



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024 | 11 am



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Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Pictorial Directory—Openings still available for your **Photography Session**. The location is at our former Seasons Gift Shop. For important details and to sign up, visit our website or scan the QR Code here. If you need assistance, please call our office.



Wednesday Night Meals—**Sept. 18 at 5:30 pm in Ritchie Hall**. As part of our discipleship study, Pastor Kendra Joyner Miller will introduce us to Cole Arthur Riley's work and invite us to participate in a time of reflection and writing of liturgies for our own lives. Ms. Riley is Catawba College's Clergy Network keynote speaker on September 26 at 11:00 am.

3- and 4-year-old Milestones— **Sept. 22 at 2 pm in the Ark**. RSVP by Sept. 18. If you have any questions, contact Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.

An Evening of Worship—From the Inside Out—**Sept. 28** at 6 pm in the Faith Center. Michael Board, Ondria Witt and the 927 Worship Team personally invite you to an evening of worship with some of their favorite songs. We encourage you to invite friends, family and community members. All are welcome!

WMs Ministry—Prayer Rock Painting at Cauble Creek Vineyard—**Oct. 3 from 7 pm—9 pm**. Join us for a fun-filled Women's Ministry event painting prayer rocks. To sign up, scan the QR Code here. Contact Sally Taylor at samt5267@gmail.com or Rosalind Hines at rhines509@gmail.com with any questions.



Altar Flowers— Given to the glory of God and in honor of the Music Department, by Darrell and Gerrie Blackwelder.

Worship Participants

Order of St John's:

Acolytes—Hannah Jean Roy and Anelise Roy

Reader: Ann Rollins

Crucifer—Anna Kate Goodman

Banner Bearer—Samuel Goodman

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

Elevation (Tierce en Taille)
Janie Rollins, Organ

by Francois Couperin

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,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **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.*
 Setting by Robert J. Durocher, Jr.

(Cantor) Congregation (Cantor)

Voice

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Lord have mer - cy. Chr - i - ste e -

6 Congregation 2nd time

le - i - son, Christ have - mer - cy. Christ, have - mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise*

This is the Feast of Victory For Our God
 Setting by Robert J. Durocher, Jr.

$\text{♩} = 92$

Voice

This is the feast of vict-'ry for our God. This is the feast of

6 vict-'ry for our God. Thus is the feast of vict-'ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia!

11 l. Wor - thy is Christ, the - Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

15 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and - hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vict-'ry for our God. This is the feast of vict-'ry for our God.



This is the feast of vict-'ry for our God. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia. 2.Sing with-all the



peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of— all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,



glo - ry and might be to God - and the Lamb for - ev - er, A - men. 3.This is the feast of



vict-'ry for our God. This is the feast of vict-'ry for our God. For the Lamb who was



slain be-gins his reign. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le lu ia. Al-le lu ia, al le lu ia.

Prayer of the Day*

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

Let us pray. O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, 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: James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. ⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. ⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, ⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Gospel Acclamation*





This story provides the turning point in Mark’s gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor James Demmel

Hymn 793*

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

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: "Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**"*

Peace

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

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Awake My Heart

by Jane Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render, to God thy sure defender,
thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.

Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day, with thee beside me,
beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture given to bring me on toward heaven.



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, Lord".*

The Offertory Hymn 184*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Ronald A. Nelson

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 dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offertory Prayer*

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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*

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your 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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn 472

Eat This Bread

Piano Meditation

This Is My Father's World

arr. Mark Hayes

Janie Rollins, Piano

Hymn 674

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Post Communion Blessing*

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

Prayer after Communion*

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 547*+

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

THE ASH GROVE

Dismissal*

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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