

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC

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.



Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Correction - Gold Leaf Altar Gilding—was performed by Bruce Wilson of *Fine Frame Gallery* in Salisbury, NC.

A Service of Comfort and Hope—Nov. 17 at 3 pm in the Chapel. we are offering a Service of Comfort and Hope for people who may be struggling as the holiday season approaches. For many it is a season of joy and celebrations. However, for some, it may be the first holiday without a beloved family member or it may be a time that has always been difficult. You will be invited to light a candle to signify the light of Christ who broke through the darkness and is still shining with us.

5th Grade Milestones (Different Ways to Pray)—Nov. 24 at 2 pm in the Ark. RSVP by Nov. 20. If you have any questions, contact Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Hanging of the Greens—Nov. 24 from 4-7 pm—We are inviting the congregation to participate in the "Hanging of the Greens." This event helps us begin decorating our church campus for Advent. Participants may want to bring work gloves to help fluff the tree!

Christmas Traditions—Join us **Dec. 1, 5-7 pm, at the Vista at Walnut Hill** for our Christmas Traditions event. You'll enjoy Advent wreath making, a hot chocolate bar, soup, chili, and more! Sign up by scanning the QR code or online at <https://app.onechurchsoftware.com/stjsalisbury/forms/73>



Angel Tree Sponsors—Angel Tree tags are available on the trees in Peeler Hall by the Front Desk and in the Sanctuary narthex. Please complete the information by the tag number(s) on the sign up sheet and take a handout with the details. **Unwrapped Items are due back by Dec. 6 and should be brought to Peeler Hall.**

Rainbow Makers Ministry—Join us in sharing our love and support for our CDC and Kindergarten staff and students! We enrich God-inspired learning in our early childhood centers and provide treats, surprises and supplemental resources throughout the year exemplifying God's love and promise. To join or for more information, contact Kathy Roberson at kathyroberson66@gmail.com or 847-802-2261.

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 memory of Anne Loeblein, by Bob Loeblein.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God.

Prelude

Meditation on the tune Nettleton

Setting by Paul Frey

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,
our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true:
Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,
swallowing up death forever.
For his sake, you are ✚ forgiven
and God remembers your sin no more.
Let your heart be glad again,
and rejoice in your salvation.
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) Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Lord have mer - cy. Chr - i - ste e -

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

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, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through 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: 1 Kings 17:8-16

This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

⁸The word of the Lord came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son.

¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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 12:38-44




Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

³⁸As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

Sermon Hymn 658*

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

WALTON

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 Anthem

Offertory
(Micah 6:6-8)

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings,
Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give Him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man;
He has shown you what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justly and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly, walk humbly with your God.

Offertory Hymn

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,
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: "Merciful God, **receive 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 434*+

Jesus Shall Reign

DUKE STREET

Dismissal*

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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