



Can you drink the cup?

The Season after Pentecost

October 17, 2021 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Today is the 21st Sunday after Pentecost. As we begin this new week together, we'd like to bring a few announcements to your attention:

- St. John's Annual Campaign kicks off today. Consecration Sunday is Nov. 14. Be on the lookout for a packet in the mail this week!
- Current 8th-11th graders are invited to sign up for the 2022 ELCA youth gathering online!
- Senior Seasons Lunch-N-Learn with Krista Woolly from the Community Care Clinic is Oct. 19 at 11:30 am. Sign up online.
- Octogenarian Sunday is Oct. 24. Those 80+ and spouses are invited to join us for a luncheon following worship. Please contact Diane Poole, diane@stjohns-salisbury.org to learn more about COVID precautions and to RSVP.
- Join us for Reformation Sunday, Oct. 31. All ages are invited to turn in their best bible/reformation themed pumpkin, vote on their favorite, and participate in a scavenger hunt after each service. And don't forget to wear red!
- Volunteer training for our 3rd Grade Reading Project is Oct. 19 at 1 pm at Isenberg. Sign up with Deborah in the church office.
- *Please be advised:* Today's worship service is being live-streamed for our online community. For those who desire not to be part of the video stream, seating is available in the balcony and along the last 2 pews of the sanctuary's main level.



Connect.



Give.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Prelude

Prayers of Confession

Worship begins as we confess our sins. For Luther, confession was a daily discipline, during which we confess those sins that are “known and those left unknown.” He encouraged us to begin by making the sign of the cross as a reminder that Christ has freed us from our sin.

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.

Holy and righteous God, **we confess that we are a people of unclean lips, hands, and hearts. We have broken your law more times than we can number. We are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry, and we are sorry. Forgive us, Lord, though we are undeserving. Renew us, Lord, for without you we are nothing. 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: you are forgiven of all your sins, in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn 532

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Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Kyrie. *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship. Congregation sings the parts in **bold**.*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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 mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory Be to God in Heaven

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:

We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

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.**



Word

Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song because we read it every Good Friday. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Response

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

Hymn 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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Apostles' 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.*



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Preparation of the Lord's Table: *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Please stand

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... and join their unending hymn

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer followed by 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.**

Distribution of Holy Communion. *You will be invited forward one row at a time. Please take an empty glass, into which the wine will be poured. Grape juice is available in pre-filled cups. All bread in our communion celebration is gluten-free. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

Communion Hymns 154 *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn 481 *Come to the Table* (See Page 11)
Instrumental Janie Rollins, Pianist
Hymn 744 *Lord, Be Glorified* (See page 11)

Please stand

Blessing and Prayer



Sending

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

Benediction

Sending Hymn 537

On Our Way Rejoicing
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HERMES

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

Postlude

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Worship Participants

SONG LEADER: Ricky Howsare

SOUND: Mike Agee

VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins

Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — Dennis Rogers, Rosemary Kinard, Gary Taylor, Jane Barrier, Sherry Mason Brown, Shirley Smith, Ann Bostian

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Emily Stirewalt, Gary Pinkston, Eleanor Andrews, Gene Myers, Lynn Fior, Rachel Safrit, Fran Lawson, Nancy Austin, David Wilson, Robin Cohen, John Myers

HOMEBOUND — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Alda Smith, Margaret Ketner, Dottie Bedford, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Peggy Smith

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
3 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
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.
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
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

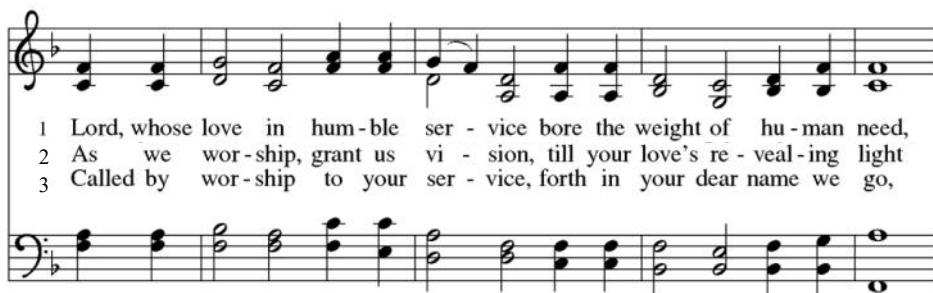


blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,

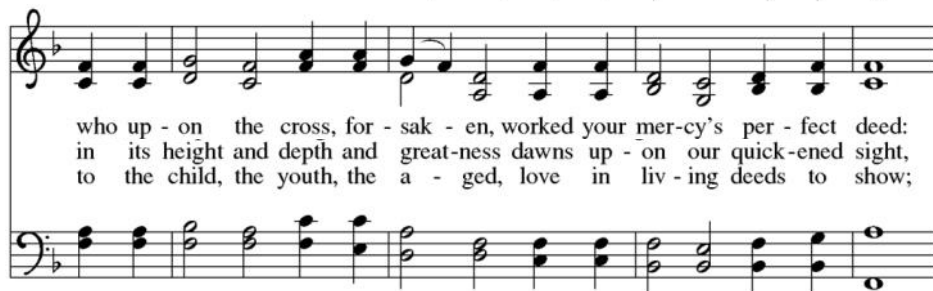


we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

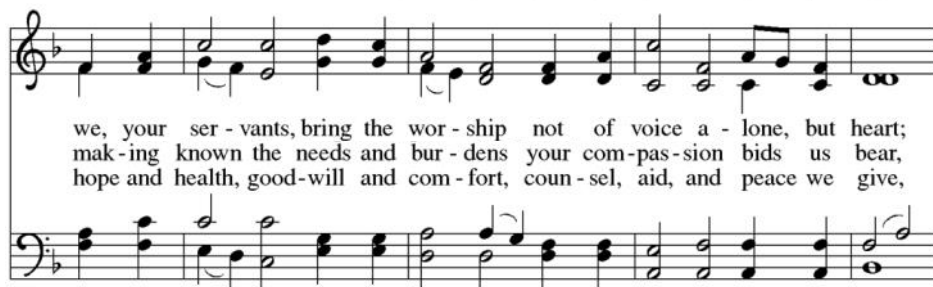
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
3 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.



Lord, Be Glorified



1	In my life,	Lord,	be glo - ri - fied,	be glo - ri - fied;
2	In our song,	Lord,	be glo - ri - fied,	be glo - ri - fied;
3	In your church,	Lord,	be glo - ri - fied,	be glo - ri - fied;
4	In your world,	Lord,	be glo - ri - fied,	be glo - ri - fied;



	in my life,	Lord,	be glo - ri - fied	to - day.
	in our song,	Lord,	be glo - ri - fied	to - day.
	in your church,	Lord,	be glo - ri - fied	to - day.
	in your world,	Lord,	be glo - ri - fied	to - day.



On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
 2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
 un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
 un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
 on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
 On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,
 hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!