



St John's

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Homecoming Sunday ✝ September 27, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Founded by German immigrants in 1745, St. John's Lutheran Church is one of the oldest congregations in the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are part of a rich heritage that now spans 184 congregations and 45,000 Lutherans in North Carolina, nearly 3 million ELCA members across 65 synods in the United States, and a global communion of 78 million Lutherans through the Lutheran World Federation.

From a humble meetinghouse in 1745 to our place in the global body of Christ, St. John's continues to share God's love far beyond our own walls, living into the promise of the communion of saints.

- ❖ We are glad you are worshiping with us! If you're a visitor, please enter your name in the guestbook near the entrance and our pastor will reach out to you.
 - ❖ A printed cross ✝ is an invitation to make the sign of the cross on your forehead or body. We make the sign of the cross to remember our Baptism and the promise: *"You have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever."*
 - ❖ **Bold print** indicates a speaking part for the whole assembly.
 - ❖ Restrooms are located in the Narthex to the right of the front door and through the doors behind the choir to the left.
 - ❖ A nursery is available for your use. Ask an usher for directions.
 - ❖ Today's liturgy is Setting Twelve from *All Creation Sings*.
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ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given by Phillip, Patrick, Paxton, and Holly Casper to the glory of God and in memory of Gloria Casper.

Altar flowers are a meaningful way to glorify God and honor loved ones in worship. A gift of \$75 to the St. John's Flower Fund is encouraged. To sponsor altar flowers, please contact the church office.

HOLY COMMUNION

- ❖ You are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead, please come forward during the distribution with your arms crossed.
- ❖ Please note: The homemade communion bread is gluten, dairy, and nut free. If you prefer a wafer, please indicate by raising a finger as you approach the pastor.
- ❖ Grape juice, instead of wine, is also available.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOMECOMING AT ST. JOHN'S

Homecoming at St. John's is a joyful celebration of the generations who have worshiped and served here, the community God is gathering today, and the hopeful future to which Christ is calling us. Following worship, everyone is invited to a covered-dish meal and time of fellowship at the St. John's Community Center. Whether you have called St. John's home for many years or are joining us for the first time, there is a place for you at the table!

WELCOME BISHOP EMILY HARTNER!

The Rev. Emily K. Hartner serves as the 79th bishop, and the first female bishop, of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). She is a child of the NC Synod having received much faith formation at her home congregation of Beth Eden Lutheran Church in Newton, NC. She earned a BS from Davidson College, an MDiv from Yale Divinity School, and an STM from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia (now United Lutheran Seminary). Prior to her role as bishop, she participated in the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program, working with the unhoused community in Edinburgh, Scotland. She also served two congregations in North Carolina: St. Mark's Lutheran Church and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, both in Charlotte. She lives in Huntersville with her husband Ian and son Oliver and enjoys tap dancing in her free time.

WELCOME GUEST MUSICIANS!

Please join us in welcoming our guest musicians today: Ken Edmonds and David Brewer, *trumpet*; David Mickus, *horn*; Wes Broome, *trombone*; Cody Chessor, *tuba*

SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY

Join us at 9am for a heritage-themed Sunday School in Goins Hall. Members of the Heritage Committee will share more about their ministry and showcase the congregation's digital resources, which allow folks to access our archives on the web. It will be a wonderful time to learn more about the dedicated work of our Heritage Center volunteers!

A NOTE ABOUT ANNOUNCEMENT TIME

Today's announcements will be made following the Passing of the Peace, as we preserve our prayerful time of gathering ahead of the service.

SHARING THE BOUNTY FOOD DRIVE

Grocery bags for our *Sharing the Bounty Food Drive* will be handed out to families as they depart today, to be returned next Sunday, Oct. 4th to benefit the Mt. Pleasant Food Bank.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROLINE MILLS

Congratulations to Caroline Mills as she graduated from Kannapolis Dental Assisting Academy on Friday. We are proud of you, Caroline!

