

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church
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Worship Participants

Order of St John's:

Acolytes—Caleb Rathbun and Balian Witt

Reader: Judy Klusman

Crucifer—Aiden Moss

Banner Bearer—Drew Rabon

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.



Welcome to St. John's

We're so glad God has brought you here!

2025 Council Nominations—Due tomorrow, Sept. 30. Please be sure your nomination is received by the due date. You may complete the form by scanning the QR Code here or by visiting our website: stjohns-salisbury.org/congregation-council and click the “Council Nominations” button.



Wednesday Evening Vesper Service—Oct. 2 and Nov. 6, 6:15 pm in the Chapel— Join us after our Wednesday night meal for an evening worship service.

WMs Ministry—Prayer Rock Painting at Cauble Creek Vineyard—Oct. 3 from 7-9 pm. Join us for a fun-filled Women's Ministry event painting prayer rocks. Scan QR code here to sign up. For details, contact Sally Taylor at samt5267@gmail.com or Rosalind Hines at rhines509@gmail.com.



2nd Grade Milestones (Pot of Gold)—Oct. 6 at 2 pm in the Ark. RSVP by Oct. 2. If you have any questions, contact Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org.

Blessing of the Animals—Oct. 6 from 2-3:30 pm in the St. John's Chapel Breezeway. We will have a walk-up event where you and your pet can receive a blessing. *(All animals must be on a leash or in a carrier. If your animal cannot attend, feel free to bring a photo.)* We look forward to seeing you there.



Consecration Sunday Brunch— Oct. 20 from 8:30-11:30 am in Ritchie Hall. Join us for our annual Celebration Brunch. Invitation cards are available online, in our literature racks, and the QR code here. If you forget to RSVP, we will follow up with a phone call.

Children's Worship—During our 11 am worship service, elementary age children will be invited to their own special time of learning each week after the scripture reading. At the conclusion of the sermon, children will return to their families in the sanctuary.

Small Children are always welcome at worship, although a nursery for infants through age 5 is provided in the lower level of the Sanctuary building for your convenience. Please ask an usher to direct you to the nursery.

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Altar Flowers— Given to the glory of God and in honor of Erron Towns' birthday, by Sue and Joe Towns, and B.J. and Mike Connor.

Additional Altar Flowers—Given to the glory of God and in honor of Melody Moxley's milestone birthday on Oct. 1, by Lois Reinemann and Kathy Jackson.



Gathering

The Holy Spirit gathers us as the people of God.

Prelude

Exultate Deo

by Jill Fedor

The Luther Ringers, Kim Lentz, Director

Confession and Forgiveness*+

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,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.
In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

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.*
 Setting by Robert J. Durocher, Jr.

(Cantor) Congregation (Cantor)

Voice

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Lord have mer - cy. Chr - i - ste e -

6 Congregation 2nd time

le - i - son, Christ have - mer - cy. Christ, have - mer - cy.

Hymn of Praise*

This is the Feast of Victory for Our God
 Setting by Robert J. Durocher, Jr.

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Voice

This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of

6 vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia!

11 1. Wor - thy is Christ, the - Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

15 Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and - hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

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 This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God.

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 This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. Al-le - lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia. 2.Sing with - all the

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 peo - ple of God, and join in the hymn of — all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or,

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 glo - ry and might be to God - and the Lamb for - ev - er, A - men. 3.This is the feast of

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 vic-t'ry for our God. This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God. For the Lamb who was

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 slain be - gins his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le lu ia. Al - le lu ia, al le lu ia.

Prayer of the Day*

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

Let us pray. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated

Welcome and Announcements—Temple Talk #1—Bob Loeblein



Word

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

Reading: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Invitation to Children's Worship—All elementary-aged children are invited to Children's Worship. Please gather at the Baptismal Font.

Gospel Acclamation*

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

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



On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus teaches his disciples about ministry that involves service and sacrifice. His disciples are slow to realize that these words apply to them as well as to others.

³⁸John 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.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon

Pastor Lori Carter

Hymn 675*

O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True
 O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT

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: "Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**"*

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Words by Thomas Moore. Setting by Terre Johnson

Come, ye disconsolate, where're ye languish.
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish.
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

Joy of the desolate, Light of the straying,
hope when all others die fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying,
"Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love, come, ever knowing
Earth has no sorrow but heaven can remove.



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Preparation of the Lord's Table. *After the table is prepared, the Congregation stands and sings:*
"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord".

