

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Call Committee Update— Following the unanimous vote of the Call Committee, the Congregation Council voted unanimously to recommend Pastor Daniel Joyner Miller as the Primary Candidate to be called as the next Senior Pastor of St. John's! A called congregational meeting is set for Sunday, February 11, with the following schedule:

- 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

Wednesday Night Meals—5:30 pm in Ritchie Hall! Please visit our website for more information at stjohns-salisbury.org/Wednesdays.

Adult Discipleship Opportunity—Wednesdays through Feb. 7, 6:15 pm—7 pm. We will study the preaching text for the upcoming Sunday. Facilitator: Brad Trick. Join us in the Prayer Room in the Education Wing. Contact Pastor Lori at lori@stjohns-salisbury.org.

New Member's Class—Wed., Jan. 31 at 6 pm in the Goodman Small Dining Room. This is the final class for this series of classes. New members will be installed on February 11 at the 927 and 11 am worship services. Contact Pastor James at james@stjohns-salisbury.org.

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/

Get up and get moving! Join St. John's Healthcare Ministry in **The Walk**. We'll join our steps together to "visit" chapels across the United States. **Jan. 24—Mar. 23.** Contact Carolyn Byrd or scan the QR code to register.



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) and Lori Yang (loriyang@carolina.rr.com) by Friday March 1. Youth will begin selling tickets next Sun., 2/4, before and in-between both services in the Faith Center and in the sanctuary narthex.

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

Arioso

J.S. Bach

Kevin Agner, Cello and Mark Tysinger, Piano

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.

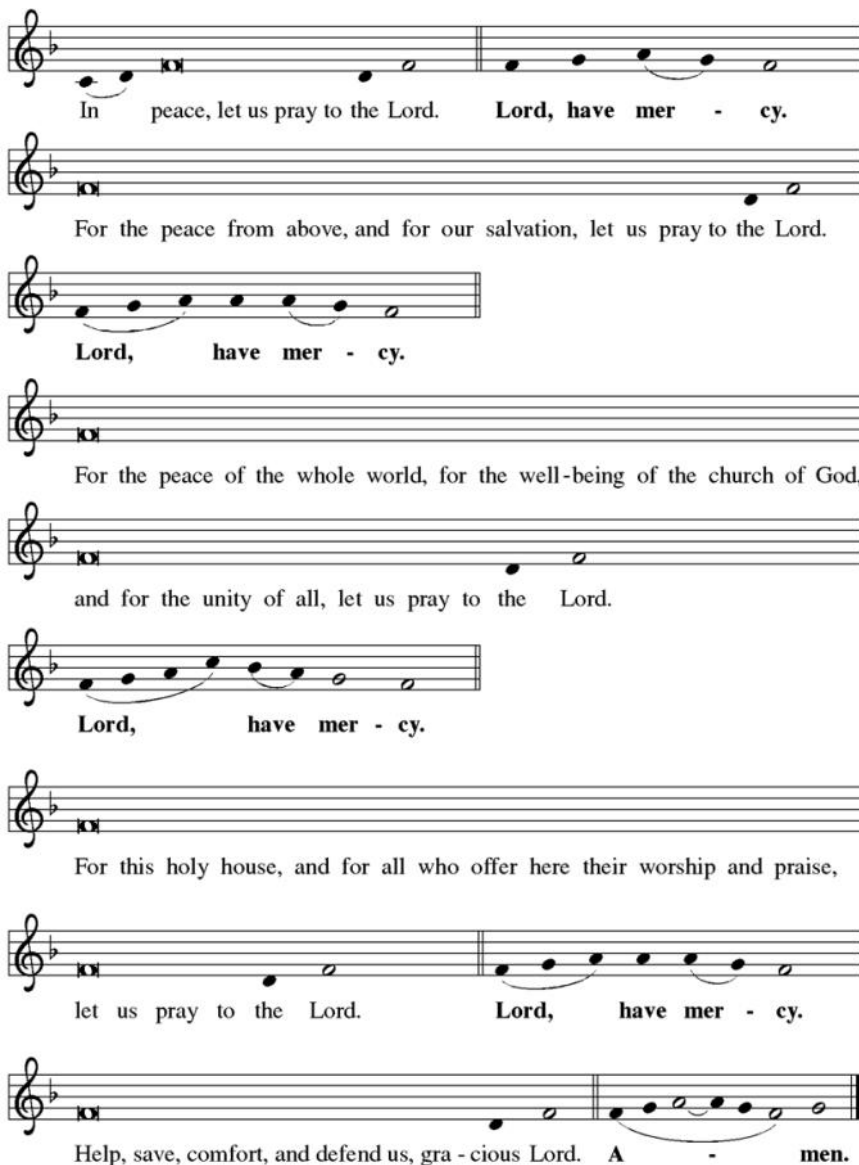
God, our rock and refuge,
we pour out our hearts before you.
We have known you but have not always loved you.
We have wounded one another
and sinned against you.
We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.
Remember your covenant.
Renew your creation.
Restore us,
that we might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

A musical score for a hymn, consisting of nine staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The first staff has a repeat sign at the end. The second staff has a repeat sign at the end. The third staff has a repeat sign at the end. The fourth staff has a repeat sign at the end. The fifth staff has a repeat sign at the end. The sixth staff has a repeat sign at the end. The seventh staff has a repeat sign at the end. The eighth staff has a repeat sign at the end. The ninth staff has a repeat sign at the end.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:

We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

Prayer of the Day *

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

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements



Word

Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Today's reading is part of a longer discourse in Deuteronomy, an updating of the law for the Israelite community as the people wait to enter the promised land. Here Moses assures the people that God will continue to guide them through prophets who will proclaim the divine word.

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

Response

Alleluia



The Holy Gospel according to Mark: *

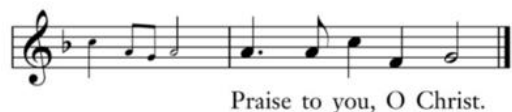
Mark 1:21-28



Forces that would bring death and disease have taken hold of a man, yet they recognize Jesus and know what his power means for them. Jesus commands these forces to leave and people are amazed at his authority.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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.**

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

Offertory Anthem

Jubilate Deo

W.A. Mozart, Arr. Richard Proulx

Jubilate Deo omnis terra, servite Domino in Laetitia.
Laudate nomen ejus: quoniam suavis est Dominus.
Alleluia!

*O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; Serve the Lord with gladness.
Praise the name of the Lord for the Lord is good.*

Offertory Hymn

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the bass line is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

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.

Prayers of Intercession * *Each petition ends: "God of grace, **receive 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

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 545*+

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

Dismissal *

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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