



*The Descent of the Holy Spirit, from a benedictional made in Regensburg, Germany, ca. 1030–40. Tempera colors, gold leaf, and ink on parchment.*

## *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 19, 2025 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church  
Salisbury, NC

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### Order of St John's:

**Acolytes**—Katie-Ann Dangerfield and Anson Ward

**Reader:** Mary Willis Page

**Crucifer**—Lilly Dangerfield

**Banner Bearer**—Meredith Williams

## 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!*

*During the season after Epiphany we will celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us with a preaching series on St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, specifically those famous 12, 13, and 15<sup>th</sup> chapters. This series will focus on what God, through scripture, reveals to us about the nature of community and how God's spirit makes us One. If you are looking to dive deeper into these texts and the letter in general join us for our Women's Bible Study, Tuesdays at 8 am on zoom (contact Pr. Lori), or our Men's Bible Study, Thursdays at 8am at Trinity Oaks.*

**Office Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—Mon., Jan. 20, 2025.** The St. John's Office will be closed in observation of the holiday. A pastor will be available for emergencies. Dial ext. 2990 when calling the church.

**Wednesday Night Meals**—Join us on Wednesdays at **5:30 pm in Ritchie Hall**. Please visit our website for more information at [stjohns-salisbury.org/Wednesdays](http://stjohns-salisbury.org/Wednesdays).

**Bibles and Brews 2025**—Men's Ministry—Join us on **Tues., Jan. 28 at 6 pm at City Tavern**. Contact Eric Brady at [ericbrady@roadrunner.com](mailto:ericbrady@roadrunner.com) with any questions.

**Game Night—Jan. 30 from 6-8 pm**. Our Women's Ministry invites you to join us for a fun night of games and fellowship. Contact Pastor Lori at [lori@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:lori@stjohns-salisbury.org) or Rosalind Hines at [rhines509@gmail.com](mailto:rhines509@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Men's Retreat at Stillpoint—One day only—Feb. 8, 8:30 am—5 pm**  
320 Calvert Rd., Salisbury, NC 28146. Bring a snack to share. RSVP is required. Scan QR code here, or visit our website. Call Eric Brady 704-213-7164 or Mark Ritchie 704-239-6000 with any questions.



**New Members Classes**—Interested in joining St. John's? Classes will be held on **Feb. 12 and 19 starting at 6:15 pm**. Sign up by scanning the QR code here, on our website or contact: [james@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:james@stjohns-salisbury.org).



**Benevolent Foundation Scholarship and Endowment Grant Applications—are Due by Mar. 1 at 5 pm**. Please visit our website for more information at [stjohns-salisbury.org/benevolent-foundation/](http://stjohns-salisbury.org/benevolent-foundation/)

**Altar Flowers**—Given to the glory of God in offering best wishes for a Happy New Year by Franco and Brenda Goodman.



# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God.*

## PRELUDE

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
Connie Burleson, Organist

arr. John Palmer-Smith

## 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 creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

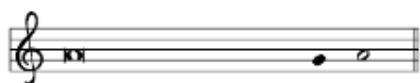
Merciful God,  
**you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**  
**Forgive us for the ways we act**  
**with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**  
**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;**  
**we resist your call to oppose injustice;**  
**we give in to scarcity and fear;**  
**we assume the worst about one another.**  
**Cleanse us from our faults**  
**and release us from their grasp.**  
**Show us your lovingkindness.**  
**Restore our hearts and repair your world,**  
**that we may live in Christ's ways.**  
**Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance:  
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.  
I have called you by name. You are mine."  
In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven.  
In the Spirit, you are made free.  
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,  
live anew as beloved children of God. **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.



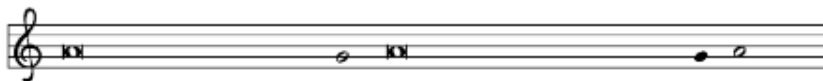
Lord, have mer - cy.



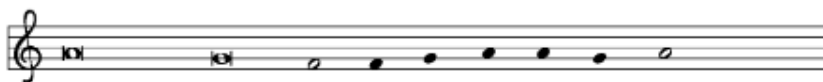
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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\***

*This is the Feast*

from Revelation 5

*Refrain*  
 All

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.  
 1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us  
 free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and  
 strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.  
*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY\*

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

*Let us pray.* Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, 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 Corinthians 12:1-11**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others. Paul invites this fractured community to trust that God’s Holy Spirit has gifted them all perfectly for their mission together.*

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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\*

*Alleluia*

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 JOHN

John 2:1-11



*Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.*

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



## SERMON

Pastor James Demmel

## SERMON HYMN 576\*

*We All Are One in Mission*

KUORTANE

**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.**

*Please be seated*

**COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Many Gifts, One Spirit*  
Based on Corinthians 12:1-11

Adapted by Diane Hannibal

Many gifts, one Spirit. Many ways to serve.  
Many gifts, one Spirit in Christ.  
Knowledge of God's teachings, wisdom for the right,  
Love that heals a heart broken, faith to seek the light.

