



Fourth Sunday In Easter

May 11, 2025 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church
Salisbury, NC



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Senior Seasons Academy is offering a fascinating opportunity to dive into the book of Revelation! This two-part series will explore one of the Bible's most intriguing and enigmatic books. **Tuesdays**, May 13, and 20 in the Goodman Dining Room. **Coffee and Danish:** Available starting at 9:30 am; Light refreshments available at 11:10 am. **Lecture times:** 9:50 am and 11:30 am. **Contact:** Pastor Lori Carter (lori@stjohns-salisbury.org) with questions or for more information.

Called Meeting—May 18, 10:15 am in the Faith Center. Please plan to attend the Called Meeting to vote on the Sanctuary elevator renovation project. Copies of the proposal are available in the narthex.

Graduation Sunday—May 18. Join us as we celebrate and congratulate our Class of 2025 graduates. Our 2025 St. John's Scholarship Recipients will also be acknowledged at this service. **Please be sure to sign the "Oh, the Places You'll Go!" books located on the tables in Peeler Hall and the Sanctuary narthex.**

St. John's Men's Chorus Spring Concert—Join us on **May 18 at 4 pm** in the Sanctuary as the St. John's Men's Chorus presents, *"Sacred Harp, Sacred Song: Celebrating the Rich Tradition of American Folk Hymns"*. A free will offering will be taken and will benefit the NC Synod Disaster Fund for Hurricane Helene Relief and will be matched up to \$5,000 by a generous donor.

VBS—ages 3 through CURRENT 5th grade—Join us on **Jun. 9-13 from 9 am—12:15 pm** for a *"True North"* adventure! Register and view wish list by scanning QR codes below. Contact Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org with any questions or to volunteer.



VBS Registration



VBS Wishlist

Hands and Feet Camp—July 29-31, 9 am—4 pm. Current 3rd-5th graders! Join Pastor Dan, Stacey and St. John's Youth for morning devotions, opportunities to serve in the community, lunch, and fun afternoon outings. Scan the QR Code to register.



Altar Flowers—Given to the glory of God and in memory of our family's mothers, Jewrell Corriher, Edith Kirchin, Becky Russell, Barbara Sims and all mothers who have gone before us. Given by Barbara and Darryl Corriher.

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

Now the Green Blade Rises

Mark Sedio

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM*+

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your
church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own
making. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in
captivity; waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. **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 above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne.
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood.”

PRAYER OF THE DAY*

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

Let us pray.

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**JOYFUL RINGERS**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. Cathy Mocklebust

**WORD**

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

READING:

Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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 10:22-30



Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵ Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

SERMON HYMN 502*

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(Stanzas 1, 2, 5 & 6)

ST. COLUMBA

NICENE CREED* *Gathered as God’s people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed:*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEACE*

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

Please be seated

COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

This Little Light of Mine
Mark Tysinger, Director

Spiritual arr. Robert A. Harris

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine,
Let it shine.

OFFERTORY HYMN*

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God



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, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION * *Each petition ends: "Hear us, O God,. **Your mercy is great.**"*

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 triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN 384*+

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS

DISMISSAL*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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