The Offertory Hymn 184*

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord

Ronald A. Nelson

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

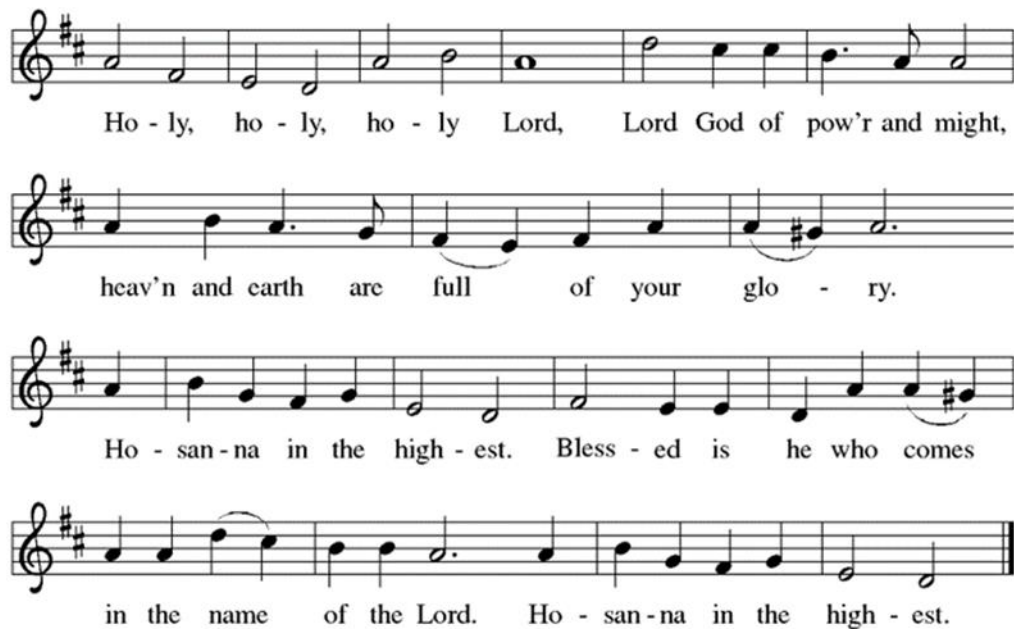
Offertory Prayer*

Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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:



The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "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." The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff begins with a repeat sign. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

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 with Words of Institution*

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.

Invitation to Communion*

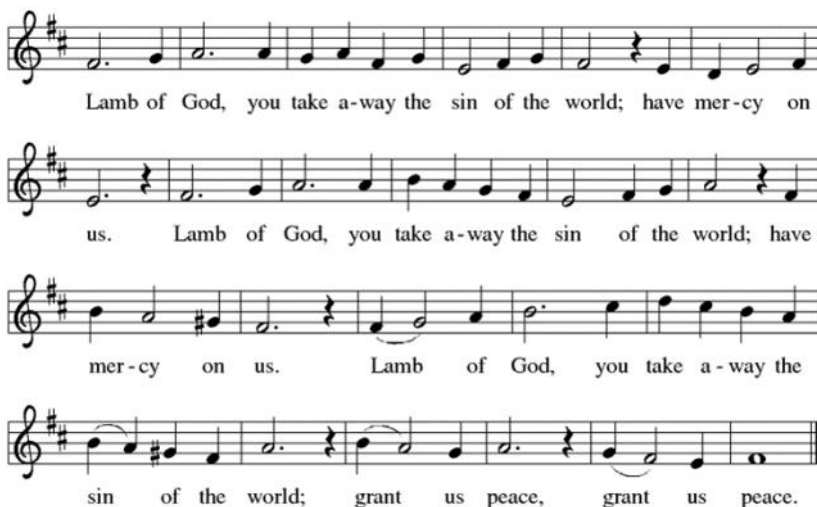
Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion. *All baptized and communing Christians are welcome to receive God's gift of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion at the altar. Follow the usher's instructions. Wine is served in individual cups. Grape juice and non-gluten wafers are available upon request. Please indicate your preference to the pastor. Those not receiving the sacrament, are invited forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest as a sign to the pastor. **If you need Communion brought to you in the pew, please signal the servers when they come down from the chancel.***

Communion Hymn

Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

Hymn 483

Here Is Bread

Piano Meditation

Come, Ye Disconsolate

Arr. Mark Hayes

Janie Rollins, Piano

Hymn 614

There's a Balm in Gilead

Post Communion Blessing*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion*

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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 840*+ *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Dismissal*

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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