St. John's Lutheran Church Conover, NC May 12, 2024

The Seventh Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

The Prelude & The Welcome and Announcements

*The Opening Hymn LSB # 525 "Crown Him With May Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;

Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,

And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,

Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:

Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,

The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.

No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,

But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,

Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.

Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;

Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all.

The Invocation

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sins

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

L: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

*please rise on last verse

- 8:00 **P**: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- 10:30 L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

The Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Readings

Acts 1:12-26

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'Let another take his office.'21So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. ¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and ^aGod¹ will give him life--to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Please rise for the reading of the Gospel. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

John 17:11b-19

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Children's Message 10:30 svc

<u>The Sermon Hymn</u> LSB # 603 "We Know That Christ is Raised" We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.

Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair He turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in His saving death. Reborn, we share with Him an Easter life as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One. Alleluia!

The Sermon "Holy Eavesdropping" based on John 17:11b-19

The Nicene Creed 8:00 svc. (creeds found on inside back cover of hymnal)

The Apostles' Creed 10:30 svc.

The Gathering of Our Offerings to God stjohnsconover.com/donate Special Music

Choral Offertory "These Are The Things" Sr. Choir 10:30 svc.

The Response Hymn LSB # 702 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;

Oh, let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,

Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream Shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;

O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

The Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion 8:00 svc

The Words of Institution

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

LSB # 618 "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table"

I come, O Savior, to Thy table, For weak and weary is my soul;

Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able To satisfy and make me whole:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see

Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning; So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,

Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never, For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed;

Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;

It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

LSB # 735 "Have No Fear, Little Flock"

Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock,

For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!

Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock,

For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!

Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above,

For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you; Praise the Lord high above!

Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God,

For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

LSB # 623 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feast on You today; Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Your grace divine.

Give us, who share this wondrous food, Your body broken and Your blood,

The grateful peace of sins forgiv'n, The certain joys of heirs of heav'n.

By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the gift of love retold;

All that You are we here receive, And all we are to You we give.

One bread, one cup, one body, we, Rejoicing in our unity,

Proclaim Your love until You come To bring Your scattered loved ones home.

Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray: O keep us steadfast till that day

When each will be Your welcomed guest In heaven's high and holy feast.

Post Communion Prayer

The Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn LSB # 644 "The Church's One Foundation"

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;

She is His new creation By water and the Word.

From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;

With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;

Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.

One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,

And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,

By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,

Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war

She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore

Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,

And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,

And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.

O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace

That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

The Silent Prayer

The Sharing of God's Peace

The Postlude

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

May 12, 2024

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

EAGLE – Deadline is Thursday by noon **June NEWSLETTER** Deadline is May 20

BIRTHDAY WISHES: May 12 - 19

May 12 Kelley Keisler May 14 Dana Sipe May 17 Kathryn Hester

Les Killian Dominick Lail Chance Johnson Richard Kirkland Shayla Zinn-Brittain Urijah Sigmon

Abigail Ferro Samuel Andersen May 19 Fallon Peters

May 13 Justin Miller Livia See Farron Roseberry

Sharon Whitener May 15 Simmons Yount Tonda Pless
Rev. Anton Lagoutine May 16 Andy Johnson Kasey Hefner
Alyssa Lail Kyleigh Alltop Amy Nichols

Braxton Sigmon Jessica Hoffman Lindsay Cochran

Eddie Forbis

We **WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND VISITORS** to our worship service today! We are glad to have you join us and pray that you will be blessed during our time together. Please sign our guest book in the narthex before leaving. Please come and join us again!

NURSERY HELPERS

May 12 Stephanie Weber & Megan Baker May 19 Monica Baker May 26 Michelle Slaughter

ELDERS OF THE MONTH

May Myron Yount 828-466-3292 **June** Jeff Holchin 828-303-6120

ELDERS FOR COMMUNION

May 8:00 Michael Tripp 10:30 Myron Yount June 8:00 Jeff Holchin 10:30 Rex Sigmon

UPCOMING SERVICES

Sunday, May 19 Confirmation Sunday Sunday, May 26 Graduate Sunday

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Svc. 7pm

The **NURSERY IS AVAILABLE** for the 10:30 service. Please feel free to bring your small children to it so that you can return to and enjoy the service.

PASTOR LAGOUTINE is attending his daughter Meghan's college graduation in Davidson, NC, this morning and will be returning this afternoon.

If you or a child is **GRADUATING** from high school or college this school year, please email information or call the church office so we can get the information in the bulletin for the Graduate Sunday Recognition being held on *Sunday, May 26th*.

