

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH CONOVER, NC
The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 5, 2026

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead, He lives, my everliving head! Amen.

PRELUDE & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***OPENING HYMN** LSB # 457 "*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*"

INVOCATION

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

C: AMEN!

PSALM OF THE DAY Psalm 118

P: Christ is risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

P: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;

C: HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!

P: Let His people say:

C: HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER!

P: I was pushed back and about to fall

C: BUT THE LORD HELPED ME.

P: I will give you thanks for you answered me;

C: YOU HAVE BECOME MY SALVATION.

P: The stone the builders rejected

C: HAS BECOME THE CAPSTONE.

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.

P: Christ is risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: As we gather here on this day of celebration we do so acknowledging and confessing our sin.

C: O ALMIGHTY GOD, MERCIFUL FATHER, I, A POOR, MISERABLE SINNER, CONFESS TO YOU ALL MY SINS AND INIQUITIES WITH WHICH I HAVE EVER OFFENDED YOU AND JUSTLY DESERVED YOUR PUNISHMENT NOW AND FOREVER. BUT I AM HEARTILY SORRY 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

P: Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you 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.

C: AMEN.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

P: Christ is risen!

*please rise on last verse

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

P: The Lord be with you!

C: AND ALSO WITH YOU!

P: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

P: Christ is risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

READINGS

Jeremiah 31:1–6

¹“At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” ²Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, ³the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. ⁵Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. ⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’”

P: This is the Word of God.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD

Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

P: This is the Word of God.

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 28th chapter.

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.

Matthew 28:1–10

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.

SERMON HYMN LSB # 464 “*The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done*”

SERMON

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH Luther’s Explanation of the 2nd Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom; and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness; even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

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CHORAL OFFERTORY “*Glorious, Risen Christ*” Sr. Choir

RESPONSE HYMN LSB # 480 "He's Risen, He's Risen"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR EASTER

P: Lord Jesus, it is great to be alive,

C: BECAUSE YOU ARE ALIVE!

P: Your resurrection assures us,

C: THAT SIN IS FORGIVEN.

P: We confess we have sinned.

C: BUT WE ALSO CONFESS YOU AS OUR SAVIOR.

P: You bore our sins in Your body,

C: AND SHED YOUR BLOOD TO CLEANSE US FROM SIN.

P: Your resurrection assures us,

C: THAT DEATH IS DEFEATED.

P: Your victory over death is ours,

C: AS WE HOLD ON TO YOU AS OUR VICTORIOUS LORD AND SAVIOR.

P: Your resurrection assures us,

C: THAT SALVATION IS OURS.

P: Because You live,

C: WE TOO SHALL LIVE!

P: Your resurrection opens our graves,

C: AND POINTS US TO LIFE ETERNAL WITH YOU

P: Hallelujah!

C: AMEN.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER prayed together

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to come to the Altar. Members of St. John's and sister LCMS congregations may receive the Lord's body and blood. Visitors may receive a blessing indicated by crossing their arms. Please refer to the Communion Statement found in this bulletin.

Preface LSB 194

Sanctus LSB 195

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 197

Agnus Dei LSB 198

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

LSB # 474 "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen"

LSB # 469 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

LSB # 477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

LSB # 461 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

LSB # 548 "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious"

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Post Communion Collect LSB 201

CLOSING LITURGY

P: Alleluia!

C: THAT IS OUR SONG.

P: Alleluia!

C: THAT IS OUR CRY!

P: Jesus is alive!

C: JESUS IS HERE!

P: Jesus is risen!

C: ALLELUIA!

P: The universe shakes.

C: ALLELUIA!

P: The Heavens open.

C: CHRIST IS ALIVE!

P: Christ is here!

C: CHRIST IS RISEN!

P: Alleluia!

C: THE WORLD IS TURNED AROUND.

P: Alleluia!

C: THE OLD ORDER IS RIPPED APART.

P: The Redeemer lives!

C: THE REDEEMER EXISTS!

P: The Redeemer triumphs!

C: ALLELUIA!

P: God restores life to what was dead.

C: ALLELUIA!

P: For our lives were forfeited, and we are saved!

C: ALLELUIA!

P: That is our song!

C: ALLELUIA!

P: That is our cry!

C: ALLELUIA!!!

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: AMEN

P: Go and serve the Lord!

C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

P: Christ is risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! HALLELUJAH!

CLOSING HYMN LSB # 941 *“We Praise You and Acknowledge You”*

SILENT PRAYER

THE SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

POSTLUDE

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

April 5, 2026

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor and in memory of loved ones.

EAGLE – Deadline is Thursday by noon **May NEWSLETTER** Deadline is Apr. 20

BIRTHDAY WISHES: Apr. 5 - 12

Apr. 5 Alexis Shook

Apr. 6 Nathan Smith

Apr. 7 Spring Reitzel

Reese Hefner

Apr. 8 William Elliott

Parklynn O'Boyle

Apr. 9 Brian Arndt

Teresa Biggs

Brian Johnston

Phoenix Green

Apr. 10 Fran Griffin

Apr. 11 Coley Self

Jasper Goble

Michele Holler

Skylar Holchin

Apr. 12 Ashely Barnett

Michael Childers

Sylvia Sigmon

Robby Rhyne

COMMUNION STATEMENT

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.*

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

Apr. 5 Stephanie Weber & Megan Baker Apr. 12 Monica Baker Apr. 19 Todd & Amanda Goulds

USHERS 8:00 Michael Tripp, Michael Tripp, Jr., Drew Brunner, Adam Brunner

10:30 Joe Herman, Todd Goulds, Dan Hunsucker, Bryan Smith

ACOLYTES 8:00 Cadence Stephens 10:30 Jenna Sain & Scarlett Canipe

ELDERS FOR COMMUNION 8:00 Chris Slaughter 10:30 Jordan Sample

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.

