



# Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Scout Sunday

February 4, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC



# Welcome to St. John's

*We're so glad God has brought you here!*

**Called Congregational Meeting**— The Congregation Council is recommending Pastor Daniel Joyner Miller as the Primary Candidate to the congregation for approval to be called as the next Senior Pastor of St. John's! **A congregational meeting has been called by the Council for Feb. 11 at 12 noon in the Sanctuary.** On the Agenda, we will vote on issuing the call and then on the recommended compensation package. These are the only two items on the Agenda. The schedule is as follows:

10 am – Unity Worship Service in the sanctuary

11 am – Meet & Greet with the Candidate and family in Ritchie Hall

12 noon – Called Congregational meeting convenes in the Sanctuary

**Today is Scout Sunday.** Scouting has been an integral part of the ministry of St. John's for 100 years. Today, the scouts will participate in worship and will receive special religious awards.

**Buck-A-Meal**—On the first Sunday of the month, every one dollar bill placed in the offering boxes goes to purchase a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries.

**Benevolent Foundation Scholarship and Endowment Grant Applications—are Now Open and Due by March 1 at 5 pm.** Please visit our website for more information at [stjohns-salisbury.org/benevolent-foundation/](http://stjohns-salisbury.org/benevolent-foundation/)

**Ash Wednesday Services—Feb. 14 at 12:15 pm** (Chapel) **and 6:30 pm** (Sanctuary and online).

**Lenten Season**—This year's daily devotional guide, *"Gathered Into One"* will be available on Feb. 11 at both Worship services and in all literature racks.

**St. John's Youth Auction—Sat., Mar. 16 at 4:30 pm.** Tickets are \$20 for dinner and entertainment. Our theme is *Mardi Gras* as the 2024 National Youth Gathering will be held in New Orleans, LA! If you have an item, experience, or service you would like to provide, please reach out to Nancy Shirley at ([nancyruffshirley@gmail.com](mailto:nancyruffshirley@gmail.com)) and Lori Yang ([loriyang@carolina.rr.com](mailto:loriyang@carolina.rr.com)) by Friday Mar. 1. Youth will begin selling tickets next Sun., Feb. 4, before and in-between both services in the Faith Center and in the sanctuary narthex.

**Altar Flowers**— Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dan Brown by Betty Brown.

## Worship Navigation

The Congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.

\* = **Please stand as you are able**

+ = **Face the Cross**

✝ = You are invited to make the sign of the Cross.

**Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.**



# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God*

## Prelude

*Oh That I Had a Thousand Voices*

Settings by Hofreiter/Cherwien

## Confession and Forgiveness \*+

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
creator of darkness and light, word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another**  
**and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant.**  
**Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us,**  
**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**  
**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken: The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of ✙ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.  
**Amen.**

## Apostolic Greeting \*

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 as we gather for worship.*

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.

## Hymn of Praise \*

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

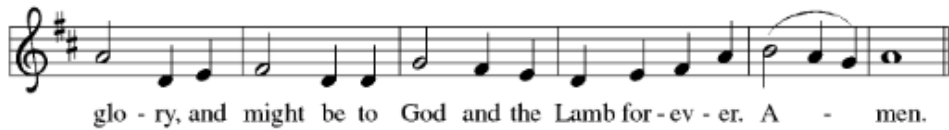
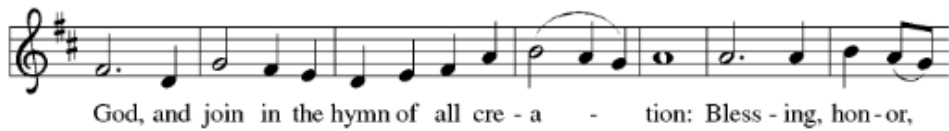
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



## Prayer of the Day\*

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

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Welcome and Announcements

### Scout Sunday Recognition



## Word

### Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

*The Judeans in exile have a good reason to be hopeful: the one who will bring them to freedom is the God who created the world, the God who subdues the rulers of the earth and gives strength to those who are weary.*

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; <sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? <sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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



## Response

## Alleluia



## The Holy Gospel according to Mark:\*

Mark 1:29-39



*Everywhere Jesus goes, many people expect him to set them free from oppression. Everywhere he goes, he heals people and sets them free. Disease, devils, and death are running for their lives. The forces that diminish human life are rendered powerless by Jesus.*

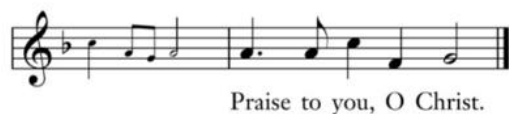
<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons.

<sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." <sup>38</sup>He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

## The Gospel of the Lord.



Hymn 843\*

*Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

NETTLETON

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: "God of grace, receive our prayer".*

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:** *We make peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ, sharing the words "Peace be with you."*

*Please be seated*

**Collection of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Choral Response**

*Have You Not Known*  
(From Isaiah 40:21-31)

K. Lee Scott

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you that the everlasting God dwells on high in starry splendor?  
His glory is unspeakable; his power shall never fail.

