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Transfiguration of Our Lord

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St. John's Lutheran Church

Salisbury, North Carolina

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Lent Devotionals - "*Love Outpoured*" – Booklets are now available in all literature racks and in our services.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner – **Feb. 17, 5:30-7:00 pm in Ritchie Hall.** Join us for our annual Pancake Dinner in support of St. John's Children's Ministry. Free-will donations accepted. There will be homemade crafts available for purchase (cash only).

Ash Wednesday Service – **Feb. 18, 12:15 pm in the Chapel and 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.**

Women's Ministry – **Terrie Hess Child Advocacy Center** – **Feb. 19, 6-8pm in Ritchie Hall.** Join us for the "*Share the Love*" Blanket Tying event. Bring a snack to share! Contact Rosalind Hines with any questions at rhines509@gmail.com.

Movie Night – Kingdom Kids families – **Feb. 20 at 6 pm in the Pit.** RSVP by Feb. 19 to Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Serenity Sisters – **Feb. 22 at 5 pm.** Contact Stacey at stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org for more information.

Bibles and Brew – **Men's Ministry** - **Feb. 24 at 6 pm.** Join us at Goose and Monkey, 401 S. Railroad St., Lexington, NC 27292.

"Open My Life, Lord" – Wednesday Lenten Services, **begins Feb. 25 at 6:30pm** (Sanctuary or Online). Feb. 25, Holden Evening Prayer; Mar. 4, Guest Organist Dr. Philip Murgess; Mar. 11, Guest Pianist Dr. Lawrence Quinnett; Mar. 18, St. John's Musicians; Mar. 25, Holden Evening Prayer.

Men's Ministry Breakfast – **Feb. 28, 8:30 am in Ritchie Hall.** Guest speaker will be Catawba College's Head Football Coach, Tyler Haines. Sign up by scanning the QR code here or call the church office. **Please RSVP by March 1.**



Men's Ministry at Work – **Mar. 14, 8:30 am** in Ritchie Hall, where breakfast will be provided for all Volunteers. Scan QR code below to sign up. Also, if you have a simple home project or yard work you need help with, Scan the Project Requests QR code below to provide the information or call the church office.



Project Request



Sign up to Volunteer

St. John's Kindergarten – **"80 Years of Loving, Learning, and Leading"** Fundraiser- Heading into its 80th year (2026-2027) the St. John's Kindergarten has discerned the need to open a second pre-Kindergarten classroom. Join us for a dinner and program on **Mar. 21 from 4:30-7:00 pm in Ritchie Hall** to learn more about this vision for the future and how you can support us as we grow. We will also have artwork and performances from current SJ Kindergarten students and testimonials from past students. Cost for the dinner is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child under 12. Register at the QR code here, or by calling the church office.



Altar Flowers—Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Gerald Peeler by his wife, Pansy, and their sons, Steven and Scott and their families.



*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, the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in ✠ Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

ELW 834

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Children ages 3 through 3rd 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 - KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, 80TH ANNIVERSARY

WORD

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



READING

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from Exodus, the 24th chapter.

¹²The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

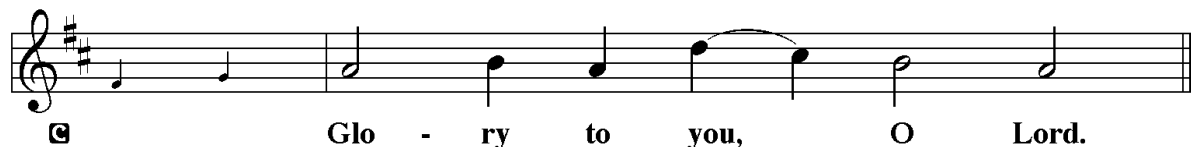


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



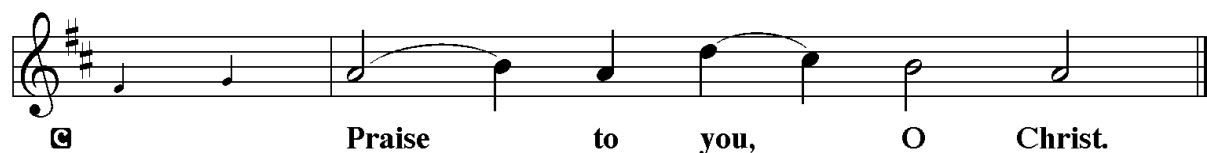
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th chapter.



¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

We rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

‘Beautiful Savior’

ELW 838

APOSTLES’ CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith:

**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**

PRAYER AND PEACE

Each petition concludes with the following:
Merciful God, receive our prayer.

