



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, near Ground Zero. St. Paul's was used by rescuers as a safe haven and place of respite during the days and months that followed the tragedy of 9-11.

The Season after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, NC

Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Today is the 16th Sunday after Pentecost. As we begin this new week together, we'd like to bring a few announcements to your attention:

- Youth Group Kick-off is tonight, Sunday, Sept. 12 at 5:30 pm in the Pit!
- Sunday School Kick-Off has been postponed to Oct. 3 at 9:45 am in the Ark.
- 11 am traditional worship will take place in the Faith Center for the month of September. Thank you for your continued understanding during G2G construction.
- GIFT Packing Party at Rowan Helping Ministries is scheduled for 1 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 14. Thank you for wearing a mask as we serve our community.
- Senior Academy has been postponed to Tuesdays, Oct. 26- Sept. 16. Register online.
- Congregational Picnic at the Bell Tower Green is scheduled for Sept. 26, 4-7 pm. Please note: we are hoping to find a later date. Look for updates in the FaithLife and on social media.
- God's Work. Our Hands. is scheduled for 1 pm, Sunday Oct. 10 at Isenberg Elementary, where we will provide landscaping and make goody bags. All ages and skill levels are encouraged to attend.

**Thank you for your patience and understanding as we monitor local public health protocols. Please continue to check FaithLife and social media for programming updates.*

- *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.



Connect.



Give.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Litany of Peace in Remembering September 11, 2001

Adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) by RW

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

As we reflect upon the tragic events of September 11, 2001, we commend ourselves and this world to God, that we might be awakened to God's will and that forces opposed to it might be quieted. We make ourselves available for the purposes of peace, that God's great love might shine among nations, within our homes, and throughout our communities.

Let us enter into a time of reflection and prayer. *Silence for reflection.*

Gracious and holy God, **We know it is your desire to lead this world from death to life, despair to hope, fear to trust, from hate to love, war to peace. Where we have erred, forgive us. Where our hearts are sinful, cleanse us. Fill our hearts with the power of your presence. Fill our world with the power of your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Holy God, by grace your Word became flesh to reconcile us to you and to one another. Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit. Break down walls that divide us. End hostility among us, and bring peace to those who are near and far.

Response

Come and Fill our Hearts

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

O God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: show nations ways to work out differences. Do not let threats multiply or power be used without compassion. May your will overrule human willfulness. And bring peace to earth, through Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and Savior of us all. **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn 632

O God, Our Help in Ages Past
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ST. ANNE

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. Lord God, thank you for bringing us safely to this place. We gladly surrender our lives to you in worship and praise. Come dwell in our hearts. Equip us, challenge us, comfort us, teach us, and inspire us as we behold your beauty and encounter your grace; In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated



Word

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

Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

The prophet writes: ⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward.

⁶I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

⁷The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

⁸he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.

^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

Response

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You
St. John's Chancel Choir

By Jay Althouse

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them 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. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But 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."

³⁴He 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. ³⁵For 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. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Hymn 887

This Is My Song
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FINLANDIA

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.*

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

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

Benediction

Sending Hymn 546

*To Be Your Presence
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ENGLEBERG

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

Postlude

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Worship Participants

READER: Mitch Siegel

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VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins

Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

CONDOLENCES — Debbie Purpur and family, on the passing of Ralph Purpur on Aug 28.

CONGRATULATIONS — Cosette Adelene Witt, daughter of Sascha and Ondria Witt, born Sept. 8, weighing 7 lbs., 2 oz and is 18 ¾" long. Grandparents are Rob and Leslie Durocher, and Gretchen Witt. Great grandparents are Donna and Willi Beilfuss.

Lindsay and Mark Wineka on the birth of a new grandson, Miles Bennett Wineka, born to Sam & Jenna Wineka in Nashville, TN on 8/25.

Chris and Dianne Agner who have a new grandson- Ryan Nicholas Agner, born Aug, 22 to their son, Joel and his wife, Samantha.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — Pat Epting

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Patrick Hilliard, Willi Beilfuss, Emily Stirewalt, Gary Pinkston, Eleanor Andrews, Gene Myers, Lynn Fior, Rachel Safrit, Fran Lawson, Nancy Austin, David Wilson, Robin Cohen, John Myers

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

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the soprano part, and the harmony is provided by the other three parts. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first three verses of the hymn. The second system contains the fourth verse. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal parts.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

4 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

To Be Your Presence

1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
 2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
 poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,
 all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the

ev-er near,
 right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!
 love ex-pressed,
 church, re-joice,



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

