



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC



Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Leonard Knight has been building Salvation Mountain for over fifteen years. Using his unique method of "splooching" to paint manmade mounds of clay and straw, Mr. Knight simply wants to spread the good news that "God is Love." As your eye travels from the base of the mountain to its peak, you discover a multitude of images and slogans that express the complexity and comprehensiveness of God's presence. A slogan about Jesus begins your journey up the mountain, and it concludes with a single white cross at the top that represents the risen Christ. The image of Creator God is embodied in every painted flower and tree. From doves to fruit, representations of the Holy Spirit cover generous portions of this labor of love. Every inch of Salvation Mountain represents Mr. Knight's experience of the living God, the Trinity.

Men's Ministry—Jul. 30—Join us for an evening at **Top Golf**. Transportation provided for those that need it. **RSVP on our website or via FaithLife by Jul. 16.** Cost to be determined by number of sign-ups. Contact Eric Brady at ericbrady@roadrunner.com with any questions.



New Members Classes—Interested in joining St. John's? Classes will be held on **Aug. 14 and 21, from 6:30-7:30 pm in Goodman Dining Hall**. Sign up by scanning the QR code here, on our website or contact: james@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Church-wide Retreat—Sept. 13-15—**Registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 23 at 5 pm.** To secure your spot, submit your registration and non-refundable \$50 (per person) down payment early. **Registration forms and total payment in full are due by Friday, Aug. 30 at 5 pm.** Make Checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church and mark "Retreat 2024", or pay online on our Giving tab, and select "Churchwide Retreat-Lutheridge". (If you need financial assistance or have questions contact: Donna Groce at Dwgroce933@icloud.com.)

Altar Flowers—Given to the glory of God and in honor of Kathy Liles Norris by Darrell, John and Paul.

Additional Flowers (Baptismal Font)—Given to the glory of God and in honor of Rose Margaret Henson on her baptism, by grandparents: Gary and Angela Graham and Wanda Henson.

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

To You Alone, Lord Jesus

by Johann Pachelbel

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,
the God of manna, the God of miracles,
the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,
help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

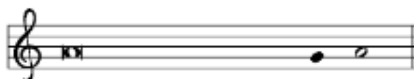
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

You are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **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.**

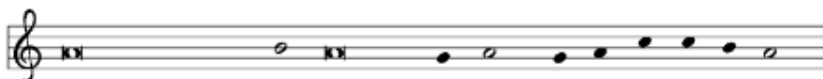
Kyrie* *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



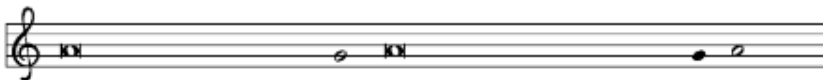
Lord, have mer - cy.



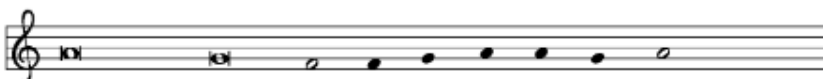
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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 wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise*

Glory Be to God in Heaven

ODE TO JOY

Glory be to God in heaven; peace goodwill to all the earth.
 Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
 Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
 For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day*

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

Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Welcome and Announcements



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God’s plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God’s children and have been promised eternal salvation.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

The Gospel Acclamation*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.





Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Rose Margaret Henson

child of Brett and Lauren Henson

Godparent: Ashley Graham Phipps

Baptismal family gathers at the font.

The Congregation's Response:

People of God, do you promise to support Rose and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

The Profession of Faith.

People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

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

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

We give you thanks, O God...unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Rite of Baptism. *The Rite of Baptism includes three symbols used in baptismal liturgy since the beginning of the church: water (for cleansing), oil (for sealing), and light (for proclaiming).*

Baptism with Water. *Rose is baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

Imposition of Oil. *Oil is used to make the sign of the cross on Rose's forehead, a symbol that seals her in relationship with Christ.*

Gift of Light. *Rose is welcomed into the Family of God. A Candle (the light of Christ) is presented to her with the words, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:16).*

The Congregation Welcomes Rose into the Family of God.

We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

As Rose is introduced to the congregation; all are invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me."

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

***Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide;
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. Refrain**

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* arr. Richard A. Williamson

Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of Power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled.
To God all praise and glory.

The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
As with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band.
To God all praise and glory.

Thus all my gladsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part.
To God all praise and glory!

Offertory Hymn 152

Create in Me



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer*

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession* *Each petition ends: "In your mercy, hear 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 805*+

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

Dismissal *

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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