HICKORY CRAWDAD'S Church Bulletin Sundays – Do you love going to baseball games? When you bring your St. John's bulletin to the Crawdad's ticket office for every Sunday home game this season you will receive a <u>discounted ticket for \$6</u>, AND \$4 of each ticket bought with a St. John's bulletin will come back to St. John's at the end of the season! So make sure to save your bulletin! Future Sunday home games will be May 19 & 26, June 9 & 23, July 21 & 28, Aug 11 & 25, and Sep 8

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are located to the left of the usher's table.

If you would like to serve as a SUNSHINE LADY, please contact Leigh Ann Trent (828) 217-9698

ATTENTION ALL YOUNG ADULTS AGE 18-30 - Myron & Tammy Yount would like to **extend an invitation** to attend their bible study *located downstairs in the adult Sunday School room*.

COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His Table those who trust His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because Holy Communion is a public witness of our oneness in the faith and teaching, which is confessed at this Altar, we respectfully request that only Communicant members of congregations of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod or of congregations in Altar and Pulpit Fellowship participate in the Sacrament. Any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or visitors desiring to commune for the first time are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to the service. If you will be partaking of Holy Communion today, you may wish to read Luther's "Questions with their Answers" on pages 329-330 of the LSB to help you prepare for the Sacrament. There are also prayers for before and after communion in the inside cover of the LSB. Adults and children who are not confirmed, may come to the altar for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest at the altar to indicate your desire for a blessing.

The **DAILY WALK BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet on <u>Thursday nights at 7 pm</u> in the library. All are welcome to join us. This is your chance to read the Bible in a year with your church friends. Any questions, contact Jeff 828-303-6120 or Diane 828-514-1142.

BENEFITS OF PRAYER

Develops and strengthens your relationship with God

Gives your life direction

Helps to avoid temptations

Miracles can happen

Have you ever wanted a time for the church doors to be open and you have the opportunity to walk in and talk with God - Wednesday, June 5th, the church will be open from 6 to 7:30pm.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Philippians 4:6

The **SHARING CENTER** new hours and day - Tuesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets on Tuesdays at 11am in the library. We welcome new members. Call or text Dana Drum at 244-0487 if you have questions.

PLEASE JOIN US on Saturday, May 18th for a **floating reception** in the Joy Room from 2-3:30 pm to recognize *Adam Brunner* as he celebrates his *high school graduation*.

Madelyn Beisler would like to **INVITE HER CHURCH FAMILY** to her *Graduation Celebration* being held in the gym on Saturday, May 25th from 1pm to 4pm.

SAVE THE DATE: **VBS** will be July 28-Aug 1. Please plan to attend and tell your friends. This year our theme is "Celebrate the Savior"! More details to follow.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will hold a **SUMMER CAMP** "GOD CAN!" the week of July 22-26 from 9am to 4pm with meals and snacks included (before and after care available). Cost will be \$100/child (\$30 deposit will reserve spot). To register, call Wendy Hefner or email wendy@smarklc.org or scan QR code.

ARTWORK AND BOOKS from Pastor Johnson's office have been put out on the table in the Parish Hall if you wish to stop by and see if you would like to have or if it you gave to Pastor Johnson and would like to have.

CAMP LINN HAVEN NEWS

Workdays will be held every Saturday through May 18th. Call Teirsa Lane (320-2840) with the

number of people in your group that will be coming to help.

Booster Club Weekend will be May 31-June 2. Call Teirsa Lane for reservation.

St. John's Weekend will be September 6-8. Call Teirsa Lane for reservation.

WOODEN CROSSES are available in the Narthex in a basket under the Last Supper carving. Feel free to take what you need to pass out to others. Parents, if your children would like to pass them out or have one, please grab them for your children.

UPDATED NEWS from *Katelyn Houser*- click on the QR code to read what has been going on since the beginning of the year!!

SPONSORSHIP

Katelyn Houser is serving in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic with Solid Rock International and has committed to serve through at least March of 2025. Please keep her in your prayers during her time there. If you feel led to sponsor her, visit https://bit.ly/KHouserSRI and register for an account. All gifts made through the link are tax deductible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact her at katelynhouser05@gmail.com.

