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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

VBS Sunday

June 14, 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!

Bibles and Brew – Men's Ministry - June 23 at 6 pm – Join us at Salty Caper, 115 S. Lee St., Salisbury, NC.

VBS - This Sunday we invite our VBS campers to join us in worship and lead us in song for our prelude. This year, 205 children, ages 3-5th grade, attended our *Rainforest Falls VBS*. The theme verse was Psalm 103:33: *"Praise the Lord, everything He has created everything in all his kingdom"* (NLT) and campers spent the week learning all about the "nature" of God. A special word of welcome to those attending for VBS Sunday and a big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers who curated an amazing week of ministry for children in our community.

St. John's Good Samaritan Ministry – Matching Gift – Thank you to everyone who has given to the Good Samaritan Fund—we have helped 63 families so far this year! We are excited to announce a special matching gift opportunity! Right now, all new donations to the Good Samaritan Fund will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to a total of \$4,000, thanks to the incredible generosity of an anonymous donor. Scan the QR code to give now or call the church office.



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 stained-glass window is repaired, the elevator replaced and the pipe organ cleaned. We will keep you apprised of any changes to this schedule. Thank you for your patience throughout this process.

Altar Flowers - Given to the Glory of God and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Colin and Elizabeth (Jones) Lockhart's wedding on June 12, 2026, by Michael and Jill Jones and Elaine Gerst.



*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

'God Is'

VBS Song

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

'God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens'

ELW 771

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: God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news 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.



READING

Psalm 100

A reading from Psalm 100, spoken responsively.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.

² **Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

⁴ Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
Give thanks and bless God's holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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

We rise.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 9:35—10:8

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.**

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

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⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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

Be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

We rise.

HYMN OF THE DAY

‘In Christ Called to Baptize’

ELW 575

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.**

Be seated.

OFFERING AND ANTHEM

'Make A Joyful Noise' By John A. Behnke

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Make a joyful noise; serve the Lord with gladness!*

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Come before his presence with a song!*

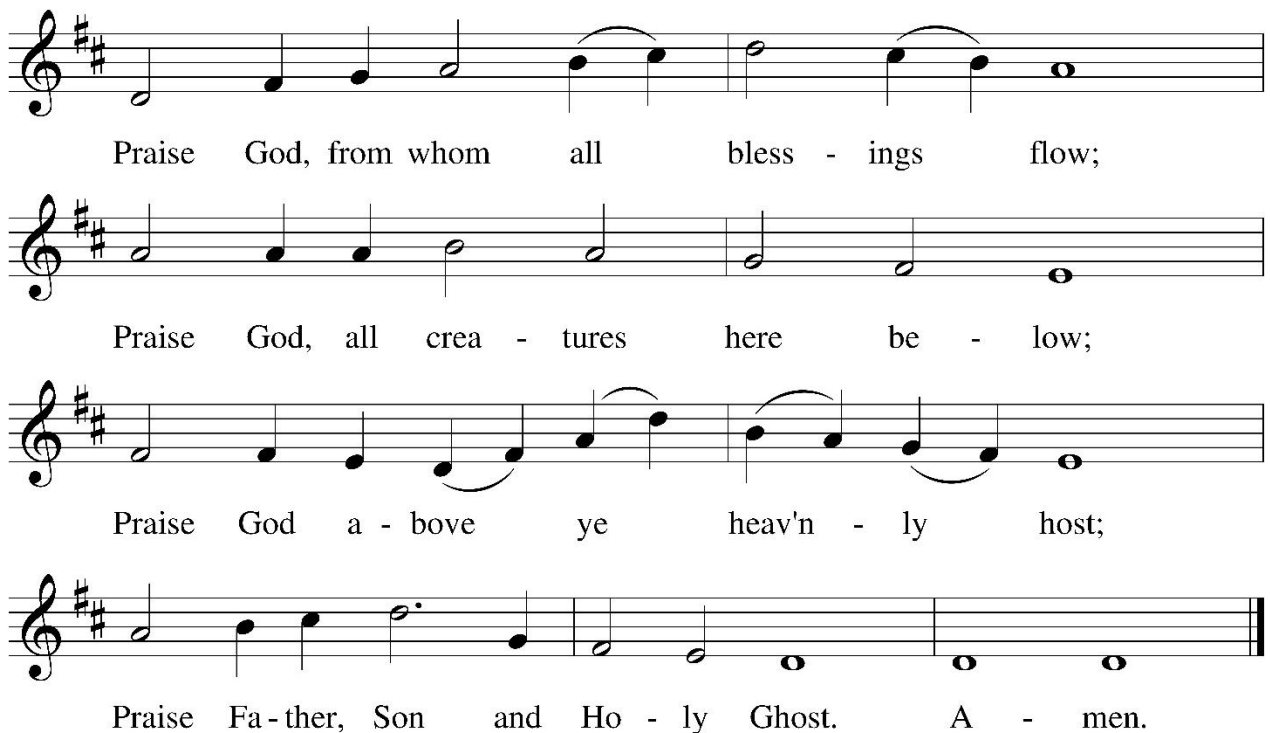
*For the Lord is good; his love endures forever,
and his faithfulness until the end of time.*

*Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.*

*Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; and bless his name!*

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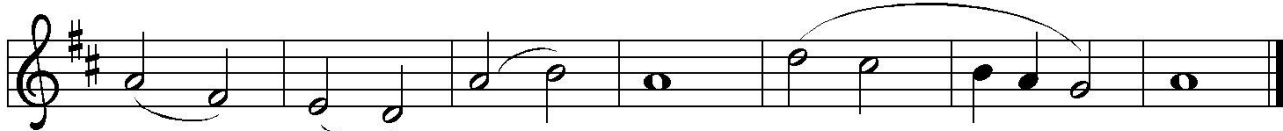
...With hearts full of memories and hopes,
we break this bread and share this cup,
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,
and his promise to be with us always
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

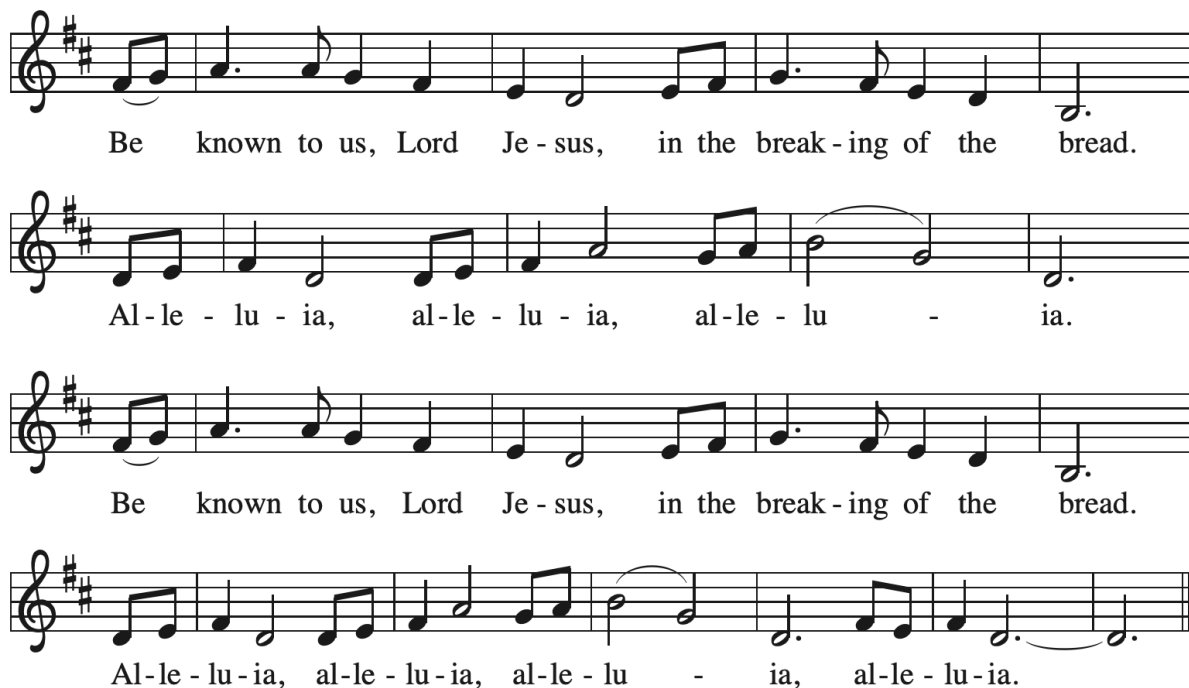
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **Thanks be to God.**

Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion 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

‘Kyrie Eleison’

arr. Shari Hansen

Performer, Lea Anne Thomas

COMMUNION HYMN

‘This is My Father’s World’

ELW 824

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

'I Love to Tell the Story'

ELW 661

DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

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

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Liturgist.....	Pastor Lori Carter

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