



# The Season after Pentecost

July 18, 2021 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

# Welcome to St. John's!

As we begin this new week together,  
we'd like to bring a few announcements to your attention:

- Mark your calendar! Confirmation Sunday is Aug. 15 at 11 am worship.
- Truth Be Told-- Community performing artists will celebrate the strength and resilience of communities of color during a service of music, dance, and spoken word in the Faith Center on Saturday, August 7 at 11:30 am. Featuring a performance by the NC Poet Laureate, Jaki Shelton Green, *Strength, Hope, Resilience* is part of a two-day series of events surrounding the installation and dedication of a historical marker that commemorates the Salisbury lynchings of 1906 and identifies other forms of racial injustice that continue through today.
- Journey to Montgomery: Civil Rights History Tour has been rescheduled for Sept. 29 - Oct. 2, 2021. Register online by July 28!
- Join us Saturday August 28, 7:04 pm for fellowship and baseball as the Charlotte Knights take on the Durham Bulls. Cost is \$20. Register online by July 28. Questions? Email [danny@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:danny@stjohns-salisbury.org)
- Senior Seasons is taking a bus tour to Williamsburg for Christmas, Dec. 6-8. Register online by Aug. 31.



Connect.



Give.

*Please be advised:* Today's worship service is being live-streamed for our online community. For those who desire not to be part of the video stream, seating is available in the balcony and along the last 2 pews of the sanctuary's main level.



# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God*

## Prelude

*Dona Nobis Pacem*

Rosemary Kinard, flute; Janie Rollins, piano

## 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.*

Heavenly Father, **our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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.**

## Hymn 532

*Gather Us In*

GATHER US IN

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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.**

## Prayer

Let us pray. Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.



## Word

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

### Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.*

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

### Response

*The Gift of Love*  
St. John's Chancel Choir

By Hal Hopson

### The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-44

*Feeding the five thousand*

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup>When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; <sup>36</sup>send them away so that

they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat." <sup>37</sup>But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." When they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." <sup>39</sup>Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. <sup>41</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>And all ate and were filled; <sup>43</sup>and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup>Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Laura Henrik

**Hymn 712**

*Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service*  
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BEACH SPRING

**Apostles' 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.***



## **Meal**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

**Preparation of the Lord's Table:** *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Please stand*

## **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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. ... And join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## **Eucharistic Prayer 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.**

**Distribution of Holy Communion.** *You will be invited forward one row at a time. Please take an empty glass, into which the wine will be poured. Grape juice is available in pre-filled cups. All bread in our communion celebration is gluten-free. Welcome to the Lord's Table!*

## **Communion Hymns 154**

*Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **Instrumental**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

**472**

*Eat This Bread (See page 10)*

**494**

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken (See page 10)*

*Please stand*

## **Blessing and Prayer**



# Sending

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

## Benediction

**Sending Hymn 547**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*  
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THE ASH GROVE

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

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# Worship Participants

**GUEST PIANIST:** Janie Rollins

**SOUND:** Mike Agee

**VIDEO:** Taylor Hutchins

# Altar Flowers

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Rob Durocher and praying for complete recovery by Brenda and Franco Goodman.

# Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

**CONGRATULATIONS** — Elizabeth Anne Kenerly, daughter of Scott and Kacie Kenerly, granddaughter of Bill and Toni Kenerly, who will be baptized today after the 11 am service.

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS** — Norman Sloop, Diane Poole, Gene Myers, Betty Roof, Mary Ann Nelson, Eleanor Andrews

**ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS** — Rob Durocher, Ruth Ann Diehl, Karen Rogers, Lynn Fior, Carol Pomeroy, Betty Denker, Dean Safrit, Rachel Safrit, Fran Lawson, Nancy Austin, Marge Fuertinger, Roger Alexander, David Wilson, Robin Cohen, John Myers, Barbara Rufty

**HOMEBOUND** — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Lois and Paul Carter, Alda Smith, Margaret Ketner, Dottie Bedford, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Shirley Smith, Peggy Smith

# Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
 2 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
 3 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and




blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,




we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.




## Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service




1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
3 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

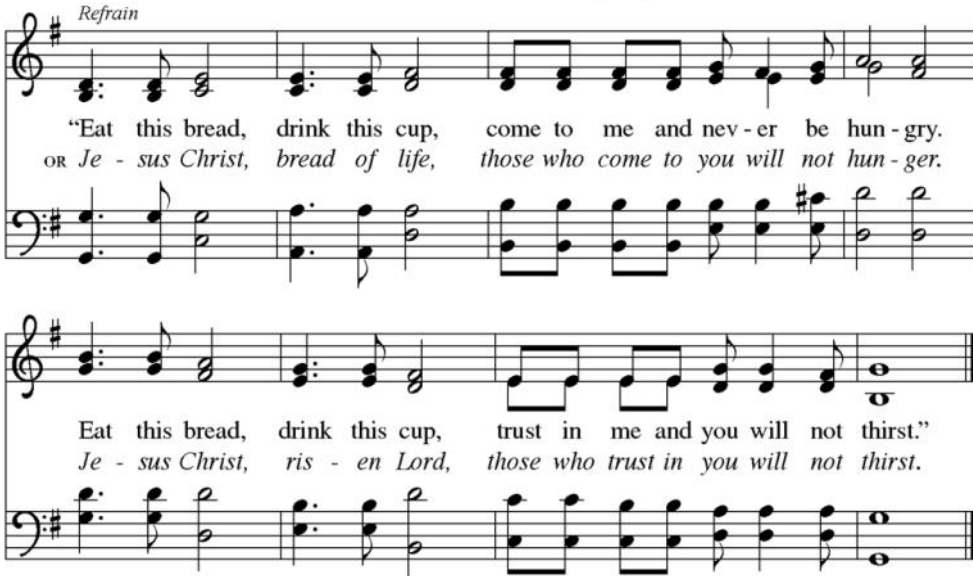


con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## Eat This Bread

### *Jesus Christ, Bread of Life*

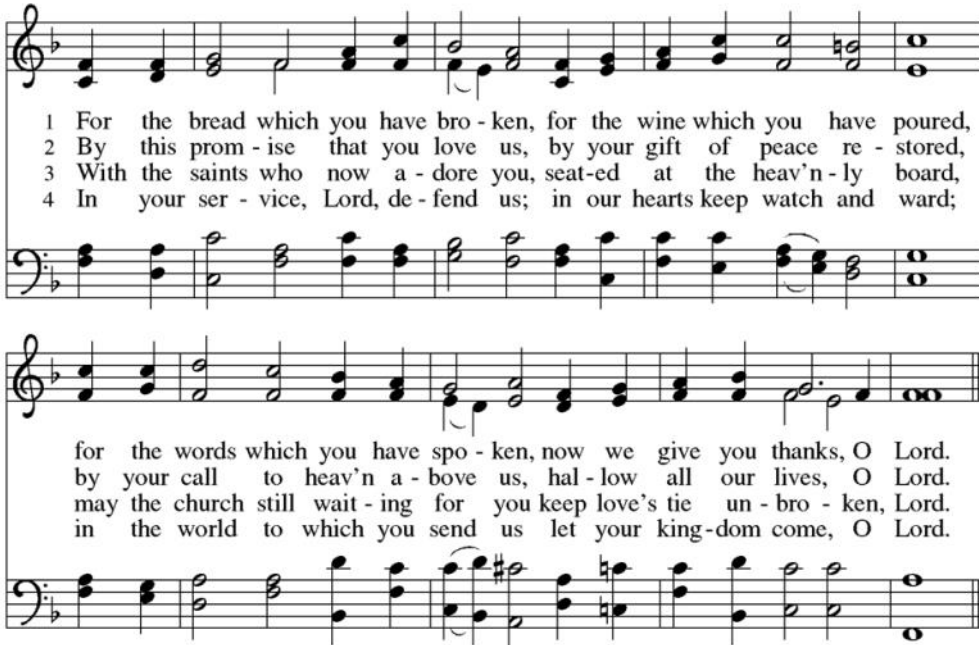
*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
 OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

## For the Bread Which You Have Broken



1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,  
 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,  
 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat - ed at the heav'n - ly board,  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;

for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.  
 the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed  
 our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
 em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls  
 With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
 lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us  
 Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.  
 give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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## Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor.....Rhodes Woolly  
Pastor for Youth and Discipleship..... Laura Henrik  
Visitation.....Wade Rouzer

## Worship and Music Ministry

Minister of Worship and the Arts.....Rob Durocher, deacon  
Associate Parish Musician .....Rosemary Kinard  
9:27 Worship Leader.....Ricky Howsare  
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins  
Director of Music Emeritus.....Karl Kinard Jr., deacon

## Program Ministry

Youth..... Laura Henrik  
Children.....Stacey Shafer  
Adults.....Danny Hines  
Senior Adults .....Diane Poole  
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) .....Teresa Stoner  
CDC Director.....Paula Levianu

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