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4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
June 21, 2026, 11:00 am

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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!*

**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.



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

**Lutheran Services of the Carolinas (LSC) World Refugee Day.** This event is sponsored by the Lutheran Services of the Carolinas New Americans office on **June 27th** from **1-3 pm at Bell Tower Green.**

**Serenity Sisters** – Join us for a great time of fellowship on **June 28 at 5 pm.** Contact [stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org) to join or for more details.

**St. John's Young Adults:** The young adults (20s-30s) of St. John's gather for a monthly time of fellowship. Our next event will be at the home of Jason and Skylar Ussery on **July 9, beginning at 6pm.** RSVP by contacting our Program Coordinator, Mary Wymbs ([Mary@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:Mary@stjohns-salisbury.org)). You can also sign up to join the SJ Young Adult email list by scanning the QR code here.



**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.

**Hands and Feet Camp – Jul. 21-23, 9 am - 4 pm,** Current 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Graders (Rising 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 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 our family's fathers, Karl Corriher, Joseph Ivan Sims, Bill Kirchin, and all the other fathers who have gone before us. By Darryl and Barbara Corriher.



*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

**'Let the Whole Creation Cry'**

**ELW 876**

## 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:* Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through 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

Romans 6:1b-11

A reading from Romans, the 6th chapter.

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

*We rise.*

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 10:24-39

*Sing twice.*



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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] <sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your

Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

*Be seated.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Dan Joyner Miller**

*We rise.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**‘We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus’**

**ELW 451**

**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

### 'Take Up Your Cross' by Spence Robertson

*"Take up your cross," the Savior said,  
"if you would my disciple be;  
forsake the past, and come this day,  
and humbly follow after me."*

*Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
nor let your foolish heart rebel;  
for you the Lord endured the cross  
to save your soul from death and hell.*

*Take up your cross; let not its weight  
pervade your soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
sustain your heart, and nerve your arm.*

*Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for those who humbly bear the cross  
one day will wear the glorious crown.*

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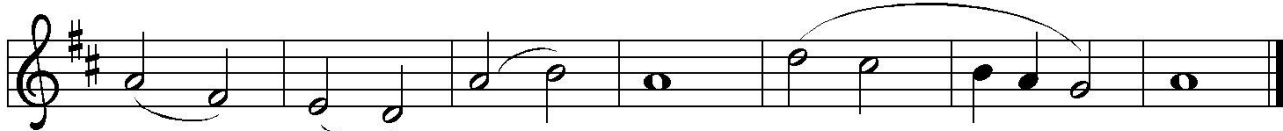
...With hearts full of memories and hopes,  
we break this bread and share this cup,  
remembering the death and resurrection of Christ,  
and his promise to be with us always  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

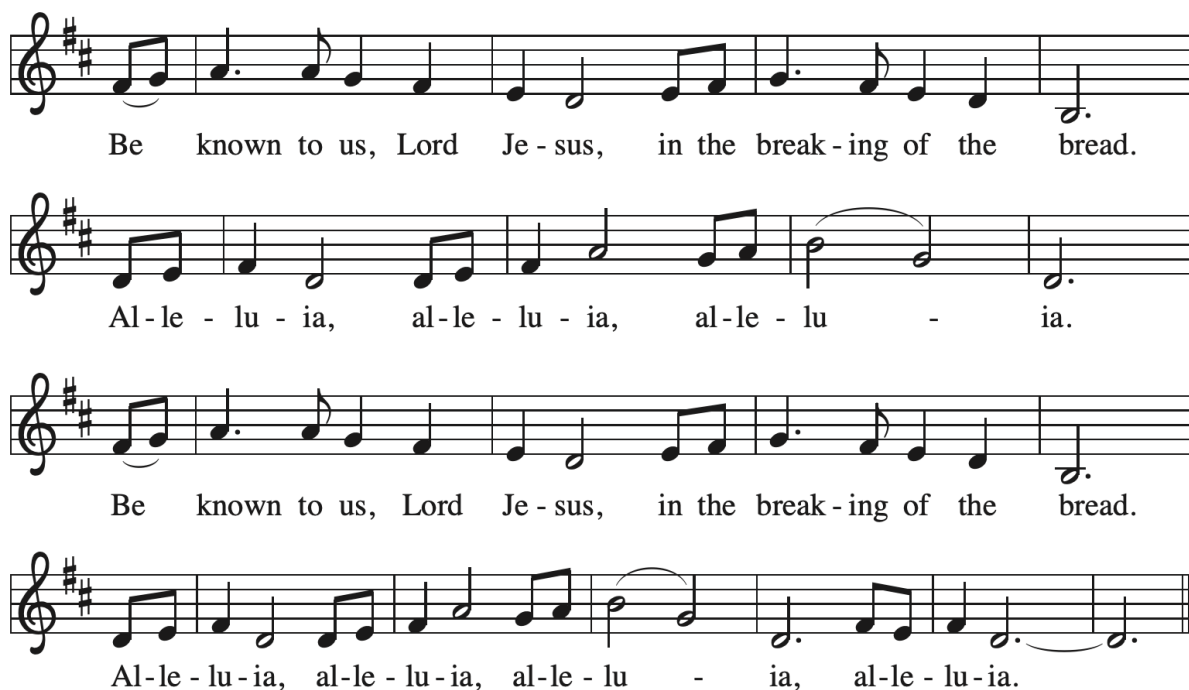
Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast! **Thanks be to God.**

*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



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

### COMMUNION HYMN

'Borning Cry'

ELW 732

*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.**

# SENDING

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



## BLESSING

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

## SENDING HYMN

**'If You But Trust'**

**ELW 769**

## DISMISSAL AND POSTLUDE

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

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Reader.....	Dennis Rogers
Preacher.....	Pastor Dan Joyner Miller
Presider.....	Pastor Lori Carter
Liturgist.....	Pastor Dan Joyner Miller

## ORDER OF ST. JOHN'S

Acolytes.....	Jackson Williams and Abbi Kowalkski
Crucifer.....	Elli Kowalkski
Banner Bearer.....	Ashton Williams

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Director of Worship and the Arts *emeritus*.....Robert J. Durocher, Jr., *deacon*

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