

TURM

How A Relationship With Jesus Can Turn Your Life Around

Fifth Sunday of Easter Graduation Sunday

May 15, 2022 | 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 5th Sunday of Easter**, a 50 day season of the church year that lasts from Easter to Pentecost. The liturgical color is white, which symbolizes new life in Jesus. The Paschal (or Easter) candle remains in the center of our worship space throughout the season of Easter.
- A reminder that **our nursery** is located in the education building during the renovation project. Please see an usher for assistance.
- **Today is Graduation Sunday**—Congratulations to the class of 2022! Emily Almond, Ellison Frick, Emily Frick, Luke Graeber, Sydney Hlavacek, Morgan Jeter, Kirstyn Mason, Sascha Medina, McGwire Owen, Wade Robins
- **New Members Sunday**—Join us in welcoming our new members next Sunday!
- **VBS**—Registration is open (3 year olds to current 5th graders). Join us for a “Monumental” experience as we celebrate God’s greatness! Use the QR code on the left or go to our website to sign up. If you would like to donate items to this year’s VBS use the QR code in the middle or sign up at a table in Peeler Hall.



VBS Registration



VBS Donations



Giving



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Prelude

Beautiful Savior
Janie Rollins, Piano

Setting by Michael Hassell

Call to Worship

From Psalm 57

My heart is steadfast, O God!
I will sing and make melody with all my being!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!
I will give thanks to you, O LORD, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!
Come, let us worship our God!

Entrance Hymn 842

Oh, Worship the King

HANOVER

See page 10 of this bulletin or hymn 842 in the red worship book.

In procession today are our 2022 high school graduates.

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. O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Welcome and Recognition of the Graduating Class of 2022 and Scholarship Presentation



Word

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

Reading: Acts 11:1-18

Read by Kirstyn Mason, senior at Rowan Early College
In defense of his earlier baptism of non-Jewish believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Response

Cantate Domino
From Psalm 96:1
St. John's Chancel Choir

James Chepponis

Cantata Domino, canticum novum. Alleluia!
Sing to the Lord a new song. Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

Sermon

Pastor James Demmel

Hymn 631

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

See page 11 of this bulletin or hymn 631 in the red worship book.

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.***

Sharing the Peace of Christ. *As we prepare our hearts and minds for communion, scripture invites us to make peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ. We share the peace with the words "Peace be with you."*



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Preparation of the Lord's Table: *The congregation stands and sings the Doxology*

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.

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:



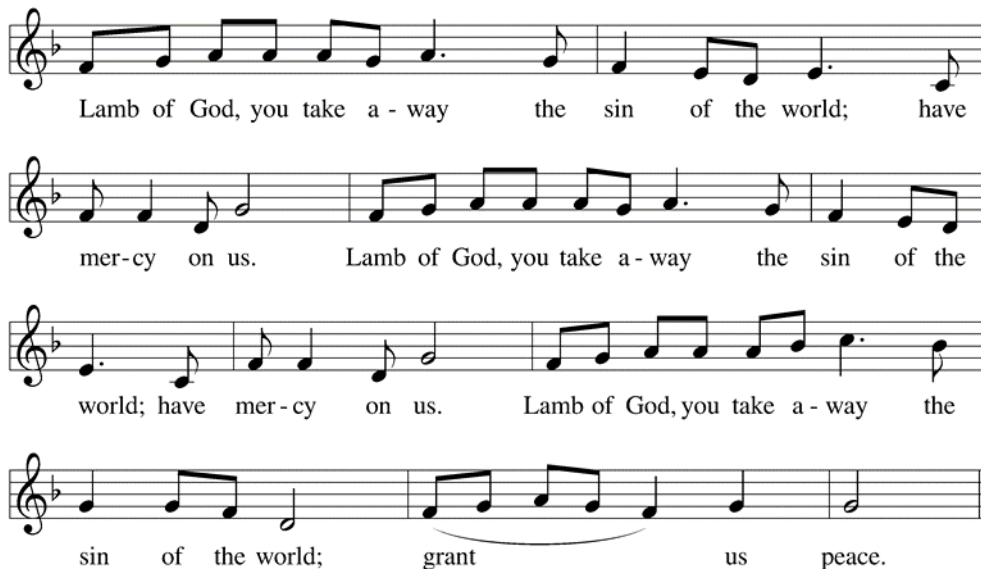
Eucharistic Prayer followed by The Lord's Prayer:

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 God's gift of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will commune by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at the front of the sanctuary. Proceed down the middle aisle, following the ushers' instructions, and return to your seat by the side aisles. Those not communing are invited forward for a spoken blessing. Grape juice is available in pre-filled cups. All bread in our communion celebration is gluten-free. Persons with walking difficulties may receive the bread and wine by sitting in the reserved front pew.*

Communion Hymns 154

Lamb of God



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'Lamb of God'. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.' The word 'grant' is underlined with a purple line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymn 472
Piano Meditation
Hymn 494

Eat This Bread
Ricky Howsare, piano
For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Communion hymns are found in the red worship book (ELW), unless otherwise indicated.

Please stand

Blessing and Prayer



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

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See page 12 of this bulletin or hymn 543 in the red worship book.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Luke Graeber and Sydney Hlavacek, Seniors at Salisbury High School

SOUND: Mike Agee

PRODUCTION MANAGER: Taylor Hutchins

Oh, Worship the King

1 Oh, wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.
 2 The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 3 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

Oh, grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love;
 Al - might - y, your pow'r has found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,
 es - tab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree,
 it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor, and gird - ed with praise.
 and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

- 4 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
 our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Text: Robert Grant, 1779–1838, alt.
 Music: HANOVER, William Croft, 1678–1727

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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 HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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Let's connect faith and life. *Together.*