✠ GATHERING ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

INTROIT



PRELUDE

Contrapunctus I

J. S. Bach

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

ELW #835



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

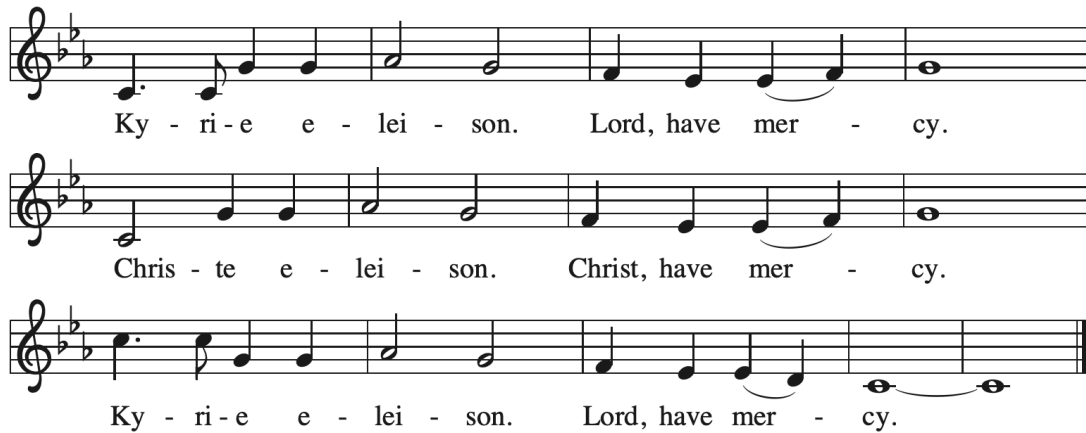
- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.

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



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

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

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

GLORIA



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

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

TIME FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

Children are invited to come forward for a conversation with the minister.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 25-32

A reading from Ezekiel.

¹ The word of the Lord came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? ³ As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins who shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed, they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9

The assembly responds with the refrain. The lector reads the text.



¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. **Refrain**

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old. **Refrain**

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

⁸ Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way. **Refrain**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

A reading from Philippians.

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?”

²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**



SERMON

Bishop Emily Hartner



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

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 THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the mercy of God, who calls us into the vineyard and sends us forth to bear the fruits of the kingdom, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Gracious God, you have called your church through every generation to proclaim your love not only with our lips, but with our lives. Give us hearts willing to hear your call, courage to change our minds when your Spirit leads us in a new direction, and faith to follow where Christ leads. On this Homecoming Sunday, we give you thanks for all who have worshiped, served, prayed, taught, given, and labored in this congregation through the generations. Make us faithful stewards of what we have received and hopeful servants of what is still to come. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of the church, bind together your people throughout the world. We pray especially for the North Carolina Synod, for Bishop Emily, for the Synod Council, rostered ministers, deacons, congregations, and ministries throughout this synod. Bless Bishop Emily as she serves among us and grant her wisdom, courage, joy, and strength for the ministry to which you have called her. Deepen the bonds we share in Christ, that together we may bear witness to your grace in our communities and beyond. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of every generation, we remember with gratitude the saints who have gone before us: those whose names we know and those known only to you. We give thanks for ancestors in faith who built, sacrificed, prayed, taught children, welcomed strangers, cared for neighbors, and trusted that your work would continue beyond their own lifetimes. As they entrusted this church to generations they would never meet, teach us to labor faithfully for generations we may never see.

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice and peace, you desire righteousness rather than empty promises. Guide the leaders of nations, states, and communities. Give them wisdom to seek the common good, humility to listen, and courage to act on behalf of those who are overlooked or pushed aside. Where there is violence, bring peace; where there is division, create paths toward reconciliation; and where people suffer injustice, raise up voices of truth and mercy. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of compassion, draw near to all who are sick, grieving, lonely, anxious, or weary. Be present with those facing uncertain diagnoses, difficult decisions, surgery, treatment, or recovery. Comfort those who mourn and strengthen all who provide care. We remember especially those we name before you now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts...Surround them with your healing presence and remind them that nothing can separate them from your love in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of welcome, we give thanks for all who have come home to St. John's this day: longtime members, returning friends, neighbors, guests, and those entering these doors for the first time. Bless the conversations around tables, the stories remembered, and the relationships renewed. Make this congregation a home not only for those who remember its past, but for those who are only beginning to become part of its future. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