GOALS 2024

- *We will strive to let God through the Holy Spirit lead us into the future as we as individuals and as a congregation grieve the death of Pastor Johnson.
- *We will strive to support Pastor Lagoutine by faithfully attending church services, praying for his ministry and seeking ways to offer assistance as needed.
- *We will strive to faithfully pray for our church staff, church officers, and fill in supply pastors as we face changes, being supportive of the efforts to continue to "Lift High the Cross".
- *We will strive to better serve the youth in our church, knowing that our children are the future. We will encourage and support our DCE Matt Cochran, our Sunday School, Sunday School teachers, youth leaders and youth groups. We will share our talents and gifts God has given us to ensure that our youth see God working through us.
- *We will strive to invite our friends and neighbors to church and continue to welcome all visitors.

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STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, May 5 Attendance: 8:00 135 10:30 174					
Offerings: Budge	t: Missions/Ministry	12,673.43			
	Sunday School	20.00	\$	12,693.43**	
Designated Funds	: Bible Crafters	12.00			
	Building Bridges	781.83			
	Food Pantry	705.00			
	Helping Hands	101.00			
	Preschool Payroll	560.11			
	Russian Ministry	35.00			

	Short Term	220.00	
	Teen Camp – AK	120.00	\$ 2,534.94
Building Fund:	Offerings	425.00	\$ 425.00
Total Receipts for M	\$ 15,653.37		

CAMP LINN HAVEN BACKPACK SUPPLIES -For the past 19 years, high schoolers from across the country have come to Camp Linn Haven for Teen Servant Week and have completed various local mission projects and they have watched the Lord grow this ministry so that they are able to share His love with more student and families through the gift of school supplies. This year, they plan to pack 700. In order to make this possible, school supplies and/or monetary donations must be collected throughout the year. If you would like to donate financially, contact Teirsa Lane, Thrivent members may also use their Action Team card to purchase supplies online, you can donate to the Amazon wish list by going to https://amzn.to/3QgEBTU, or a box will be placed in the parish hall to place donated items in. Be sure to give a copy of your receipt so they can keep a record of the total cost of this project. Thank you for your prayers and consideration. Items Needed: Wide ruled & college ruled loose leaf paper, wide ruled & college ruled composition notebooks, 1 subject wide ruled & college ruled notebooks, 3 subject college ruled composition notebooks, 3x5 index cards, 1", 1.5", & 2" binders, packs of dividers with tabs, 2 pocket folders, pencil sharpeners, 8-10 count packs of wooden pencils, 10 count packs of mechanical pencils, pink (wedge) erasers, 12 count packs of CRAYOLA colored pencils, 10 count pack of CRAYOLA broad line markers, 10 count packs of CRAYOLA fine line markers, glue sticks, blunt tip scissors for kids, scissors for kids ages 8-12, chisel tip (skinny) highlighters

PRAYER LIST

Let Us Pray for those with cancer: Chuck Bolliger, Michael Sigmon, Chris Young, Peggy Polomski, Jeff Watson, Aiden Cox, Phyllis Bumgarner, Jack Smith, Tracy Bostian, Melissa Goble, Tonya Lambery, Pat Sigmon, Meredith Huret, Victoria Watson, Kim Cater, Pam Barlow Those with other health issues: Geraldine Hahn, Bob & Martha Bumgarner, Becky Ramsey, Jason Sigmon, Lynn Lail, Kathy Wallace, George Huffman, Betty Bostian, EJ Lyles, Amanda Ikerd, Tina Parkhurst, Judy Goble, Larry Baker, Pam Walker, Layne Baker, Donna Jones, Alex & Cameron Yount, Lori Beaver, Claudia Lovingood, Mike & Kathy Smith, Ruby Sigmon, Waylon Mostiller, Louise Isenhour, Sherry Black, Charles Poovey, Dana Darr, Mike & Alice Lawson, Kendall Lawson Those serving in the military: Justin Miller, Bradley Hatley, Nathan Reitzel, Austin Bandy, Jake Bandy, Evan Mojica, Derick Smith, Cael Lyons, James Cleveland, Jayden Zinn Our Home Bound Members: Larry Baker, Shirley Aiken, David L. Good, Kathy Wallace, Sarah Kanipe, Betty Bostian, Martha Noell, Bob & Martha Bumgarner, Kathleen Hedrick, George Huffman, Phyllis Bumgarner, Lynn Lail, Hugh Yount, Alene Vogelsang, Joyce Reidenbach

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, May 12

Early Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am

Worship 10:30 am

Tuesday, May 14

Women's Bible Study 11:00 am

Wednesday, May 15

Men's Bible Study 8:30 am Confirmation 8th 6:30 pm Sr. Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 16

Public Confirmation of Faith 7:00 pm

Bible Study 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 19

Early Worship 8:00 am Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am Worship 10:30 am