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The Holy Trinity

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St. John's Lutheran Church

Salisbury, North Carolina

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so glad God has brought you here!

LSC New American Program – today, Hanna Demarcus, State Director for the New Americans Program with LSC, will be sharing updates on refugee resettlement in North Carolina and ways that congregations like St. John's can help support and welcome newcomers to Salisbury.

St. John's Good Samaritan Ministry – We need your help! To meet the ever-growing demand and continue serving our neighbors with compassion and urgency, we are seeking to raise \$10,000 for the Good Samaritan Fund, and would encourage recurring gifts to this ministry, which will help with continued sustainability. This funding will ensure no neighbor is turned away in a moment of crisis and will allow us to expand the number of households we can assist. Scan the QR code to give now or you may call the church office.



VBS – Last Chance to register - ages 3 through CURRENT 5th grade. Join us on **Jun. 8-12** from **9 am—12:15 pm** as we explore the Nature of God through “Rainforest Falls”. Register by scanning the QR code here or contact Stacey: Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org. **We would love to have you drop in to help us decorate on Thurs., Jun. 4, from 12-5 pm and/or Fri., Jun. 5 during the hours of 9 am – 12 pm.** *We wish to extend a heartfelt and special Thank You to all who have already donated, volunteered their time and purchased items off our wish list to help make this year's VBS an amazing time! Your kindness is much appreciated!*



St. John's Kindergarten – Enrollment Now Open for the 2026-2027 School Year for Kindergarten and Pre-K. We are seeking to hire a Substitute Teacher. For information call 704-636-4404 or email at kindergarten@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Hands and Feet Camp – **July 21-23, 9 am - 4 pm**, Current 3rd – 5th Graders (Rising 4th – 6th Graders). There will be morning devotions and opportunities to serve in the community, lunch, and fun afternoon outings! Scan QR code here to Register.



Altar Flowers – Given to the glory of God and in memory of Gene Myers and Rose Myers for their birthdays, June 5 and May 29, by Susan Myers and family.



*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

**‘When in Our Music God is Glorified’
Janie Rollins and Rosemary Kinard**

arr. Mark Albrecht

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,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”
In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven. Rest in God’s love. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

‘Holy, Holy, Holy’

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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.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Rob Durocher, setting

Introduction



Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God.



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Verse



- 1. Wor - thy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
- 2. Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the hymn of



peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and
all cre - a - tion. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



ho - nor and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er A - men.

to Refrain
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of
 vic-t'ry for our God. For the Lamb who was slain be-gins his reign! Al-le-
 lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia! Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, 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

LSC New American Program – State Director, Hanna Demarcus

WORD

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



READING

Hebrews 10:11-25

A reading from Hebrews, the 10th chapter.

¹¹ And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his

enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.”¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”¹⁷ and he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.¹⁹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh),²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God,²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

We rise.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28:16-20

Sing twice.



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted.¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor James Demmel

We rise.

REFLECTION SONG

‘The Peace of Christ’
Janie Rollins and Rosemary Kinard

arr. Kevin Kiel

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, we confess our faith:

**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.**

**Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

PRAYERS 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

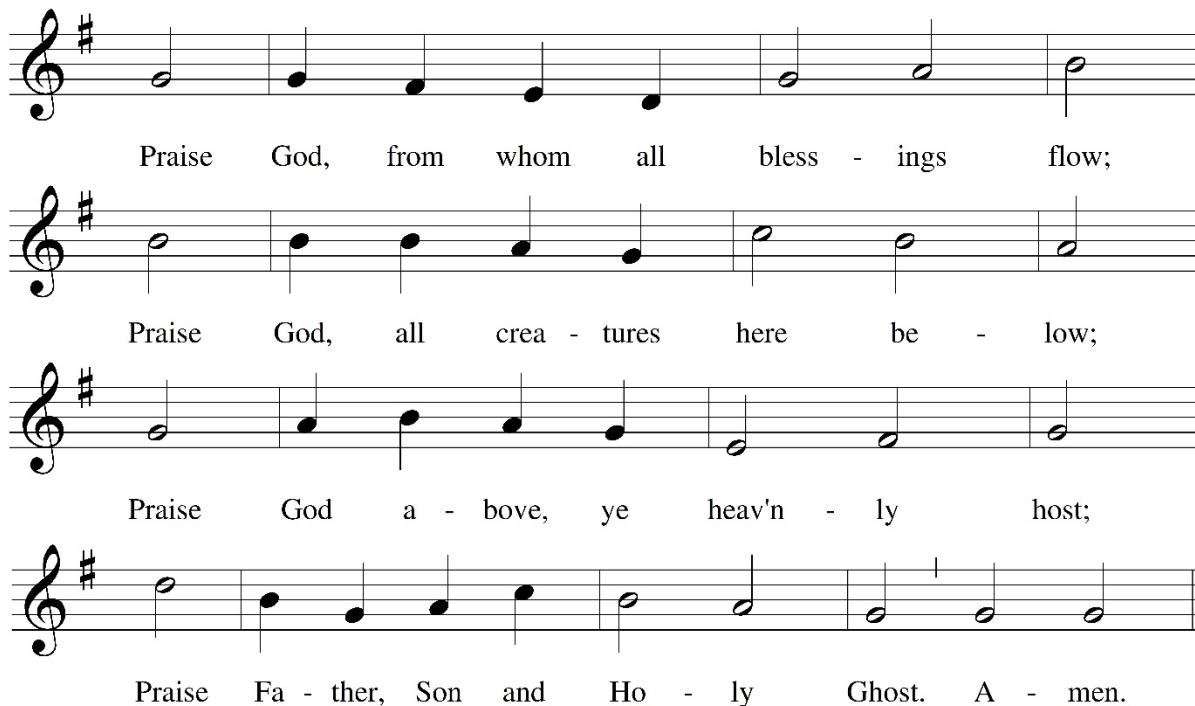
'The Majesty and Glory of Your Name' Linda Lee Johnson and Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
the moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man, that you are mindful of them?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made them a little lower than the angels.
You have put them in charge of all creation.
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air.
The fish of the sea. But what is man,
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God, little children praise you perfectly,
And so would we, and so would we, alleluia!
Alleluia! The majesty and glory of your name. Alleluia!