Many gifts, one Spirit. Many ways to serve.  
Many gifts, one Spirit in Christ.  
Hands that reach to others, arms with warm embrace,  
Love that binds us together, hearts to share God's grace.

(Refrain) One in Spirit, one in faithfulness, one in love for the Son.  
Every gift a blessing given from our gracious God.

Many gifts, one Spirit. Many ways to serve.  
Many gifts, one Spirit in Christ.  
Hearts to feed the hungry, strength to win the fight,  
Love that holds us forever in God's eternal light. (Refrain)



## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**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.

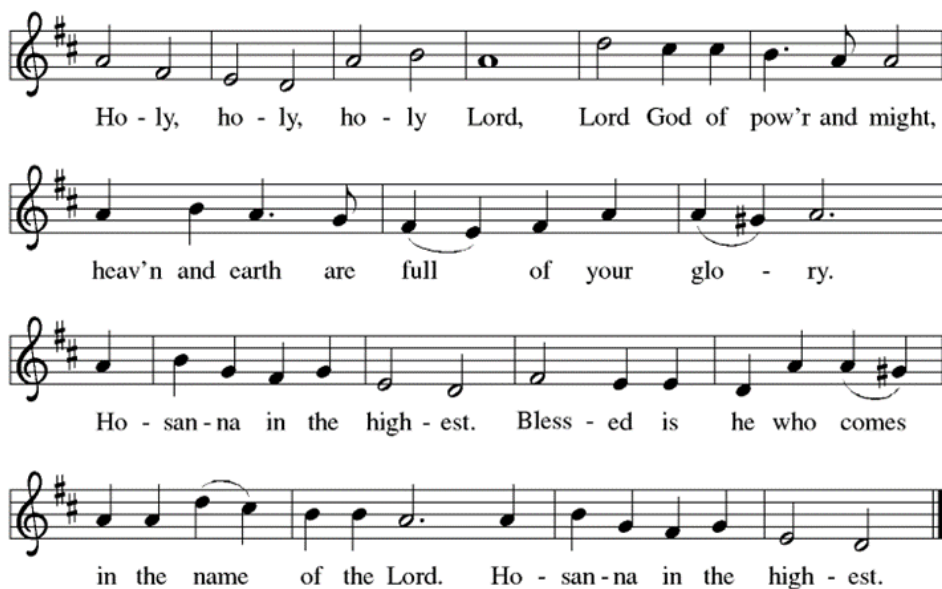
## OFFERTORY PRAYER\*

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.  
Bless what we offer to your service:  
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.  
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,  
now and always.  
**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\*

### 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\*

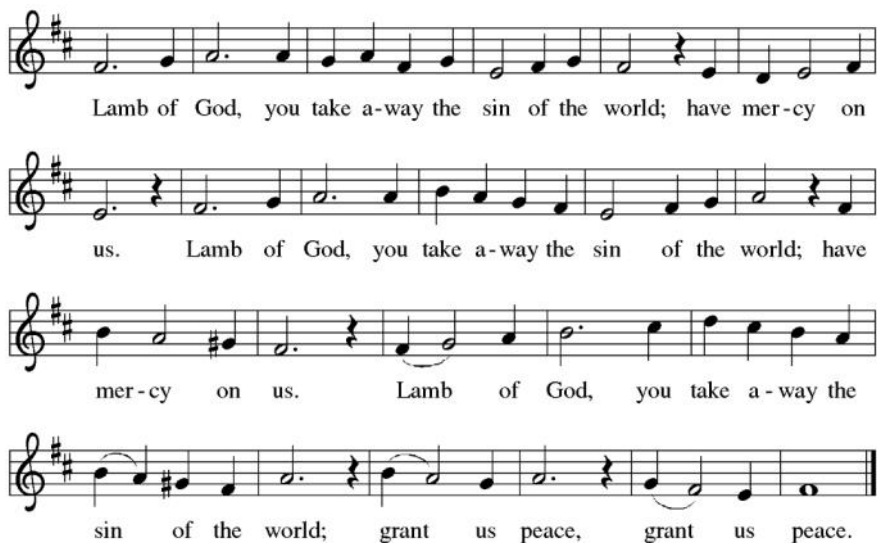
The Joy of the Lord is our strength.  
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

*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 481**

*Come to the Table*

**Piano Meditation**

*Here I am, Lord*

setting by Anne Marie David

Connie Burleson, Piano

**Hymn 482**

*I Come with Joy*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING\*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*

Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**



# SENDING

*Forgiven and nourished, we are now sent into the world to share God's love.*

## BENEDICTION\*

The Spirit of the triune God  
✝ bless you with joy,  
anoint you with compassion,  
and send you in love. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN 836\*+

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

## DISMISSAL\*

Go in peace. Live in Hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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