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18th Sunday after Pentecost  
October 12, 2025 | 11 am



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# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

*We're so glad God has brought you here!*

**Our nursery** is available during the 11 am worship service. Please see an usher for assistance.

**New Members Sunday**—Join us in welcoming our new members: Sam and Kaitlyn Mauldin (Aiden and Addison), Joseph and Amy Bolick-Licul, Irene and Kevin Sack (Theodore), Ken and Suzanne Miller, Jeffrey and Hannah Nelson, Samuel and Christine Weisensel (Henry), Noah Upchurch and Megan Smith, Bailee Johnson (Charleigh, Millie, Mackley).

**Senior Seasons Academy** – Tuesdays in October – “*Creative Spirit, Holy Spirit: Art as a Christian Expression.*” Gathering time is at 9:30 am. Morning Sessions are from 10 – 11:30 am and Afternoon Sessions from 12:15-2 pm. Contact Pastor Lori: [Lori@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:Lori@stjohns-salisbury.org), with any questions.

**Trick or Treat So Others May Eat – Oct. 12 & 19** – Pick up a bag in the narthex after the service on these dates and fill with non-perishable items. **Filled bags must be returned by Oct. 26.** Proceeds will benefit Rowan Helping Ministries.

**Men's Ministry Germanfest – Oct. 17 at 5 pm.** Bring a chair and your own beverage. Contact Dan Waggoner for more details at [dwagg321@gmail.com](mailto:dwagg321@gmail.com).

**Consecration Sunday Brunch— Oct. 19 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.



**Octogenarian Luncheon – Oct. 26, 12:30 in Ritchie Hall.** There is still time to RSVP if you are 80 or older, by calling the church office. We look forward to seeing you there!

**3rd Grade Milestone – “Good News, God News” - Oct. 26 at 2 pm in the Ark. RSVP by Oct. 22.** If you have any questions, contact [Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org).

**Serenity Sisters – Oct. 26 at 5 pm.** Contact [Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org) to join or for more information.

**Altar Flowers** – Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty Munday and Doug Cesario and in honor of Reggie's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday and our 12<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, by Reggie and Brenda Munday.

## GATHERING

*The congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.  
Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.*

### PRELUDE

*We rise and face the cross.*

### 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 maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God, we **confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'*

ELW 858

## 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

Leader

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

1. Glo-ry be to God in heav - en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2. Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3. Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;

Lov-ing God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

...continue...



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray:* Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*Be seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children ages 3 through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade are now invited to **Kingdom Kids**, exiting through the door near the baptismal font. Children will return to the worship service after the sermon.*

*Temple Talk #4 by Mary Willis Page*

## WORD

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

### READING

### Psalm 111

A reading from the book of Psalms

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithful ness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant  
forever; holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding.  
God's praise endures forever.**

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

*We rise.*

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

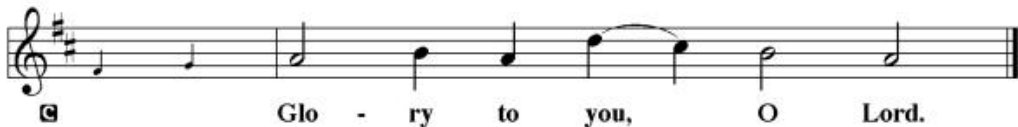


Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



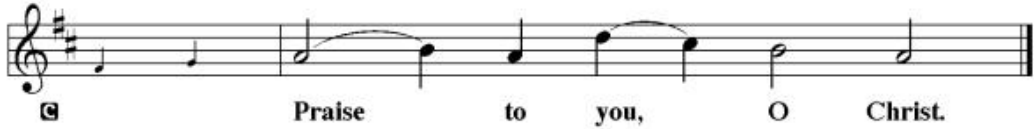
Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



*Be seated.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

## **RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

### **∞ AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

*With these new members, we profess the faith that draws us together as one.*

*This worship rite is found in ELW pgs 234-237.*

*We rise.*

**BAPTISMAL SONG**

*'Baptized and Set Free'*

ELW 453

*Stanzas 1, 2, 3 (Stanza 4 sung later)*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?  
If so, say, *I renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**



Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Be seated.*

## **AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth? If so, say, *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

*Let us pray:* We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

*We rise.*

**BAPTISMAL SONG**

*Baptized and Set Free'*  
*Stanza 4*

ELW 453

## PRAYERS AND PEACE

*Each petition concludes with the following:*  
“God of grace, **receive our prayer.**”

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

*Be seated.*

## OFFERING AND ANTHEM

**‘We Walk By Faith’**  
arr. Karen Marroli

*We walk by faith and not by sight, no gracious we hear  
from him who spoke as none e’er spoke, but we believe him near.*

