

NOW WHO IS THERE
TO HARM YOU IF YOU
ARE ZEALOUS FOR
WHAT IS GOOD?



1 PETER 3:13, ESV

10:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter

ORGAN (ZION) EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
SALISBURY, NORTH CAROLINA

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1515 Organ Church Road, Salisbury, North Carolina 28146

Rev. Carlin Ours, Pastor; Mark Brown, Choir Director; Jana Thomas, Organist

May 21, 2017

10:30 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Welcome and Announcements

† (Congregation will please stand.) (Congregation responses are in bold.)

GATHERING

† Invocation

P: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

C: Amen

† The Confession and Forgiveness

P: 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.

C: Amen

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

P: Gracious God,

C: **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.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have

been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen**

Note: Hymns are from the "Red" (ELW) Hymnal unless specified.

† Hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King"

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Children's Sermon (3 yr. to 5th grade) dismissed to attend Children's Church.

Apostolic Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: **And with you.**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, 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 worship and praise,

† Kyrie.....

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Canticle of Praise:
"Glory to God"

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - - men.

Refrain

☒ Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav- en- ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa- ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy, have mercy on us; you are sent - ed

at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

Refrain

3 For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther. A - men.

Refrain

† Prayer of the Day

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

OFFERING

ANTHEM: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

by G. Martin

† Offertory Hymn: "Create in Me"

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WORD

FIRST READING: ACTS 17: 16–31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities" — because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we are indeed his offspring.' ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being

is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

PSALM 66: 7–18

⁷Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard

⁸Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried

¹⁰You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹¹You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹²I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹³I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁴Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.

¹⁵I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue.

¹⁶If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

¹⁷But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

¹⁸Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 3: 13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when

you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

† **P:** The Holy Gospel according to **ST. JOHN 14th CHAPTER**

† **C:** **Glory to you, O Lord**

† **GOSPEL: JOHN 14: 15–21**

¹⁵{Jesus said,} "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Pastor Ours

† **Hymn: "Take My Life and Let it Be"**

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THANKSGIVING

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayers:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C:** hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P: ...through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C:** Amen

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

† **Benediction**

† **Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult" # 696**

† **Dismissal/Doxology # 884**

† **Postlude**

LESSONS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Acts 1:12-26, Psalm 68:1-10, 1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

* — Some psalms within the Book of Common Prayer psalter, which the Sola lectionary uses, are numbered differently than the psalms in the psalter of the English Standard Version Bible, on which the lectionary calendar is based. To account for this difference, today's psalm reading includes verse 7 (the ESV reading will begin at verse 8) and ends at

verse 18 (the ESV reading will end at verse 20).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT ORGAN

TODAY: Sunday, May 21, 2017 Outdoor service and meal

- 9:00 am Chat-N-Chew
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service outside
MEAL/Picnic Shelter
- 3:00 pm Funeral for Paul Lambe
- 4:00 pm St. John's Concert

The LOOSE OFFERING collected today on **May 21** goes to **Rowan Helping Ministries.**

Monday, May 22, 2017

- 7:00 pm Exercise/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

- 10:30 am Prayer & Communion (Cornerstone Class)
- 11:00 am Bible Study Class
- 6:30 pm Prayer & Communion
- 7:00 pm Bible Study Class
- 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, May 25 2017

- 7:00 pm Exercise/Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 27, 2017

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Next Sunday, May 28, 2017 (4th Sunday)

- 8:30 am Early Service
- 9:00 am Chat-N-Chew
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Worship Service

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR

Ashley Sapp	Scott Shoe	Renee Wright	Larry Brown
Leo Miller	John Sifford	Karen McLellan	Fred Basinger
Floyd Goodman	Colleen Fesperman		
Kay Lambe	Ray Fryer	Chad Culp	Sharon Sapp
Vida Stirewalt	Tom Hartman	Ann Donahue	Jackie Brown

Friends:	Ed Hirst	Short Sifford
Mike Sifford	Michael Cox	Scarlett Livingood
Roger Harwood	Bill Thompson	Andrew May

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE will be held outside in the picnic shelter. A BBQ meal with baked beans and slaw will be served after service.

