



# Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC



# Welcome to St. John's

*We're so glad God has brought you here!*

**Women's Ministry—Sip & Paint—Apr. 18, 7 pm-9 pm**, at Cauble Creek Vineyard, located at 700 Cauble Farm Rd., Salisbury, NC. All women are invited to join us for a great time of fellowship and fun!

**Worship at the Lake—Apr. 21, 10 am** at St. John's High Rock Lake Retreat Property, 220 Mockingbird Lane, Salisbury, NC 28146. Lunch will follow the service. Bring a covered side dish or dessert and your own chair. (We will **not** have a 9:27 service in the Faith Center, but there will be an 11 am traditional service in the Sanctuary.)

**Pastor Dan Joyner Miller—Installation service—Apr. 21, 7 pm in the Sanctuary.** Pastor Kendra Joyner Miller (Pastor Dan's wife) will preach at this service. A light reception will follow in Ritchie Hall.

**Men's Spring Hike—Apr. 24—Itinerary—7 am—meet at St. John's; 9:30 am—1:30 pm—Grindstone Trail; 2 pm—Foothills Grill & Tap; 4 pm—arrive back at St. John's.** Contact Michael Connor at [mjconnor1928@gmail.com](mailto:mjconnor1928@gmail.com) for more info.

**Youth Sunday—Apr. 28**, our Youth will lead worship at the 9:27 and 11 am services. If your youth is interested in participating, please email [james@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:james@stjohns-salisbury.org).

**St. John's Men's Chorus Spring Concert—Join us on Apr. 28 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary for *Singers Arise!*** presented by St. John's Men's Chorus. A free will offering will be taken.

**VBS—Registration is now open** (3 year olds to current 5th graders). Jun. 10-14, 9 am—12:15 pm. Join us as we dive into friendship with God during our "SCUBA"-themed VBS! Use the QR code to sign up. Contact [Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org](mailto:Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org) with any questions.



**Altar Flowers—Given to the glory of God and in honor of all the loyal and dedicated St. John's Altar Guild volunteers who willingly give of their time, by Franco and Brenda Goodman.**

## Worship Navigation

The Congregation is invited to respond where words are in **Bold**.

**\*** = Please stand as you are able

**+** = Face the Cross

**✝** = You are invited to make the sign of the Cross.

**Hymns are found by number in the red worship books located in each pew.**



# Gathering

*The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God.*

## **Prelude**

*Be Still My Soul/You Raise Me Up*

By R. Loveland, B. Graham, att. T. Fettke

The St. John's Women's Ensemble; Mark Tysinger, Accompanist

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism \***

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**Entrance Hymn 361\***

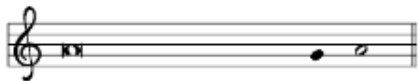
*The Day of Resurrection!*

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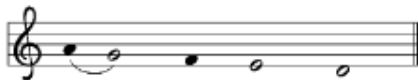
**Apostolic Greeting\***

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.**

**Kyrie\*** *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.  
 Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

**Hymn of Praise\***

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

HYFRYDOL

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne.  
 Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone.  
 Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:  
 "Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by his blood."

**Prayer of the Day\***

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Anthem**

*Redeemer* By Nicole C. Mullin Arr. H. Sorensen  
St. John's Women's Ensemble; Mark Tysinger, Accompanist



## **Word**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### **Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

*God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

## Response

## Alleluia Verse

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Holy Gospel : \*

Luke 24:36b-48

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

*In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.*

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Sharing the Peace of Christ:** *We make peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ, sharing the words "Peace be with you."*



## Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

### Offertory Anthem

*Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing*

by G. Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemers praise.  
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.  
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,  
Sing Jehovah's mighty power, praise Him forever.  
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

So, let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemers praise.  
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.  
Sing Alleluia!

### Offertory Hymn 152

*Create in Me*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the  
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

### Offertory Prayer\*

Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.  
**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession\*** *Each petition ends: "God of grace, **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 \*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn 389\*+**

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*  
(Stanzas 1,3,4 and 5)

TRURO

## **Dismissal \***

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **Postlude**

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## **Worship Participants**

### **Order of St. John's:**

**Acolytes**—Katie Ann Dangerfield and Clara Misner

**Reader**—Chuck Moll

**Crucifer**—Lilly Dangerfield

**Banner Bearer**—Kaitlyn Losh

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