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LENT
– *40 Days Of Renewal* –



The First Sunday of Lent | March 6, 2022 | 11 am
St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC



During the season of Lent, our altar cross is replaced by a cross that reflects the somber and reflective themes of the season. This black cross with gold vines crossing through it was commissioned by the Heilig family and used as the St. John's altar cross for over 50 years. During the remainder of the year, it sits in the chapel narthex. Our regular cross, made of bright gold and commissioned by the late Paul and Lois Carter in 2011, will return on Easter Sunday.



Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. As we begin this new week together, we'd like to bring a few announcements to your attention:

- A reminder that **our nursery** is available during service, for our 11 am service we now have a nursery in our education building. Please see an usher for assistance.
- **Grace Unbounded Lenten Devotional.** Join us as we read through the Gospel of Luke. *Together.* Copies are available in the track racks in Peeler Hall and the sanctuary narthex. E-Book edition available online.
- **Midweek Lenten Worship**—Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the sanctuary or join us online at stjohns-salisbury.org.
- Join us on March 8 at 12 pm in the Pit for a **Senior Seasons Lunch N Learn** with local Bee Keeper Marcel Renn. He will present a “show and tell” program on bee keeping.
- **Meals on Wheels BBQ Fundraiser Drive Thru**— Mar 10, 11 am—6 pm. Order online mowrowan.org or call 704-633-0352.
- **Pastors Lori Carter and James Demmel** begin their calls at St. John's next Sunday, March 13 at both worship services. Their installation will be Sunday, April 3, during a unity service at 10:00 am in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in Peeler Hall. Welcome Pastor Lori and Pastor James!
- 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

Stirring of the Bells

Kyrie. *Our worship during Lent begins with an ancient centering prayer, asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather as God's people. The congregation sings what is printed in bold.*

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

G Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord. **G** A - men

Let us pray. O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Entrance Hymn 532

Gather Us In
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GATHER US IN

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

Welcome and Announcements



Word

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

Reading: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

²will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

¹⁰no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

¹¹For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.

¹²On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

¹³You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

¹⁴Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

¹⁵When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble,

I will rescue them and honor them. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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

Response

Come, Ye Disconsolate
St. John's Chancel Choir

By Terre Johnson

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

The temptation of Jesus

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Hymn 325

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me
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SOJOURNER

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

During the 40-day season of Lent, our worship space and liturgy reflect a more subdued, penitential form. The fullness of liturgy and celebration return on Easter morning.

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.

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 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. *All the baptized are welcome to receive holy communion this morning. All others are invited forward for a blessing. Proceed down the side aisles at the direction of the ushers, returning to your seat by the middle aisle. 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.

Hymn 461 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (See Page 13)*

Hymn *Prayer of Peace (See Page 14)*

Please stand

Blessing and Prayer





Sending

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

Benediction

Sending Hymn 320

The Glory of These Forty Days
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ERHALT UNS HERR

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

Postlude

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Join Us In Prayer For The Following:

CONDOLENCES — Kerry, Tim, Garrett, Katie and Mallory Gardner, on the passing of Claudette Barger on Feb. 14.

Susan Myers, Zach Tucker and family, on the passing of Gene Myers on Feb. 12.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER CONCERNS — Vernon Davis, Eric Brady, Melody Moxley, Eleanor Andrews, Gerald Jones

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS — Davey Rhodes, Gary Pinkston, Lynn Fior, Rachel Safrit, Fran Lawson, Nancy Austin, David Wilson, Robin Cohen

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
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
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
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
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, 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,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: SOJOURNER, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam - ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.

You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Moore, *Columbian Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version

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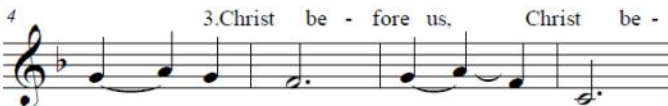
Prayer of Peace



1. Peace be - fore us, peace be -

2. Love be - fore us, love be -

3. Christ be - fore us, Christ be -



hind___ us, peace un - der our feet. ___

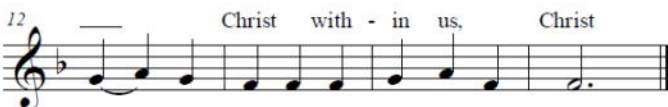
hind___ us, love un - der our feet. ___



hind___ us, Christ un - der our feet. ___

___ Peace with - in us, peace

___ Love with - in us, love



___ Christ with - in us, Christ

o - ver us, let all a - round us be peace.

o - ver us, let all a - round us be love.

o - ver us, let all a - round us be Christ.

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The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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