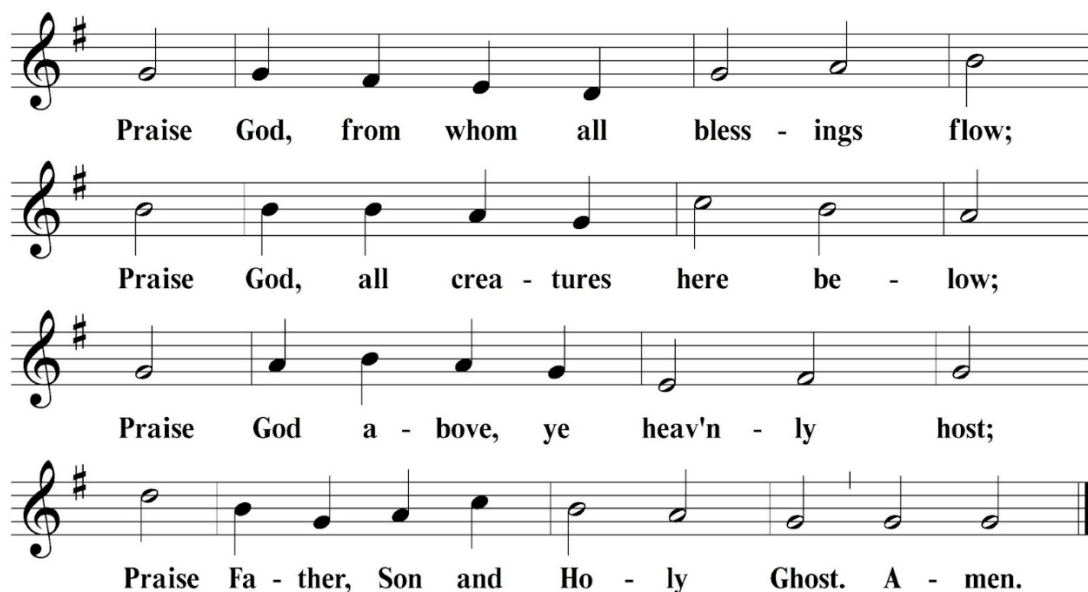
*We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;  
but in his presence we rejoice and cry, “my Lord and God!”*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.*

*That, when this life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light,  
may we behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.*

*We rise.*

## RESPONSE AND PRAYER



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;

Praise God, all crea - tures here be - low;

Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Let us pray:* Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## MEAL

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

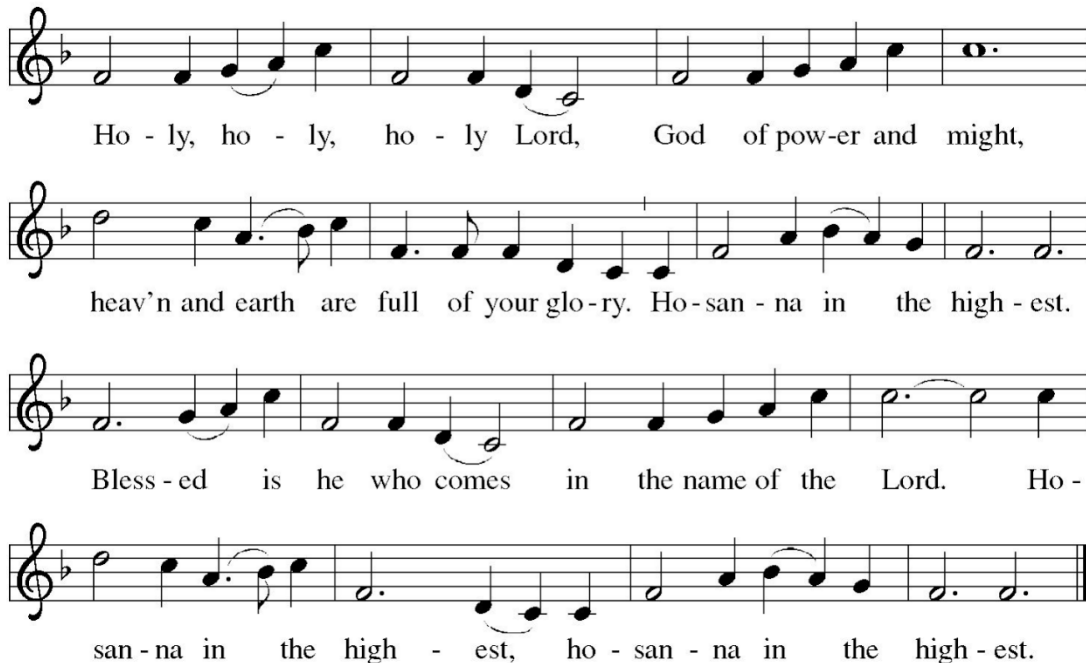
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC AND LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us: **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 sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy. **Thanks be to God.**

