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Mark 9:41

The Season after Pentecost

September 26, 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 18th Sunday after Pentecost. As we begin this new week together, we'd like to bring a few announcements to your attention:



Today we honor Rosemary Kinard's ministry at St. John's. Rosemary has been our Associate Parish Musician for over two decades, serving in a variety of capacities and endearing herself to all.

Join us after the 11:00 service for a reception in her honor.

- Picnic at Bell Tower Green Postponed—Due to local COVID numbers and scheduling, the Congregational Picnic has been postponed until Spring 2022.
- St. John's Health Care Ministry Team is hosting a flu shot clinic, Oct. 7, 3:30-6:30 pm in the Pit. All major health insurances accepted, including Medicaid and Medicare. Drive-through available to those unable to come inside.
- God's Work. Our Hands. day is Oct. 10, 1:30-5 pm. Join us as we serve our neighbors at Isenberg Elementary. There will be opportunity for gift bag assembly and landscaping. Learn more at stjohns-salisbury.org/gods-work-our-hands
- Due to G2G Construction, 11 am Traditional Worship will continue in the Faith Center through Oct. 3. Nursery will be offered in the lower level of the Faith Center during both the 9:27 and 11 am worship until further notice.
- "When Christians Get it Wrong," by Adam Hamilton book study will take place Wednesdays in October at 6:30 pm in the Well. Sign up online.
- Sunday School Kick-Off has been postponed to Oct. 3 at 9:45 am in the Ark.
- Staff Email Server has been down for over a week. Many of us are still missing access to emails, calendars, and contacts. If your matter is time sensitive, please call the church.
- *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

Prelude

Prayers of Confession

Worship begins as we confess our sins. For Luther, confession was a daily discipline, during which we confess those sins that are “known and those left unknown.” He encouraged us to begin by making the sign of the cross as a reminder that Christ has freed us from our sin.

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.

Eternal and Gracious God, **You are the One in whom we find our meaning and joy. Our lives are in Your hands, yet our faith is often limited and conditional. We are flawed and fallen. We rely on our plans rather than Your plan. We trust our ways over Your ways. We do not love You with our whole heart, soul, and mind, nor do we love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us and free us, O God. Strengthen us to serve You as Your joyful, forgiven people. May we live to give Your name glory. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

God’s Promise of Forgiveness

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace: forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart. Hear this word of God: you are forgiven of all your sins, in the name of the Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn 820

We Praise You, O God
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KREMZER

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. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might have life. As we gather in worship this morning, give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we say and do, empower us to bear 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: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

After being freed from Egypt, the Israelites were arguing and complaining as they wandered through the wilderness.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the

tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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

Response

Spirit of the Living God

Written by Jacob Sooter and Mia Fieldes

Hannah Addair, Soloist

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9: 38-41

On their way to Capernaum the disciples had been arguing with one another over "who was the greatest" and, in today's reading, who deserved to be called a true follower of Jesus.

³⁸*The disciple John said to Jesus: "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."* ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

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

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Hymn 729

The Church of Christ, in Every Age

WARHAM

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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.

Presentation of Gifts

Choral Response

The Peace of God
(From Philippians 4:7)
St. John's Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Benediction

Sending Hymn

Together We Go Forth
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ST. JOHN

St. John's 250th Anniversary Hymn was created by members Dan Brown (text), Rosemary and Karl Kinard (music), and was introduced at the Service of Celebration on January 5, 1997.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Worship Participants

READER: Marvie Cartner

SONG LEADER: Ricky Howsare

SOUND: Mike Agee

VIDEO: Taylor Hutchins

Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

CONDOLENCES — Dan Warlick and family, on the passing of Mildred Warlick on Sept. 19.

Paul Carter, Carol McNeely and family, on the passing of Lois Carter on Sept. 20.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — Shirley Smith, Paul Carter, Ann Bostian, Gene Myers, Gary Taylor, Sherry Mason Brown

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

HOMEBOUND — Anita Foreman, Peggy Taylor, Alda Smith, Margaret Ketner, Dottie Bedford, Hal Furr, Fran Hoke, Sherry Morgan, Ermine Peeler, Peggy Smith

We Praise You, O God



1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
 4 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

Together We Go Forth

1
To - ge - ther we go forth in faith, a - cross the years and cen - tu - ries, a -
To - ge - ther we go forth in grace, Your love but still no mer - it claim. We're
To - ge - ther we go forth in joy, to serve those who re - main in need. We

6
cross the bound - ries of the world, a - cross e - ter - ni - ty. You are the Word made
beg - gars all in this wide world. We share the gift the same. You are the Lamb of
are the branch - es, You the vine, The Light by which we lead. Our hearts are trou - bled

11
flesh, Who were and are with God. You came and dwelt a - mong us Lord, and
God, Who takes a - way our sin. You take the pain which we de - serve, and
not, nor in the dark - ness trod. We sing the praise of Fa - ther, Son, and

16 Refrain
we be - held You not. Be Thou our guide. Be by our
let us live a - gain. God. side. We jour - ney in faith through life to Thee.
Spir - it, tri - une

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side. We jour - ney in faith through life to Thee.

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Music: Karl and Rosemary Kinard

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