*(Refrain) They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength.  
They shall mount up like eagles; they shall run and not grow weary;  
they shall walk and never faint.*

To whom will God, the Lord, compare?  
 Who can stand his equal? By his word he formed the heavens;  
 By his power he e'er sustains them,  
 Vain rulers perish hopelessly; strong nations come to naught. *(Refrain)*

Then why complain, O Israel? Why cast down, O Jacob?  
 DO you think he does not see? Is your way now disregarded?  
 His knowledge is unsearchable. His wisdom strong and sure. *(Refrain)*

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
 Has it not been told you that the everlasting God neither tires nor grows wear?  
 E'en youth shall stumble helplessly, the young grow weak and faint. *(Refrain)*



## Meal

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**Preparation of the Lord's Table.** *After the table is prepared, the Congregation stands and sings: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful".*

**The Offertory Hymn 182\***

*Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

HILLERT

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
 fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
 nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.


## Offertory Prayer\*

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you.  
In bread and cup you open heaven to us.  
Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek  
and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.  
**Amen.**

## 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer with Words of Institution\*

### 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.

## Invitation to Communion\*

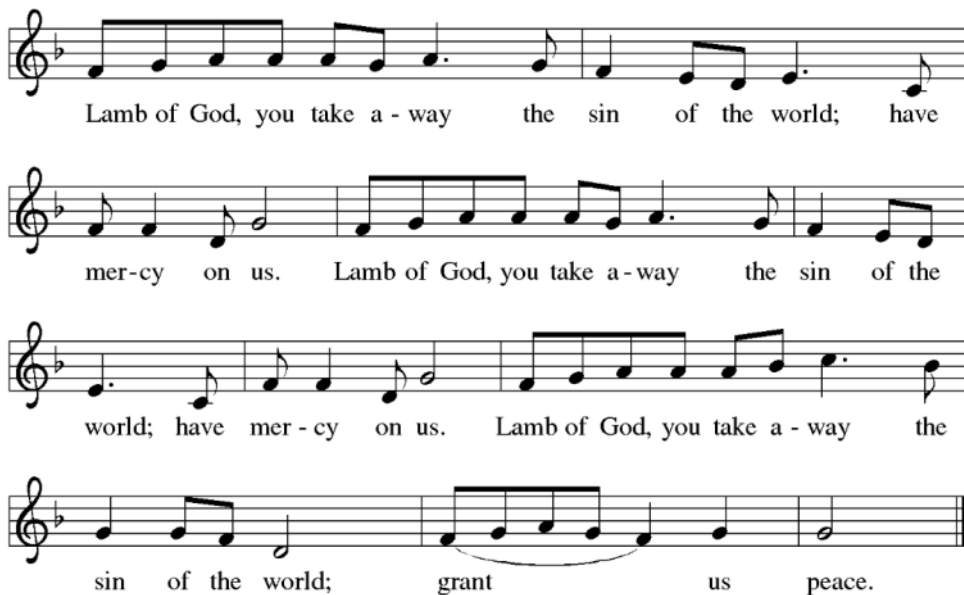
The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated*

**Distribution of Holy Communion.** *All baptized and communing Christians are welcome to receive God's gift of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion at the altar. Follow the usher's instructions. Wine is served in individual cups. Grape juice and non-gluten wafers are available upon request. Please indicate your preference to the pastor. Those not receiving the sacrament, are invited forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest as a sign to the pastor. **If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please signal the servers when they come down from the chancel.***

## Communion Hymn

### *Lamb of God*



Hymn 466

Piano Meditation

Hymn 464

*In the Singing*

*Let All Things Now Living*

Janie Rollins, piano

*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*

Setting by John Helgen

\* The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

### **Prayer after Communion\***

Giver of every good gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**



## **Sending**

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

### **Benediction\***

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn 314\*+**

*Arise, Your Light has Come!*

FESTAL SONG

### **Dismissal\***

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

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# Worship Participants

## Scout Award Recipients:

### *“God and Me” Award*

**Bear Scouts:** Joseph Kuntz, Marvin Lopez and Tanner Speaks

### *“God and Life” Award*

**Scout:** Sam Lisenby (assisting as Usher)

### *“Eagle Scout “ Award*

Gianluca Demary—169th Eagle Scout (assisting as Usher)

## Scout Participants:

### **Ushers:**

William Ryerson  
Grayson Ryerson  
Lucas Douthit  
Josh Douthit  
Alec McGrail  
Devin Copley  
Michael Brown  
Landis Sides

### **Girl Scouts:**

Emmalyn Sides  
Shayla Ros

## Order of St. John’s:

**Acolytes**—Ashton Williams and Benny Rathbun

**Banner Bearer**—Drew Rabon

**Crucifer**—Landen Ryerson

**Reader**—Ashton Williams



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Interim Senior Pastor.....Greg Williams....ext. 2060  
Pastor for Congregational Care .....Lori Carter....ext. 2050  
Pastor for Youth and Outreach .....James Demmel....ext. 2040

## Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Worship and the Arts.....Rob Durocher, deacon....ext. 2080  
Interim Contemporary Worship Leaders.....Michael Board and Ondria Witt  
Assistant Parish Musician.....Janie Rollins  
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins....ext. 2190  
Director of Music *emeritus*.....Karl Kinard Jr., deacon

## Program Ministry

Children.....Stacey Shafer....ext. 2020  
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds), Director .....Gina Phifer....ext. 2120  
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