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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC



Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Building Bridges—Oct. 17 from 6:30-8:30 pm—in Ritchie Hall. You're invited to a Community Conversation about how we can advocate for strong public schools that serve all children, especially our most vulnerable, as a way to love our neighbors and build a beloved community!

Consecration Sunday Brunch— Oct. 20 from 8:30-11:30 am in Ritchie Hall. Join us for our annual Celebration Brunch. Invitation cards are available online, in our literature racks, and the QR code here. If you forget to RSVP, we will follow up with a phone call.



1st Grade Milestones (The Lord's Prayer)—Oct. 20 at 2 pm in the Ark. RSVP by Oct. 16 and 3rd Grade Milestones (Good News, God News)—Oct. 27 at 2 pm in the Ark. RSVP by Oct. 23. If you have any questions, contact Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Serenity Sisters—Oct. 27 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Stacey Shafer's (1102 Stonewyck Dr., in Salisbury). Ages 35-55 are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship. It will be a time of brainstorming ways to connect our faith, family and the busyness our lives bring. Please bring a snack to share.

CDC and St. John's Kindergarten—Trunk or Treat—Oct. 31 at 10 am. *Candy donations* are requested and much appreciated and may be dropped off at the Church Office. **Candy must not contain nuts or peanut butter due to allergies.** Come join us in the Pit and Ark. Sign up with the QR Code here to help set up and pass out candy! Thank you for your participation in this fun event!



Young Children are always welcome at worship, although a nursery for infants through age 5 is provided in the lower level of the Sanctuary building for your convenience. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.

Altar Flowers— Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Munday and Doug Cesario and in honor of Reggie's 93rd birthday and our 11th wedding anniversary, by Brenda and

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

Intermezzo Opus 117 no. 2
Mark Tysinger, Piano

Johannes Brahms

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.**

Welcome and Announcements—Temple Talk #3—Mark Lewis

Solo

God Is My Shepherd Antonin Dvorack (1841-1904)
Cathy Tysinger, Mezzo Soprano; Mark Tysinger, Piano



Word

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

Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

Invitation to Children's Worship—All elementary-aged children are invited to Children's Worship. Please gather at the Baptismal Font.

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.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark*

Mark 10:17-31



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Lori Carter

Hymn 655*

Son of God, Eternal Savior

IN BABILONE

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.**

Peace

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

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Instrumental *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone*
Rebecca Lewis, Flute; Rosemary Wood, Piano

Offertory Hymn *Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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.

Prayers of Intercession * *Each petition ends: "God of grace, 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 705*+

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Dismissal*

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Worship Participants

Order of St John's:

Acolytes—Katie-Ann Dangerfield an Anson Ward

Reader: Diane Goodnight

Crucifer—Lilly Dangerfield

Banner Bearer—Meredith Williams



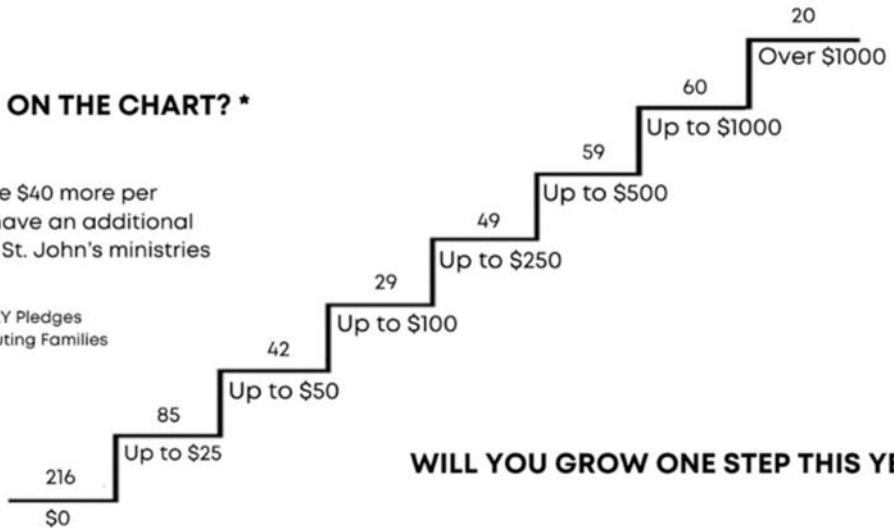
*For the sake of the church.
For the sake of the community.
For the sake of the world.*

WHERE ARE YOU ON THE CHART? *

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If every family gave \$40 more per month, we would have an additional \$165,120 to support St. John's ministries and missions.

*Based on 2024 MONTHLY Pledges and gifts of 344 Contributing Families



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