THE LOOSE OFFERING COLLECTED TODAY will go to ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES.

**ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES' DONATION
FOR MAY is TEA BAGS.**

Place the items in the bins in the breezeway.

SIGN-UP TODAY for AGAPE CAMP!

We will be signing up children who are members of Organ (or parents/grandparents are members) today and next Sunday, May 28. Agape Camp is for children that have completed kindergarten through 8th grade. If we don't fill camp from our church members, we will then except children from outside the church.

THE ST. JOHN'S MEN'S CHORUS 22nd Annual Spring Concert is today at 4:00 p.m. in the St. John's Sanctuary, downtown Salisbury. Some of the men here at Organ are members. The men's chorus will be joined with instrumentalist and Handbell choir. The concert is free and open to the public. A special offering will be collected for The Community Care Clinic.

8:30 A.M. SUMMER EARLY SERVICE IN THE OLD CHURCH starts Sunday, June 4 and will continue through August 27, 2017, with the exception of Homecoming Day, August 13, 2017--when -there will not be an early service.

VACATIONS BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 12---15

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXPRESSED to the family and friends of our member, Mr. Paul Lambe upon his death on Wednesday, May 17, 2016.

His funeral is today at 3:00 p.m. Visitation with the family will be held in the parlor from 2:00 until 2:45 p.m. Burial will be in the Organ Cemetery. Kay Lambe is his wife.

NEW MEMBERS, CONFIRMANDS AND GRADUATES BANQUET will be held on Sunday, June 4 after church in the Fellowship Hall. New members, confirmands and high school graduates will be our guest. Invitations have been mailed to them. The meal will be barbeque, chicken, slaw, baked beans, roll and dessert. The congregation is invited to attend the banquet. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 at the door. Please sign-up on the insert in today's bulletin if you are attending.

THE ORGAN COMMUNITY SENIOR CITIZEN'S GROUP will have their annual summer cook-out (hot-dogs & hamburgers) June 6, 2017 in the picnic shelter.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL begins Monday June 12—15 (5:30 Meal & VBS 6:00—8:00 p.m.) Adults are needed to help with VBS. Please contact Rita Ramsey or LuAnn Phelps if you can help.

PIANISTS NEEDED FOR EARLY SERVICES! If you are willing, able, or interested in playing the piano for any of the summer early services, please speak to a member of the Worship and Music Committee.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY 2017

Head Usher: Darrell Simpson

Date	Ushers	Tellers	Greeters
21	Bill Shive, Dennis Holshouser, Mac & Karen McLellan	Darrell Simpson LuAnn Phelps Heather Coleman	Tim & Shirley Misenheimer
28	Bill Shive, Dennis Holshouser, Mac & Karen McLellan	Darrell Simpson LuAnn Phelps Heather Coleman	Tim & Shirley Misenheimer

Date	Acolytes	Crucifer	Lector
21	Riley McCullough Mallory Bentley	Kellin Ours	Jonathan McCullough
28	Celia & Camrie Sifford	Jacob Poston	Fran Simpson

MAY 14, 2017 TELLER REPORT

Needed for weekly 2017 BUDGET: (\$5,784.45)

General Fund		\$	4284.50
Building & Repair		\$	1500.00
Direct Deposit/General Fund		\$	220.00
AC Fund		\$	85.00
Randall Gore Scholarship Fund/Loose offering		\$	75.00
Use of Fellowship Hall		\$	25.00
Chat-N-Chew		\$	13.00
Sunday School Attendance	79	\$	59.20
10:30 Worship Service	205		

NEW MEMBERS, CONFIRMANDS AND GRADUATES BANQUET
Congregation is invited!

Sunday, June 4, 2017

Immediately following worship service in the
Fellowship Hall

Cost \$5 a meal

Name _____ # Attending _____