



The Season after Pentecost

September 13, 2020 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

Welcome to St. John's!

You'll notice that our worship follows a simple pattern that has guided the church's worship since the first century — Gather, Word, Meal, Sending — a pattern designed to nourish and strengthen us for the week ahead. Welcome to worship!



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Call to Worship

All Creation Worships You
Ondria Witt, Soloist

By K. Dearman and J. Mills

Prayers of Confession

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. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, **our Savior told us, "Those who try to gain their own life will lose it; but those who lose their life for My sake will gain it."** These are hard words. **We confess that we often close our ears and minds to this kind of risk. Lord, we are sorry for being unfaithful. Please forgive our fearful hearts. Lord, You alone know how desperately we need connection with You and with one another. Surround us with godly counsel that we can trust. Give us courage so that we may respond to Your call to us for a deeper life. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope, where Christ Jesus remains at the center. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

God's Promise of Forgiveness

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with his light, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

While music is an important part of our worship we will not sing as a congregation due to increased risk during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic but we invite you to meditate on the words of each song as they are sung.

Hymn 689

Praise and Thanksgiving
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BUNESSAN

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.**

Let us pray.

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Word

We hear God's word in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Reading: Psalm 103:1-8

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name.

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits —

³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,

⁴who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

⁵who satisfies you with good as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

⁶The LORD works vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.

⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 26:17-19, 26-29

¹⁷On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" ¹⁸He said, "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'" ¹⁹So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

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

Solo

New Wine
Bradley Chestnut, Soloist

Written by Brooke Ligertwood

Sermon

Pastor Laura Henrik

Hymn 471

Let Us Break Bread Together
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BREAK BREAD TOGETHER

Apostle's Creed. Gathered as God's people across time and space, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed:

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

Duet

Table Song
Ondria and Aleksandr Witt

Written by David Haas

Refrain *We are the body of Christ, Broken and poured out;
Promise of life from death. We are the body of Christ*

Is not the bread of life we break a sharing in the life of God?
Is not the cup of peace out-poured the blood of Christ? **(Refrain)**

How shall we make a return to God, for goodness unsurpassing?
This saving cup we shall hold high and call out God's name. **(Refrain)**

Come taste and see the goodness, the wonders of the risen one!
Come bless our God, in all things, let praise be our song! **(Refrain)**

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Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

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.**

Eucharistic Prayer, Sanctus followed by 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.**

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion. You will be invited to the table one row at a time. The Pastor will explain how we will commune.

Welcome to the Lord's Table!



Sending

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

Benediction

Sending Hymn 543

Go, My Children With My Blessing
(See page 10)

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Dismissal will be done one row at a time.

Postlude

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Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — David and Paula Kafitz, Leon Williams, Steve Summers, Natalee Taylor, Audrey Bradshaw, Dottie Bedford

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Cathy (Wayne Norris), Lee Wagoner, Jack Connery, Gerald Jones, Phyllis Edwards, Betty Denker, Nancy Austin, Rachel Safrit, John Myers, Bob Melton, Jane Shuping, Barbara Rufty, Hal Furr, Walter Tatum, Jim Rabon, Matt Stahl, Nancy Parrish, Thomas Livesay, Karen Shelton, Gene Myers, Kent Brown

HOMEBOUND — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Nan Graeber, Margaret Ketner, Steve Summers, Sonny Allen, Benny Banks, Dottie Bedford, Audrey Bradshaw, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Rachel Safrit, Shirley Smith, Peggy Smith, Fran Tannehill

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

Worship Participants

FIRST COMMUNION—Congratulations to these young people as they take this important step in their faith journey: Landon Ryerson, Ashton Williams, Mallory Rhyne, Addison Connell, Bella German, Anna Kate Goodman, Megan Linebarger, Evan Linebarger, Balian Witt, Graham Wilson.

Special thanks to Cheryl Goins for helping the students create their own First Communion chalices. They will commune from these chalices.

SONG LEADERS: Rosemary Kinard and Carter Woolly

GUEST SOLOISTS: Ondria and Aleksandr Witt

READERS: Addison Connell and Ashton Williams

SOUND: Mike Agee

VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins

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Pastor for Youth and Discipleship..... Laura Henrik
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Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Worship and the Arts.....Rob Durocher, deacon
Associate Parish MusicianRosemary Kinard
9:27 Worship Leader.....Bradley Chestnut
8:30 Organist.....Deanna Boksleitner
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins
Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard, deacon

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1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 3 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

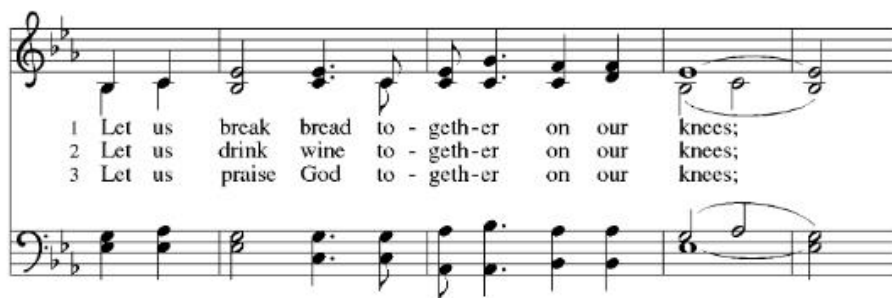
liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.

Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional

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