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

Be seated.

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

'Christus Paradox'

Words: Sylvia Dunstan

Music: Alfred Fedak

*You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peacemaker and swordbringer
Of the way you took and gave.
You the everlasting instant;
You, whom we both scorn and crave.*

*You, who walk each day beside us,
Sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
Have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our pilgrim guide.*

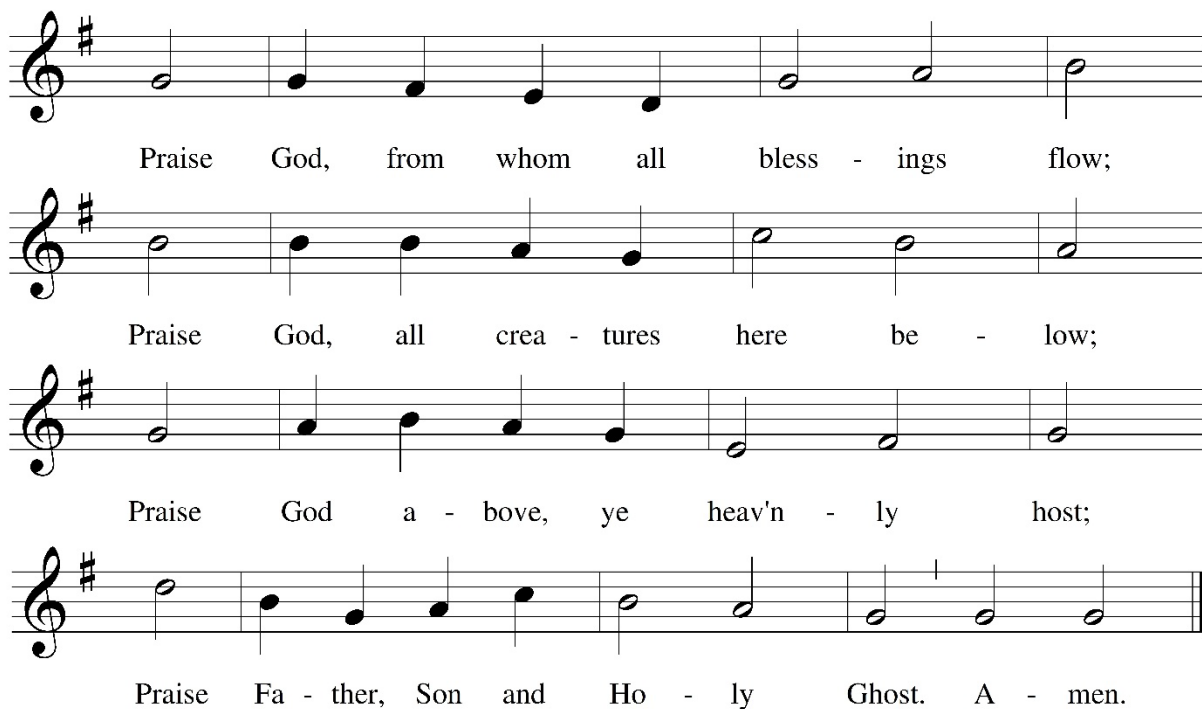
*Clothed in light upon the mountain,
Stripped of might upon the cross,
Shining in eternal glory,
Beggar'd by a soldier's toss,
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are both gift and cost.*

*Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry.
Worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
You, who are our death and life.*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
You, who are our death and our life.*

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: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

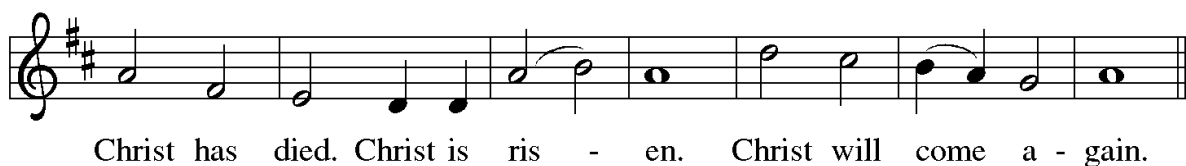
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

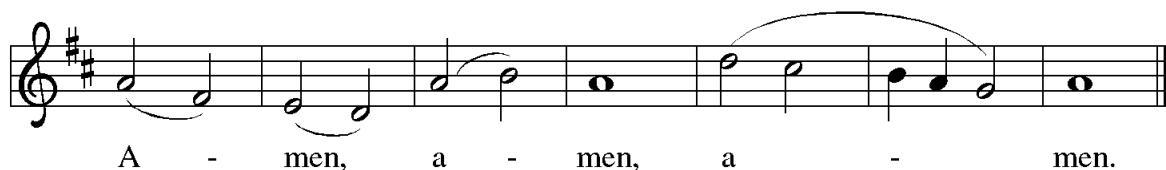
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.



