



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

22nd Sunday after Pentecost Consecration Sunday

October 20, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC



Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Consecration Sunday Preacher—Welcome Pastor Tim Brown! Tim Brown is a pastor in the ELCA and has served parishes in Chicago, IL and Raleigh, NC. He currently serves in the Office of the Presiding Bishop as Director for Congregational Stewardship Support where he creates and curates relationships and resources to help Synods and Congregations fuel their ministries. He lives in Raleigh, NC with his wife and two sons, and you can usually find him in a coffee shop or brewery reading or writing something he thinks is interesting.

Consecration of Pledge Cards—Members are encouraged to complete their Pledge card indicating their planned financial support for the ministries of St. John's in 2025. Cards were mailed to members late last month. Cards are available in the pew in front of you. Please bring your completed card and place it in the basket at the front of the nave when you come to receive Communion. Thank you for your faithful generosity!

Gator Reading Club—Tutors needed for Isenberg Elementary School. **Begins Oct. 21.** St. John's church liaison for Isenberg Elementary is Karen Puckett. If interested in this opportunity, please email Karen at karenmcgeepuckett@gmail.com or call her at 704-798-6834.

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 needed—Drop off boxes are located in Ritchie Hall, the Sanctuary Narthex and in Peeler Hall. **Candy must not contain nuts or peanut butter, due to allergies.** We greatly appreciate your donations for this fun event! Please contact Lea Anne Thomas at leanne@stjohns-salisbury.org with any questions.

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 honor of Consecration Sunday by the Decorations Committee.

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

Welcome Song

by Toni Sullivan

The Kingdom Kids Choir, Kimberly Lentz and Carol Everhart, Directors

Come in, come in, you are welcome here.

Come in, come in, you need not fear.

Come in, come in, children of God. You are welcome here.

Our doors are open to all. To the young and the old, big and small.
We all are connected by God's love and care. This is the message we share.

We all are children of God. We're a family of people who care.
One body, one spirit, one hope and one Lord,
These are the things that we share.

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.**

Entrance Hymn 521*

O Day of Rest and Gladness

ELLACOMBE

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.

Voice

(Cantor) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Congregation Lord have mer - cy. (Cantor) Chr - i - ste e -

6 Congregation le - i - son, Christ have - mer - cy. 2nd time Christ, have - mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise*

This is the Feast of Victory for Our God

Setting by Robert J. Durocher, Jr.

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Voice

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of
6 vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia!
11 1. 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.
19 This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God.
23 This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia. 2.Sing with - all the
28 peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of — all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,
32 glo - ry and might be to God - and the Lamb for - ev - er, A - men. 3.This is the feast of

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vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. For the Lamb who was

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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. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, 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: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one

who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; ⁶as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 10:35-45

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you

want me to do for you?”³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Tim Brown

Sermon Hymn 686*

We Give Thee but Thine Own

HEATH

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: "God of grace, **hear our prayer.**"*

Peace

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

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Take My Life, and Let It Be Setting by Craig Courtney
Chancel Choir, Kimberly Lentz, Guest Director

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee.
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.
Take my voice and let me sing always only for my King.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my moments and my days let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thy own it shall be thy royal throne.



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.

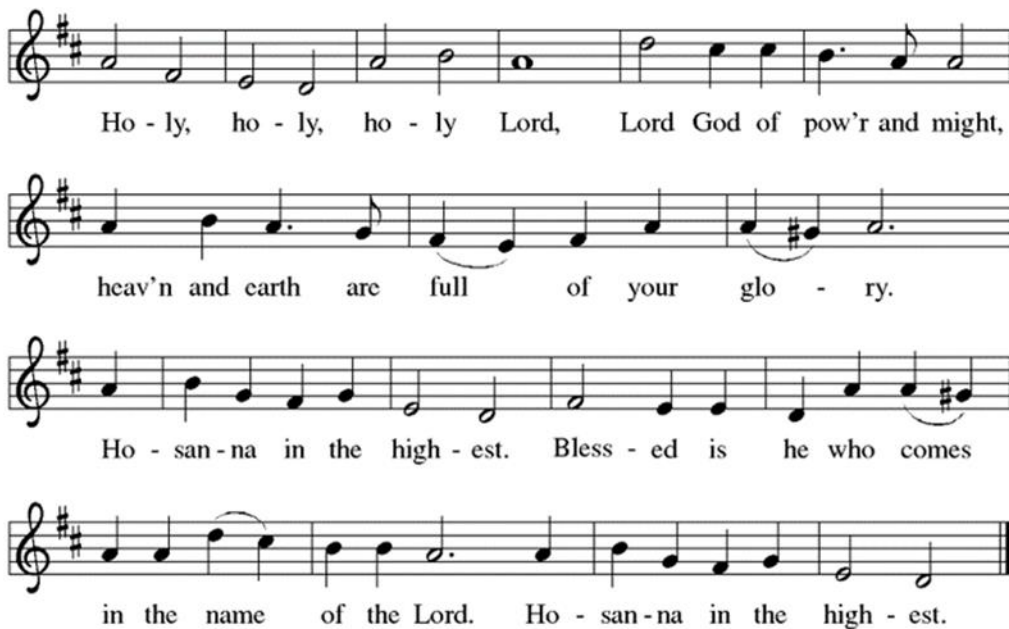
The Great Thanksgiving*

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.***

Reception of Pledge Cards

Please place your completed card in the basket at the front of the center aisle as you come forward to receive Communion. We will consecrate them to the support of God's work through St. John's following Communion.

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 481

Piano Meditation

Hymn 674

Come to the Table

We Gather Together

Kimberly Lentz, Piano

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

arr. Thomas Keesecker

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.

Prayer of Consecration

Let us pray. Gracious and loving God, accept our pledges in grateful thanksgiving to you for your abundant grace in our lives and the redemption we have through Christ Jesus. Give us faith to recognize your work in our lives, give us joy in serving you, and lead us in the building up of faith in more and more people. We dedicate these pledges for your mission through St. John's during 2025 to you, O God, and to your glory alone, in the name of the Father, and of the Son **+**, and of the Holy Spirit.
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.**

Dismissal *

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

Postlude

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