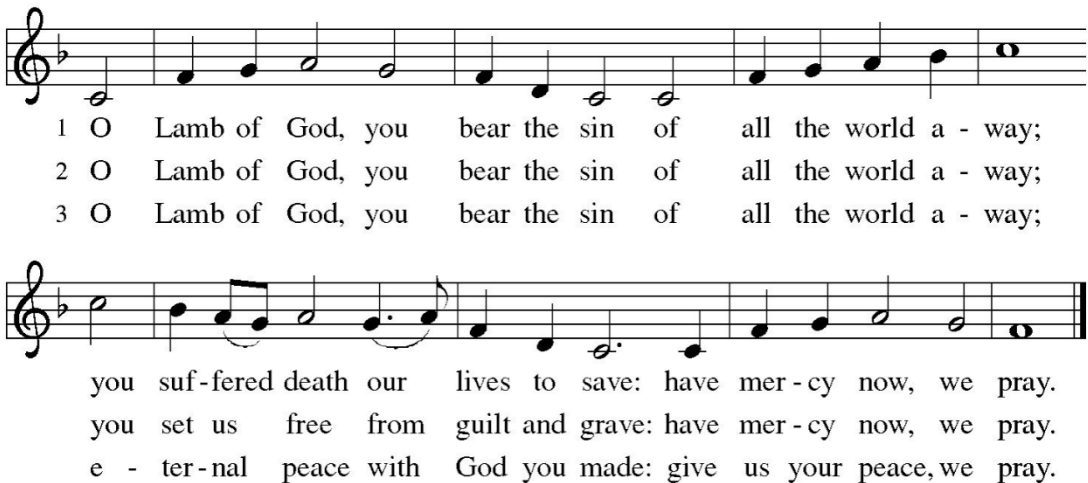
*Be seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive God's gift of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will commune by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine). All stations will be on the nave level. Please follow the directions of the ushers. For those with special needs, please note that grape juice as well as non-gluten wafers are available. Those with walking difficulties may receive the bread and wine by sitting in the reserved front pew or by notifying an usher. A pastor will then bring you communion during distribution.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*'Lamb of God'*



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## COMMUNION SONG

*'This Is My Father's World'*  
*arranged, Stephen Nielsen*  
*performed, Kim Lentz*

# COMMUNION HYMN

*We Cannot Measure How You Heal'*  
Gather 575



1. We can - not meas - ure how you heal Or  
2. The pain that will not go a - way, The  
3. So some have come who need your help, And



an - swer ev - 'ry suf - f'rer's prayer, Yet  
guilt that clings from things long past, The  
some have come to make a - mends, As



we be - lieve your grace re - sponds Where faith and  
fear of what the fu - ture holds, Are pres - ent  
hands which shaped and saved the world Are pres - ent

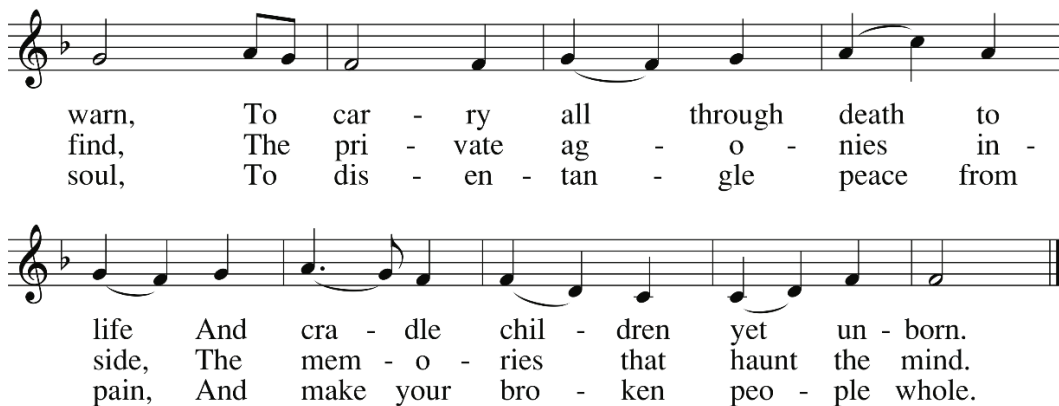


doubt u - nite to care. Your hands, though blood - ied  
as if meant to last. But pres - ent too is  
in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spir - it



on the cross, Sur - vive to hold and heal and  
love which tends The hurt we nev - er hoped to  
meet us here To mend the bod - y, mind, and

*...continue...*



*We rise.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

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

*Let us pray:* O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### BLESSING

May God, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

*'Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven'*

ELW 864

### DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Cantor.....Lea Anne Thomas  
Reader.....Rosemary Wood  
Preacher.....Pastor Dan Joyner Miller  
Presider.....Pastor James Demmel

## ORDER OF ST. JOHN'S

Acolytes.....Wyatt Barnhardt and Holden Roach  
Crucifer.....Hope Thomas  
Banner Bearer.....Landen Ryerson

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