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2nd Sunday after Pentecost
June 7, 2026, 11:00 am



St. John's Lutheran Church

Salisbury, North Carolina

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We are so glad God has brought you here!

Buck-A-Meal - Every one-dollar bill placed in the offering boxes this morning goes to purchase a meal at Rowan Helping Ministries.

VBS—ages 3 through CURRENT 5th grade—starts tomorrow, **Jun. 8-12** from **9 am—12:15 pm**.

Please keep our volunteers and children in your prayers this week as they explore the Nature of God through “*Rainforest Falls*”, led by Stacey Shafer, St. John’s Children’s Minister.

Continuing the New Americans Welcome - Many thanks to Hanna Demarcus, the State Director of the New Americans Program of Lutheran Services Carolina, for her Temple Talk at both services last Sunday. As our new Americans are facing increasing financial uncertainty, you can be a part of the solution by donating to the Good Neighbor Fund using the QR code or email LSC at donate@lscarolinas.net.



Hands and Feet Camp – Jul. 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.



Sanctuary Closure Dates - Jul. 13 – Sept. 1. During this time, our worship services will be held in the Faith Center, as the elevator will be replaced, and the stained-glass window repaired. We will keep you apprised of any changes to this schedule as renovations begin. Thank you for your patience throughout this process.

Altar Flowers – Given to the glory of God and in honor of our 45th Wedding Anniversary on Jun. 14, by Larry and Marvie Cartner.



*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,
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

'Praise to the Lord'

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.

GLORY TO YOU, GOD



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray: O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Be seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kingdom Kids will return on Sunday, August 16. Activity bags are in the narthex.

COMMISSIONING OF VBS VOLUNTEERS



READING

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from the book of Romans, the 4th chapter.

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

¹⁶For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore “it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

We rise.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sing twice.



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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. ¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his

disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸ While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹ And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰ Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹ for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²² Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. ²³ When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴ he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵ But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶ And the report of this spread through all of that district.

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

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lori Carter

We rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

‘There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy’

HFV 1227

See page 7.

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**

PRAYERS AND PEACE

Each petition concludes with the following:

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Share the ‘peace’ of Christ with one another.
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

See page 8.

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;
 4 'Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; it is some-thing more than all:

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
 there is mer - cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the e - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.
 great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
 There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
 If our love were but more sim-ple, we should take him at his word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
 there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
 there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the head.
 and our lives would be all sun - shine in the sweet-ness of our Lord.

Be seated.

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

'Holy'

arr. Tom Fettke

*Holy, holy, holy.
Holy God of power. Holy God of might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

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: 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.

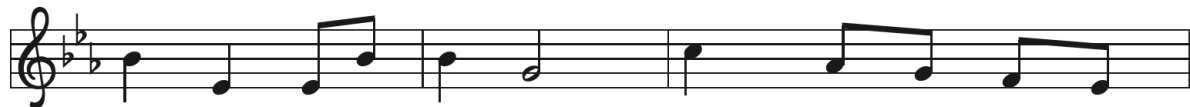
Lift up your hearts.

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 AND HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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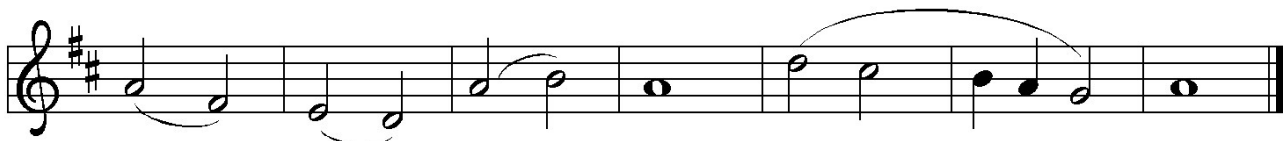
...With hearts full of memories and hopes,
we break this bread and share this cup,
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,
and his promise to be with us always
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

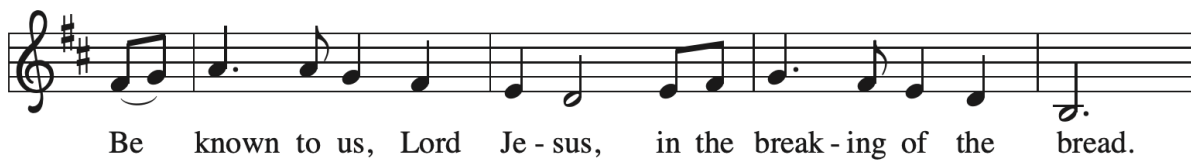
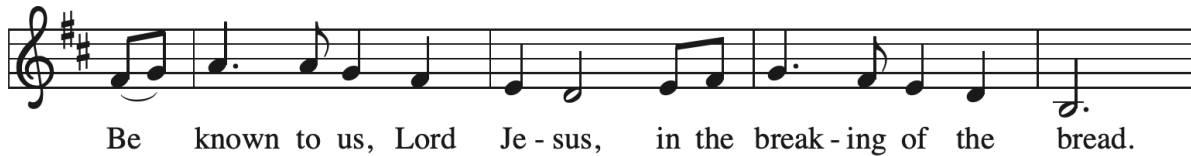
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **Thanks be to God.**

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion at the altar. Please follow the usher's guidance. At the altar, bread is served (gluten-free by request), followed by wine (grape juice by request). 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



COMMUNION SONG ‘Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart’ arr. Lloyd Larson
Performer, Kim Lentz

COMMUNION HYMN ‘Lord of All Hopefulness’ ELW 765

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.**



BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

'O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate'

ELW 722

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

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

ORDER OF ST. JOHN'S

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