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St. John's Lutheran Church  
Salisbury, North Carolina



# WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

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

**Decorating Help Needed for Easter—Sat., Apr. 19 from 9 am—3 pm.** The Decorating Team is looking for volunteers to help decorate our Sanctuary, Faith Center and Peeler Hall with flowers for Easter. To volunteer, please sign up via Faith Life or contact Mindy Hochuli (malindahochuli@gmail.com) or Marian Hough Schouweiler (mlhough17@gmail.com).



**Easter Breakfast—Sun., Apr. 20, 8:30 am—10:30 am in Ritchie Hall.**

**Serenity Sisters—Ages 35-55ish—Join us on Sun. Apr. 27 from 5-7 pm,** for a time of fellowship and devotions. Email Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org for location and more information.

**New Sermon Series—On Sat., Apr. 26,** we will welcome Rev. Dr. Katherine Shaner to St. John's to begin our sermon series. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm, and Dr. Shaner will share her insights and overview of the book of Revelation beginning at 6:15 pm. On Sun., Apr. 27, she will preach at both services. Dr. Shaner is an Associate Professor of New Testament at Wake Forest University School of Divinity and is an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She serves as a guest preacher and presider in various large and small churches, bringing her theological expertise and pastoral experience to different congregational settings.

**St. John's Men's Chorus Spring Concert—Join us on May 18 at 4 pm** in the Sanctuary as the St. John's Men's Chorus presents, *"Sacred Harp, Sacred Song: Celebrating the Rich Tradition of American Folk Hymns"*. A free will offering will be taken.

**VBS—ages 3 through CURRENT 5th grade—Join us on Jun. 9-13 from 9 am—12:15 pm** for a *"True North"* adventure! Register and view wish list by scanning QR codes below. Contact Stacey@stjohns-salisbury.org with any questions or to volunteer.



VBS Registration



VBS Wishlist

## 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

Partita on “*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*”

arr. Michael Burkhardt

*Hosanna to the Son of David*  
Brass Quintet

arr. Orlando Gibbons

## THE LITANY OF PALMS AND PROCESSIONAL

*Remain seated*

## ACCLAMATION

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*Hosanna to the Son*

by Jody Lindh

Kingdom Kids, Joyful Ringers and Chancel Choir

*(Refrain) Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
Glory, glory be to God on high!*

*Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!*

*Hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,  
Glory, glory be to God on high!*

The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem  
Riding on a donkey’s colt, he came, palm branches spread before him.

The disciples didn’t understand what was happening at first;  
But when Jesus, the King, was glorified, then they remembered,

It had all been written!

*(Refrain)*

## BLESSING OF THE PALMS\*

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

*Let us pray.*

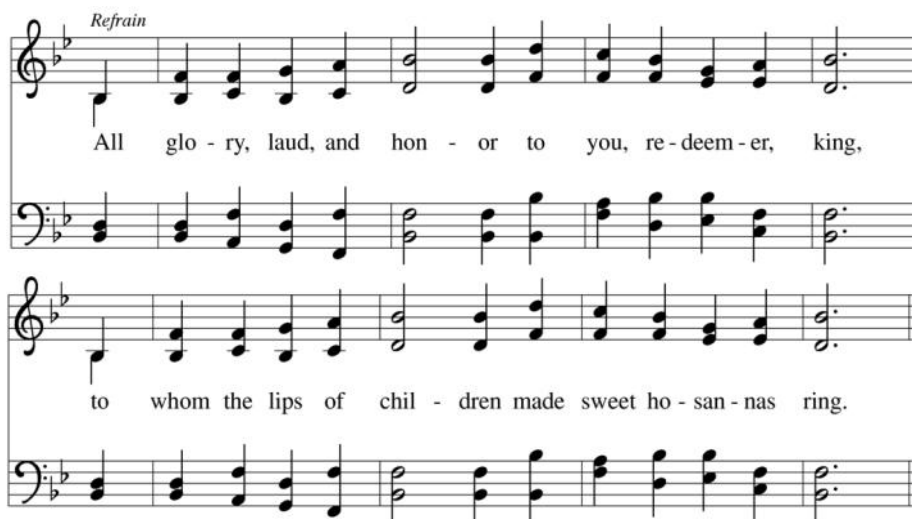
We praise you, O God,  
for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Today he entered the holy city in triumph  
and was proclaimed messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.  
Bless these branches and those who carry them.  
Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross,  
so that, joined to his death and resurrection,  
we enter into life with you;  
through the same Jesus Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## HYMN 344\*

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*  
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Wave your palm branches during the refrain.*

*Refrain*



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.

*Refrain*  
 now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760–821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584–1635

## PRAYER OF THE DAY\*

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

God of Peace, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us ever mindful of the way of Christ and empower us to see him with clarity as we join in his faithful journey of redeeming all creation with your saving Word. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



## WORD

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

### Reading

**Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! <sup>2</sup>Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup>I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup>Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success! <sup>26</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. <sup>28</sup>You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. <sup>29</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

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

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**    *God's Word Is Our Great Heritage*  
(Tune to "A Mighty Fortress")

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;  
to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant while time shall last your church may hold it fast  
throughout all generations.



Glo-ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>28</sup> After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup> saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” <sup>32</sup> So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They said, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying,

“Blessed is the king  
 who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven,  
 and glory in the highest heaven!”

<sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” <sup>40</sup> He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

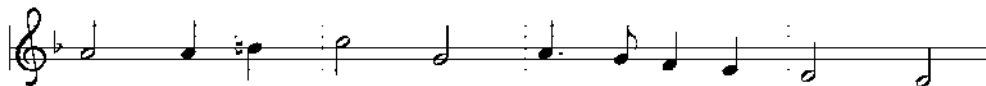
**GOSPEL RECESSIONAL**

*God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage*  
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 to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.  
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 throughout all generations.



1. Soloist 1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
 2. All Women 2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
 3. All Men 3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
 4. Choir 4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions;  
 There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
 our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it,  
 hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
 see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
 Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
 Give me your sick - ness. give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
 self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
 stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
 sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

5. All This is my ending  
 This my resurrection;  
 Into your hands, Lord,  
 I commit my spirit.  
 This have I searched for;  
 Now I can possess it.  
 This ground is holy.

6. All All heav'n is singing,  
 "Thanks to Christ whose passion  
 offers in mercy  
 Healing, strength, and pardon  
 Peoples and nations,  
 Take it, take it freely!"  
 Amen! My Master!



**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: "God in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**"*

**PEACE\***

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

*Please be seated*

**COLLECTION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**



**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*Lift High the Cross*

Setting by Paul Wright

*(Refrain) Lift high the cross,  
The love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore  
His sacred name.*

Come Christians, follow,  
Where our Savior trod,  
Our King victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God. (*Refrain*)

All newborn servants  
Of the Crucified  
Bear on their brow  
The seal of Christ who died. (*Refrain*)

Led on their way  
By this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God  
In conquering ranks combine. (*Refrain*)

O Lord, once lifted  
On the glorious tree,  
Your death has brought us  
Life eternally. (*Refrain*)

So shall our song  
Of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified  
For victory. (*Refrain*)

**OFFERTORY HYMN 182\***

*Let the Vineyards*

HILLERT

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 the dreams of all; u -

nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER\*

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. 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\***

### **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\***

The gifts of God, for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION.** *All baptized Christians 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). All stations will be on the nave level. Please follow the directions of the ushers.*

*For those with special needs, please note that grape juice as well as non-gluten wafers are available. Those with walking difficulties may receive the bread and wine by sitting in the reserved front pew or by notifying an usher. A pastor will then bring you communion during distribution.*

## 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.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

**Organ and Brass Meditations**

*Come to the Table*  
*Ave Verum Corpus*  
*Eat This Bread*

arr. William Byrd

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING\*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION\*

Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**



# SENDING

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

## BENEDICTION\*

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
guard your hearts and your minds in + Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN\*+

*My Song Is Love Unknown*  
(Stanzas 1-3, 7)

RHOSYMEDRE



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,  
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;  
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.  
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.  
re - sound-ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail  
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his  
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!  
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.

7 Here might I stay and sing—  
no story so divine!  
Never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend!

## DISMISSAL \*

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*The Palms*  
Palm Sunday Brass

arr. Jean-Baptiste Faure

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## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### ORDER OF ST. JOHN'S:

**Acolytes**—Katie Ann Dangerfield, Elijah Young  
**Crucifer**—Hope Thomas  
**Banner Bearer**—Lilly Dangerfield  
**Percussion:** Davis Brown  
**Reader**—Rosemary Wood

### PALM SUNDAY BRASS:

**Trumpets**—Samuel Santiago, Nico McLaurin  
**Trombones**—Charie Fisher, Aleksandr Witt  
**Horn**—Melanie Watson  
**Timpani**—Davis Brown



*Holy<sup>†</sup>Week* **SCHEDULE**

April 17 (Maundy Thursday)	7PM SANCTUARY AND ONLINE
April 18 (Good Friday)	12:15PM CHAPEL 7PM SANCTUARY AND ONLINE
April 20 (Easter Sunday)	9:27AM FAITH CENTER 11AM SANCTUARY AND ONLINE

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## Pastoral Ministry

Senior Pastor.....Dan Joyner Miller....ext. 2060  
Pastor for Congregational Care .....Lori Carter...ext. 2050  
Pastor for Youth and Outreach .....James Demmel.....ext. 2040

## Worship and Music Ministry

Interim Chancel Choir and Bell Choirs Director.....Kimberly Lentz.....ext. 2080  
Interim Organist.....Connie Burleson.....ext. 2080  
Contemporary Worship Leaders.....Michael Board and Ondria Witt  
Production Manager.....Taylor Hutchins.....ext. 2190  
Director of Music *emeritus*.....Karl Kinard, Jr., deacon

## Program Ministry

Children.....Stacey Shafer.....ext. 2020  
St. John's Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds), Director .....Gina Phifer.....ext. 2120  
Child Development Center, Executive Director.....Lea Anne Thomas.....ext. 3212

## Administrative Team

Church Administrator.....Deborah Cross.....ext. 2030  
Office Manager.....Vivian Connor.....ext. 2000  
Bookkeeper.....Mark Bias.....ext. 2170  
Ministry Program Coordinator.....Mary Wymbs...ext. 2180  
Facility Manager.....David Ellenburg.....ext. 2070  
Custodian.....Steven Elliott



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