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

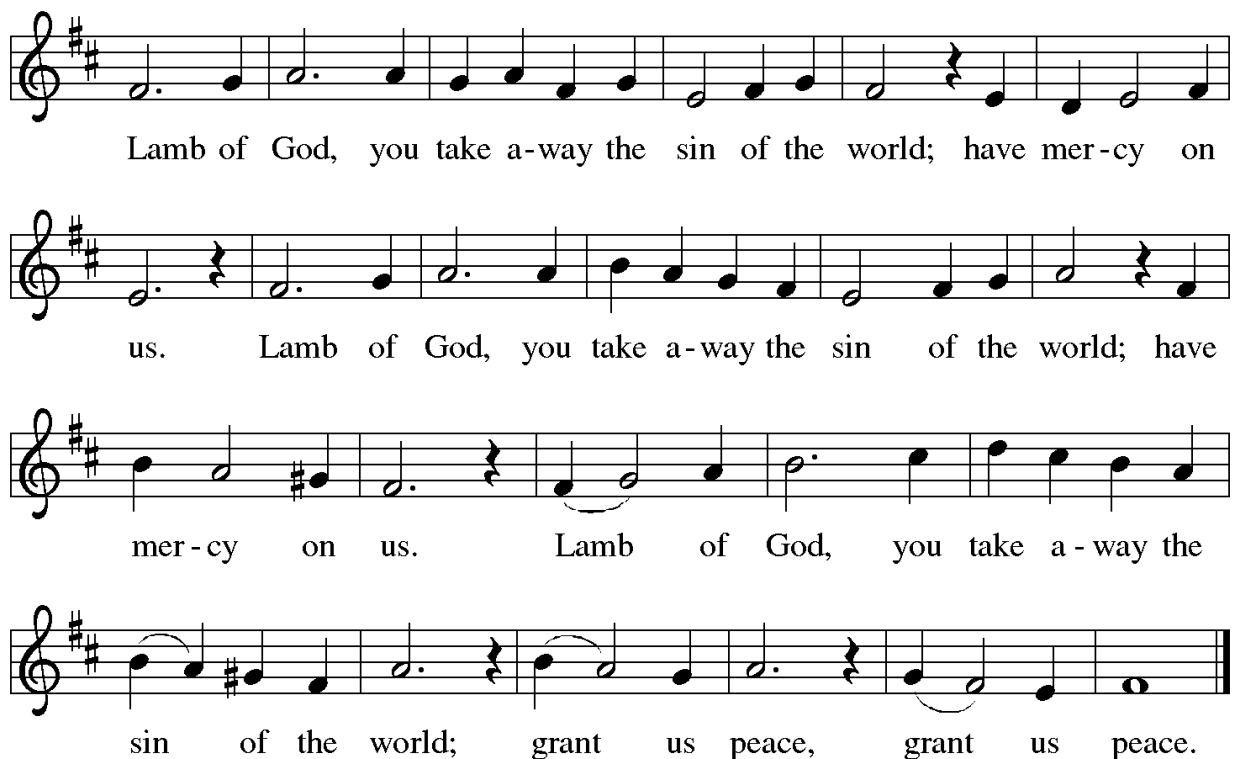
Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see. **Thanks be to God.**

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in the nave, following the usher's guidance. In the nave, communion is by intinction, dipping bread (gluten free by request) into wine (or grape juice). Those not receiving Communion are invited forward to receive a blessing (crossing your arms across your chest as a sign to the pastor). If you need Communion brought to you, please signal the servers when they come down from the chancel.

COMMUNION HYMN



The musical notation is for a hymn in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the last staff.

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.

COMMUNION SONG

'Taste and See'
by James E Moore, Jr

performed, Thom Hinson
arranged, Marianne Kim

COMMUNION HYMN 'I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light'

ELW 815

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: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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



BLESSING

May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

'Alleluia, Song of Gladness'

ELW 318

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Cantor.....Randy Overcash
Reader.....Dennis Rogers
Preacher.....Pastor Dan Joyner Miller
Presider.....Pastor James Demmel
Liturgist.....Pastor Lori Carter

ORDER OF ST. JOHN'S

Acolytes.....Finley Safrit and Waylen Jarrett
Crucifer.....Hope Thomas
Banner Bearer.....Aiden Moss

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