



The Season after Pentecost

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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 C. Nockles, K. Stanfill, M. Maher, and J. Reeve

Sung by Anne Newkirk and Bradley Chestnut

Abraham Sagaon, Percussion, Bradley Chestnut, Piano

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.

Gracious God, **we search for joy and meaning in our world. We look for it in our careers, our social circles, and along many of our paths in life. But these things are often fleeting, and our search is unsustainable. God forgive us for not seeking Your kingdom first. Remove those blinders that prevent us from seeing what You are doing in the world and in our lives. Help us to trust that we are a forgiven people, who find joy in the assurance that we are Yours. In Jesus' Name we pray, 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.**

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.

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FaithLife Moment

Consecration Sunday

Michael DeNise



Word

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

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

St. Paul writes: ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, ⁸he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

Response

There Is A Redeemer
Written by Melody Green
Carter Woolly, Soloist and Kevin Agner, Cello

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:12-17

Jesus cleanses the temple

After Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, ¹²he entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written,

'My house shall be called a house of prayer';
but you are making it a den of robbers."

¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read,

'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies
you have prepared praise for yourself?'"

¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

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

Sermon

Pastor Laura Henrik

Hymn 793

Be Thou My Vision
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SLANE

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.**

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 551

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
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CHESTERFIELD

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*

Worship Participants

SONG LEADERS: Rosemary Kinard, Marvie Cartner, Larry Cartner, Kathy Norris and Carter Woolly

GUEST SOLOISTS: Carter Woolly and Anne Newkirk

GUEST MUSICIANS: Kevin Agner, Cello, Abraham Sagaon, Percussion

READER: Kathy Norris

SOUND: Mike Agee

VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins

Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

CONGRATULATIONS — Calvin Starrett, who was baptized on Saturday, Sept. 26. Parents are Ryan and Kelli Starrett.

CONDOLENCES — Stephanie, Tim, Christopher, and Brandon Kafitz, on the passing of Stephanie's father, Steve Summers, on Monday, Sept. 14.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — Ed Shinn, Richard (Dick) Petherick, Ott Pinkston, David and Paula Kafitz, Karen Shelton

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Cathy (Wayne Norris), Lee Wagoner, Jack Connery, Gerald Jones, Phyllis Edwards, Betty Denker, Nancy Austin, Rachel Safrit, John Myers, Bob Melton, Jane Shuping, Barbara Rufty, Hal Furr, Walter Tatum, Jim Rabon, Matt Stahl, Nancy Parrish, Thomas Livesay, Karen Shelton, Gene Myers, Kent Brown

HOMEBOUND — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Nan Graeber, Margaret Ketner, 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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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
Adults.....Danny Hines
Senior AdultsDiane Poole
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds)Teresa Stoner
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Business ManagerRuth Ann Diehl
Office Manager.....Deborah Cross
Accounting.....Mark Bias
Communications Specialist.....Angel Owens
Facilities Manager.....Jon Koppe
Maintenance.....David Ellenburg

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2 O seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race now ran - somed from the fall,

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

3 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

4 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

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