



In a world of competition and resume building, it's easy to lose touch with that which matters most: our character. In this series, we consider five traits the Bible claims as necessary to building a strong inner character, discovering what St. Paul says is "a life that really is life" (1 Timothy 6:19).

*Part 3: Strong Sense of Call*



## **The Season after Pentecost**

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**St. John's Lutheran Church**

Salisbury NC

# Welcome to St. John's!

*For more information about today's worship, please refer to the pew card found in the hymnal.  
The congregation's responses are in **bold**.*



## Gathering

**Welcome** *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

**Prelude** *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* Setting by Mark Albrecht

**Prayers of Confession**, *turning to face the cross of Christ.*

*As we gather for worship, we make the sign of the cross as a reminder of our baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray. Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Apostle John writes this: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God, **Have mercy on me according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**  
**Amen.** *Psalms 51:1-3, 10-12*

*A prayer written by King David after his affair with Bethsheba was made known.*

**God's Promise of Forgiveness**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ** *The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.*

**Entrance Hymn 556**

*Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN



## Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Juno Madison Wiles, child of Jeremy and Anni Wiles*

*Layton Everett Barber, child of Anni Wiles, John and Ann Barber*

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.**

*Please be seated*

**Presentation.** *Juno and Layton are presented for Baptism*

**The parents' response**

**To the congregation:**

People of God, do you promise to support Juno and Layton and pray for them in their new life in Christ? **We do.**

**The parents' Profession of Faith**

**The Congregation's Profession of Faith.** *Please stand.*

People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Please be seated*

**Thanksgiving at the Font.** *Children of the church are invited to gather at the baptismal font as the congregation sings “Gather Round the Fountain of Life.”*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Gather Round the Fountain of Life." It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. This is followed by a repeat sign. The lyrics under the first staff are: "Ga-ther round the fountain of life. Ga-ther round the fountain of life. Ga-ther". The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The lyrics under the second staff are: "round, lis-ten to the Fa-ther's voice. Ga-ther round the foun-tain of life. Ga-ther". The word "Fine" is written above the end of the second staff.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Rite of Baptism.** *The **Rite of Baptism** includes three symbols used in baptismal liturgy since the beginning of the church: water, oil, and light.*

**Baptism with Water.** *Juno and Layton are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**Imposition of Oil.** *Oil is used to make the sign of the cross on the foreheads of Juno and Layton, a symbol that they are sealed in relationship with Christ.*

**Gift of Light.** *Juno and Layton are welcomed into the Family of God. A candle (the light of Christ) is presented to them with the words, “Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).*

**The Congregation Welcomes Juno and Layton into the Family of God**

**We welcome you into the Lord’s family. We receive you as fellow members of the body of Christ, children of the same heavenly Father, and workers with us in the kingdom of God.**

*The congregation is invited to sing "Jesus Loves Me."*

**Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong, they are weak, but he is strong.**

***Refrain: Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.***

**Jesus loves me! He who died, heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin, let his little child come in. *Refrain***

**Faith Life Moment**

Trinity Living at St. John's  
Christina Joyce, Executive Director, Trinity Living Center



## Word

**Reading**

1 Samuel 3:1,4-10

*Samuel's calling*

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

**Response**

*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*  
Sing as led

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;  
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for two systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me." The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

**The Holy Gospel**

Mark 8:31-35

*Jesus foretells his death and resurrection*

<sup>31</sup>Then [Jesus] began to teach [his disciples] that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**Response**

*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am*

**Sermon**

Pastor Laura Henrik

*Please stand*

**Hymn 574**

*Here I Am, Lord*

HERE I AM, LORD

**Collection of our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem**

*With Songs of Rejoicing*

J.S.Bach/H. Hopson

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord:  
For he has done marvelous things! Break forth into joy.  
His praises the lyre and the trumpet employ.  
The floods clap their hands and the hills sing for joy.  
The seas with their roaring speak praise to his name

With songs of rejoicing sing praise to the Lord:  
For he has done marvelous things! Break forth into joy.  
Come make a joyful noise, sing unto the Lord, Alleluia!  
Sing alleluia!

**Offertory Hymn** *As the gifts are presented the congregation stands and sings the Doxology:*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession.** *Each petition ends: Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.***

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**



# Sending

*God sends us out to help advance his kingdom*

## Benediction

### Sending Hymn 576

*We All Are One in Mission*

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## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

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