God of promise, you call us again and again into your vineyard. Keep us from confusing faithful words with faithful lives. When we have said yes but failed to follow, forgive us. When we have resisted your call, give us grace to change our minds and begin again. Send us from this Homecoming renewed for the work before us, trusting that the church belongs not to us, but to Christ, who is making all things new. Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ MEAL ✠

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

ANTHEM

God of Great & God of Small

Natalie Sleeth

OFFERING

You may give online, by visiting www.stjohnsconcord.com/give or by texting "give" to (704) 706-2115.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together. God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

OFFERTORY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the Bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance. You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven. You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *(continued)*

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast. By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ taught us, we are bold to say: **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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Largo

Dvorak

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together. **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW #679



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

MEAL PRAYER & DISMISSAL

Let us pray. Every good and perfect gift comes from you, O God. Bless the food we will share, and help us to receive it with thankful hearts. By your Spirit nourish our love for one another and for our neighbor in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Allen-a-Dale Went a'Hunting

Robert Lucas de Pearsall
arr. Ralph Lehman

MUMS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE

- In Memory of Bernice & Gerald Ferguson** - *Given by David & Angela Ferguson*
- In Memory of Carl & Nan Ellington** - *Given by Troy & Diane Miller*
- In Memory of Charles & Lorene Fortune** - *Given by Sharon & Rick McRorie*
- In Memory of Chloe & Burton Walkup** - *Given by Cindy & Bob Blackwelder*
- In Memory of George & Marie Goodman** - *Given by Rathel & Ellen Goodman*
- In Memory of Janie Moose** - *Given by David & Angela Ferguson*
- In Memory of King & Louise Miller** - *Given by Troy & Diane Miller*
- In Memory of Linda Herring** - *Given by Will & Annette Herring*
- In Memory of Luther D. & Mary Lou Ritchie** - *Given by David Ritchie & Cynthia Ritchie Hinson*
- In Memory of Mary Jo Ritchie** - *Given by David Ritchie & Cynthia Ritchie Hinson*
- In Memory of Maxine & Richard Blackwelder** - *Given by Cindy & Bob Blackwelder*
- In Memory of Nathan Moose** - *Given by David & Angela Ferguson*
- In Memory of Turner & Edna Shinn** - *Given by Rathel & Ellen Goodman*
- In Memory of Vance "Gene" Miller** - *Given by Brenda, Wesley & David Miller*

MUMS GIVEN IN HONOR OF A LOVED ONE

- In Honor of Amelia Ritchie** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Betty Ritchie** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Brenda Miller** - *Given by Wesley & David Miller*
- In Honor of David & Elaine Petrea** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of The Rev. Don & Nancy Deal** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Joy Waddell** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Judy & Phil Fisher** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Kay Walker** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of King Walters** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Larry & Faye Cline** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Lucy Thomas** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Martha Suther** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Mike Herring** - *Given by Will & Annette Herring*
- In Honor of Pat Blackwelder** - *Given by Pr. Matt and the people of St. John's*
- In Honor of Sharon McRorie** - *Given by Rick McRorie*

✝ SERVING TODAY ✝

The Rev. Emily Hartner	<i>Bishop of the North Carolina Synod, Preaching</i>
The Rev. Matt Hansen	<i>Celebrant</i>
Sheryll Garfolo	<i>Assisting Minister</i>
Dr. Kevin Carmody	<i>Director of Music</i>
Ellen Goodman	<i>Lector</i>
David Rowland	<i>Banner Bearer</i>
Ellen Goodman, Gerald Cline, Patti Fletcher	<i>Communion Assistants</i>
Roman & Davis Dorton, Bob Shuping	<i>Ushers</i>
Terry & Kina Hinson	<i>Broadcast Team</i>
Don & Paula Ritchie	<i>Altar Guild</i>
Bonita Rowland	<i>Nursery Attendant</i>
Connor Rowland	<i>Teller Lead</i>

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Church Office Hours Mon-Fri, 8am to 1:30pm

Pastor Matt's Office Hours Mon-Thu, *by appointment*.

↪ *Please note: Pastor Matt observes Sabbath every Friday* ←

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