**To maintain the integrity of the piece, "man" is sung, and understood, as "humankind."*

We rise.

RESPONSE AND PRAYER



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

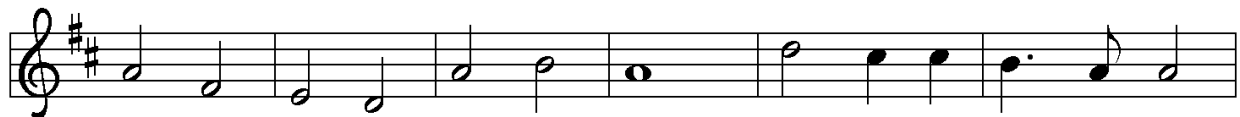
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal 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

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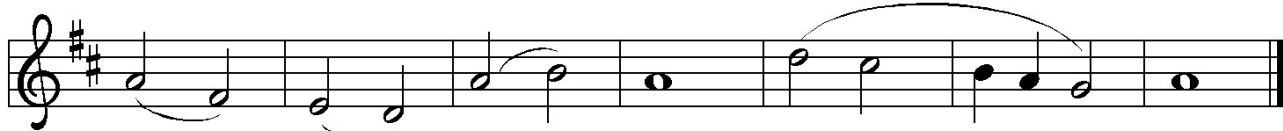
...With hearts full of memories and hopes,
we break this bread and share this cup,
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,
and his promise to be with us always
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

...Come, Holy Spirit.
Come, Holy Spirit.

...Praise to you, Author of creation.
Praise to you, O Beloved One.
Praise to you, O Giver of all good things.
Praise to you, blessed and holy Trinity,
one God, now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

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

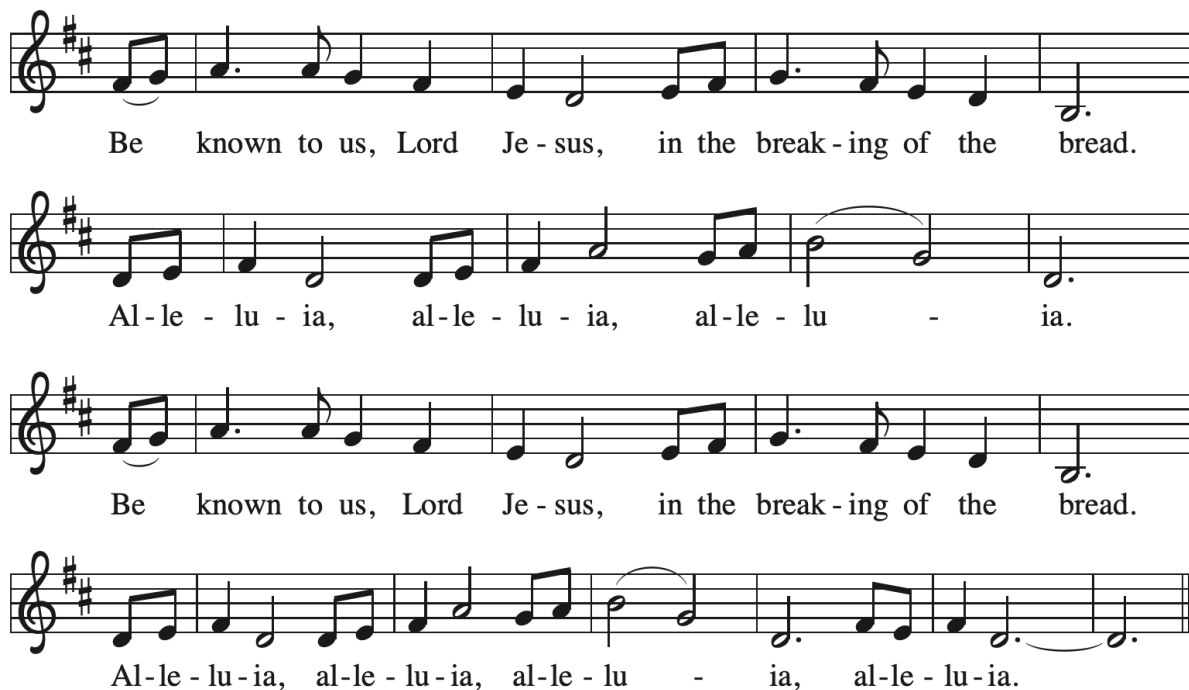
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **Thanks be to God.**

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion in the nave. Please follow 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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION SONG

'The Spinning Song'
by Albert Ellmenreich

Hope Thomas, performer

COMMUNION HYMN

'Come, Join the Dance of the Trinity'

ELW 412

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: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**



SERVICE OF RECOGNITION

Today, Deacon Rob Durocher, is honored with the title "Minister of Worship and the Arts Emeritus."

*The Congregation will be invited to respond: **We, the members and friends of St. John's rejoice in your acceptance of this title. We promise to you our continuing love, care and prayers throughout all the days before us.***

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,
bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

'Holy God, We Praise Your Name'

ELW 414

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Reader.....	Corinne Mauldin
Preacher.....	Pastor James Demmel
Presider.....	Pastor Lori Carter
Liturgist.....	Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

ORDER OF ST. JOHN'S

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Crucifer.....	Cora Wymbs
Banner Bearer.....	Mallory Rhyne

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