



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 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!

Blessing of the Backpacks—Aug. 4 – Bring your backpacks for a special blessing next Sunday. During both services, we will pray for our students, as well as faculty and staff as they begin another school year.

Men's Ministry Breakfast—Aug. 10, 9-10:30 am, Ritchie Hall—Men of all ages are welcome! Al Wood will be our guest speaker. Please RSVP by clicking the QR code or in a browser: <https://stjsalisbury.onechurchsoftware.com/forms/39/fields>



Unity Sunday is Aug. 11. We will worship together in **ONE service at 10 am** in the sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate an important milestone in the lives of our confirmands.

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.



Women's Ministry—Game Night—Aug. 15, 6-8 pm, Ritchie Hall—Join us for a night filled with laughter and fun as we play games such as: Farkle, Five Crowns, Mexican Train, Poker, Qwirkle, among other favorites. You are welcome to bring a snack to share, or a game to teach others how to play. Our mission will be to collect School Supplies for Isenberg Elementary, grades K-5!

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 our son and bonus daughter, Alex and Michaela Yost, in celebration of their birthday on July 30, by Anita and Biff Yost.

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

Prelude in G Major
Janie Rollins, Organ

by Felix Mendelssohn

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.

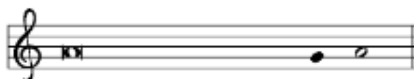
Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy:

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.**

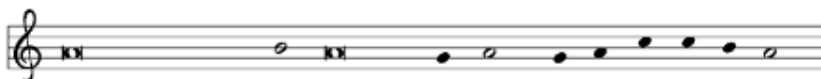
Kyrie* *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



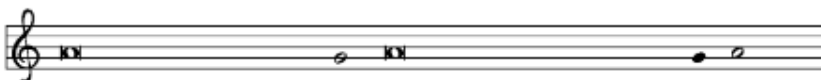
Lord, have mer - cy.



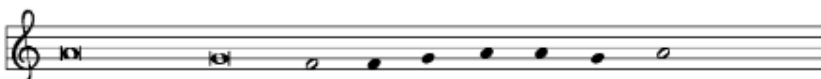
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, 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: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat."⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'"⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Acclamation*





In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. As such, they remain within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Lori Carter



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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.**

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Lord of Feasting and of Hunger
By Rusty Edwards, Arr. C. Schalk

Lord of Feasting and of hunger, give us eyes to see your bread
In the miracle of wonder, till all tables will be fed.
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of seed and Lord of harvest, turn the desert into bloom;
Purify the sky and forest, give your wisdom, send it soon.
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of storm and heat and danger, deep inside and high above,
Break into all fear and anger, till you reign the earth in love.
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

Lord of taking and of giving, give us back our dignity.
In our universal living, break down all inequity.
See the silent ones who wait when the blessing seems too late.

Create 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 546*+

To Be Your Presence

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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.*