloman Ligtheld
Hannah Addair, soloist

You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find you in the mystery, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

(Chorus) *And I will call upon your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace
for I am Yours and You are mine.*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters, your sovereign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me, you've never failed and You won't start now. **(Chorus)**

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters
wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander and my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior. **(Chorus)**

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

Lords 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

Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 543

Go, My Children, With My Blessing
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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Worship Participants

SONG LEADERS: Rosemary Kinard, Carter and Matt Woolly

READER: Lynn Moody, Superintendent of Rowan-Salisbury School System

GUEST MUSICIANS: Hannah Addair and Leo Schiavinato

CRUCIFER: Noah Hines

SOUND: Mike Agee

VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins

CLASS OF 2020: Claire Allen (Early College), Madison Anderson (Carson) , Archie Dees (Salisbury), Caroline Houpe (East Rowan), Mitch Jeter (Cannon), Julie Kenny (Salisbury), Emma Myers (East Rowan), Cali Proper (Cannon), Hank Robins (Salisbury), Nina Sachse (Gray Stone), Sydney Sims (Salisbury), Skyler Smith (Carson), Katherine Sullivan (Salisbury), Chad Van der Poel (Salisbury), and Anna Grace Woolly (Salisbury)

Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

CONDOLENCES — Pastor Laura, Davin, Everett, Eliana Henrik, and family, on the passing of Laura’s mom, Sharon Stancher, on Thursday, July 23.

CONGRATULATIONS — Charles Henry “Hank” Michalec, child of Russell and Sarah Michalec, grandson of Nancy Shirley, was baptized on Aug. 1.

THIS WEEK’S PRAYER CONCERNS — Sonny Lippard, Joe and Beth Fink, Lee Wagoner

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Jack Connery, Gerald Jones, Phyllis Edwards, Betty Denker, Shirley Trexler, Nancy Austin, Rachel Safrit, Henry Kluttz, John Myers, Bob Melton, Phyllis Edwards, Jane Shuping, Barbara Rufty, Hal Furr, Walter Tatum, Jim Rabon, Matt Stahl, Sonny Lippard, Nancy Parrish, Thomas Livesay, David and Paula Kafitz, Karen Shelton, Gene Myers, Kent Brown

HOMEBOUND — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Nan Graeber, Margaret Ketner, Steve Summers, Sonny Allen, Benny Banks, Dottie Bedford, Audrey Bradshaw, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Rachel Safrit, Shirley Smith, Peggy Smith, Fran Tannehill

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Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor.....Rhodes Woolly
Pastor for Youth and Discipleship..... Laura Henrik
Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Worship and the Arts.....Rob Durocher, deacon
Associate Parish MusicianRosemary Kinard
9:27 Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut
8:30 Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins
Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, deacon

Program Ministry

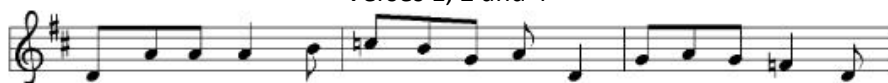
Youth..... Laura Henrik
Children.....Stacey Shafer
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Senior AdultsDiane Poole
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds)Teresa Stoner

Administrative Team

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Gather Us In

Verses 1, 2 and 4



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

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