



The Season of Pentecost

Father's Day

June 19, 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 2nd Sunday after Pentecost.** The season of Pentecost begins on the day of Pentecost and continues throughout the rest of the liturgical year, ending just before the season of Advent. The liturgical color for this period is green.
- **This morning we welcome the MADRIGALIANS** to worship. Founded by director, Karl Kinard in 1972. 50 years ago as a part of Newberry College's Choral Program, the MADRIGALIANS are together this weekend celebrating their 50th reunion and we are delighted that they will be sharing their sacred choral music with us in worship. Jim Riddle is the current President of the MADRIGALIANS and Mary Martha Avedisian Reed is the accompanist.
- A reminder that **our nursery** is located in the education building during the renovation project. Please see an usher for assistance.
- **MONUMENTAL VBS**—Some of our youth from VBS joined us at our 9:27 worship this morning to share some of the dance moves they learned throughout the week. A **HUGE** thank you to all of the volunteers (over 40 of you) that made this week possible.
- **275th Celebration**— Celebrate the story of our birthplace along with our friends from St Luke's Episcopal and First Presbyterian at the Old Lutheran Cemetery on June 26 at 4pm.
- **Altar Flowers**—The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our fathers, Karl Pressley Corriher, and Joseph Ivan Sims, and all other fathers who have gone before us. By Darryl and Barbara Corriher and family.

Churchwide Retreat

Join us from Sept. 23-25 for a fun filled family weekend at Lutheridge near Asheville!
Use the QR Code below to register.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Interested in walking where Jesus walked? Use the QR code below to register.



Giving

Thank you for Giving to God's Work through St. John's. You can give online by using the QR Code below.





Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God

Choral Introit

Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring
The Madrigalians

by Johann Sebastian Bach

Call to Worship

By Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'

Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.

We gather today to worship the One who created us,

The One who calls us,

The One who equips us,

The One who loves us without end.

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

God invites all of us to share in the good news:

We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Entrance Hymn 870

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

See page 9 of this bulletin or hymn 870 in the red worship book.

Greeting

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. O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Welcome



Word

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

Reading: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

²I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

³You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to my servant David:

⁴I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations."

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

¹⁶they exult in your name all day long,
and extol your righteousness.

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength;
by your favor our horn is exalted.

¹⁸For our shield belongs to the LORD,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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

Choral Response

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The Madrigalians

Setting by Hugo Distler

The Holy Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.

²⁶Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with

me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

Sermon

Pastor James Demmel

Hymn 733

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

See page 10-11 of this bulletin or hymn 733 in the red worship book.

Apostles' Creed: *The three paragraphs of the Creed express our belief in the three-fold nature of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

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. *Living in the forgiveness of sin, we make peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ, sharing the words "Peace be with you."*



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Preparation of the Lord's Table: *The congregation remains standing 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.

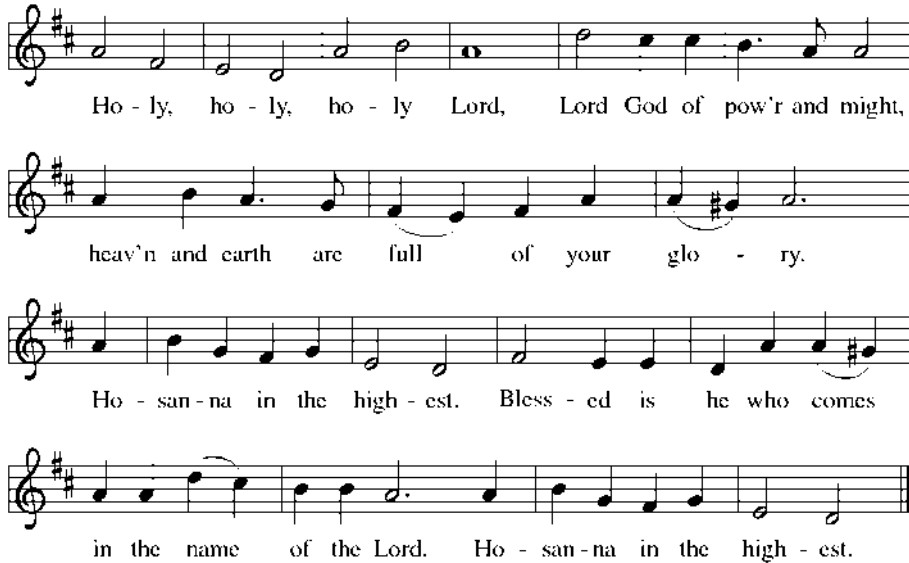
The Great Thanksgiving

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

Please be seated

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.*

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 musical score consists of two staves (treble and bass clef) in G major (one sharp). It features three vocal parts (1, 2, 3) and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are arranged in three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The first system contains the opening lines of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with a final line of praise.

Text: Julia C. Cory, 1882–1963

Music: KREMSER, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626

Great is Thy Faithfulness

1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

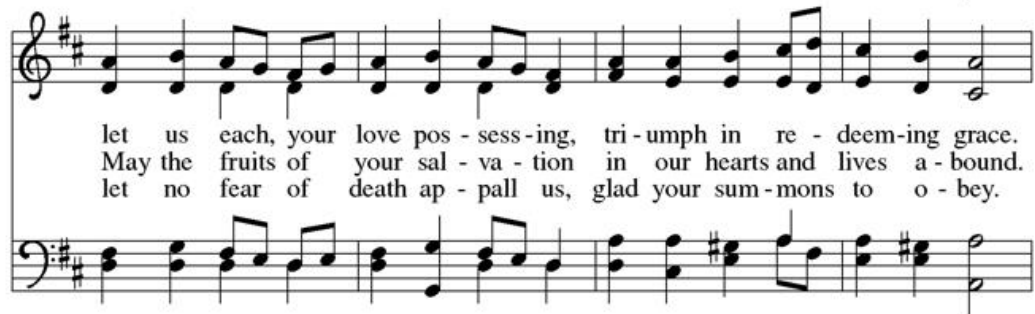
hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960
 Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957
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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful, to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740-1817, sts. 1-2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.

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