SHARING CENTER – Tuesdays - 2:30-4:00 (disabled & 65 and older) & 5:30-7:00 for everyone

QUILTER'S GROUP - Thursdays 10am - 1pm in the Good Shepherd Room.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are located to the left of the usher's table. Please return bags so each Sunday bags will be available.

Copies of the **JANUARY VOTER MEETING MINUTES** are on table in the Parish Hall.

Any **CHILDREN** who know the song "You Are Holy," most likely from Camp Linn Haven, **are invited to join** us on April 12th to sing at the 10:30 service! We will meet in the chapel at 10:15 to practice. If you have any questions please contact Derek Baker.

The *LLL Men's Group* will be hosting an **ALL YOU CAN EAT BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER** on *Saturday, April 18th* from 5 pm until it's all gone! \$15 per plate. All proceeds will go to support our youth programs. Menu includes pulled pork, baked beans, coleslaw, roasted potatoes, bread, dessert, and drinks.

VOTER'S MEETING will be held on Sunday, April 19th at 6:30 pm.

THE SCOTT JOHNSON MEMORIAL "GOLF WITH A MISSION" TOURNAMENT

Our golf tournament will be held on April 25th, with registration beginning at 1:15 and a shotgun start at 2:00. The cost is \$60 per player which includes golf fees, food, and a goody bag. We are taking registrations for players (4 person teams) and we are also asking for your help in obtaining sponsors, gathering items for the goody bags, and collecting items for our door prize raffle. Forms are available in the Parish Hall with details. Please contact Dana Drum at (contact church office) if you have questions. This is the biggest fundraiser that we have for our AK trips so please help us keep this valuable mission work going.

HOPE BLOOMS - ADDITIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT OPPORTUNITY

If you are not a golfer or do not have a business that can sponsor a hole at our golf tournament, there is still a way you can help our AK mission efforts in the golf tournament. This year our AK VBS is going to be focused on the HOPE that is found in Jesus, and, building on that, we are going to have a "HOPE BLOOMS" garden at the golf tournament. This will be an area near where the players register, eat, and gather for awards that will be filled with flowers honoring those who are instruments of sharing that hope. For each donation of \$25 that an honoree receives, we will add a decorative flower to our garden. For example, I plan to make a small contribution honoring Pastor Johnson's service to the children in AK for each of the 14 trips that I took with him there. The honoree can be someone who helps with any mission activity or who brings hope to others in any way. Donation forms are available in the Parish Hall for you to describe the way you have seen the honoree bring hope. We will compile those and give them to the honoree or their family at the conclusion of the golf tournament. Please see Dana Drum or Diane Holchin if you have questions. *Please turn in all forms and donations by Sun., April 12th.*

If you would like to serve as a **SUNSHINE LADY**, please contact *Leigh Ann Trent* ((contact church office)).

TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will meet in the library at 11am. Please call Dana Drum at (contact church office) if you have questions.

The **MAMA BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet *Saturday, Apr. 11th* 9-11am in the conference room upstairs. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and time in the Word. If you're able, bring a brunch dish to share. Contact Dani Self ((contact church office) or Megan Baker ((contact church office) with questions.

Mission Team is **NEEDING VOLUNTEERS** to help make biscuits. If you are able to help, please contact Rickelle Robertson (contact church office), Linda Travis (contact church office) or Dana Drum (contact church office).

The **DAILY WALK BIBLE STUDY** will be led by Jeff and Diane Holchin on *Tuesday nights at 7 pm* in the library. We will focus on the New Testament in 2025. Daily Walk Bibles are available for \$15 and you can contact Jeff at (contact church office) with questions.

HELP NEEDED in Sharing Center! - There is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for those who could help. We need 2 hours of your time once a month. Financial donations are also appreciated.

NEWS from *Katelyn Houser*- click on the QR code to read what has been going on!! She is serving in San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic with Solid Rock International. Please keep her in your prayers and if you **FEEL LED TO SPONSOR HER** visit <https://bit.ly/KHouserSRI>. All gifts made through the link are tax deductible.

LWML IMPORTATNT DATES

April 16 Thursday: Business Meeting 6:30 in the Joy Room

April 18 Saturday: LLL BBQ the ladies of the LWML are asked to provide desserts.

April 26 Sunday: Catawba Zone Rally at St. John's 3:00. We will provide a reception after the rally in the Joy Room. Please be prepared to provide a finger food.

MISSION AND VISION THEME

Equip: We will equip all for the Christian life. (Ephesians 4:10-16)

Engage: We will engage with all people to be all things to all people for the sake of the Gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).

Encourage: We will continuously encourage one another in our faith. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

Endure: Everything changes, but the Word of God will endure forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

2026 GOALS

*We will "Equip, Engage, Encourage, and Endure."

*We will support Pastor Lagoutine and Pastor Self by faithfully attending church services, praying for their ministries and seeking ways to offer assistance as needed.

*We will encourage and support our DCE Matt Cochran, our Sunday School teachers, youth leaders, youth groups, and adult Bible study groups by attending regularly.

*We will support our preschool leaders Megan Baker, Vanessa Travis, and volunteers and pray for its continued growth.

*We will faithfully pray for our church staff and church officers and continue to be supportive of the efforts here to "Lift High the Cross."

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMPETITION - Parents! Make sure you children join us in the weeks ahead for some friendly competition! Hygiene items for the Sharing Center will be collected in the Sunday classrooms by the teachers. The party for the winning class will be during Sunday School on Sunday, April 19! Here are some guidelines and a list for the items we're collecting:*New, unopened items only, Unexpired products, Travel size preferred (helps us serve more families!)*

List of items: Bar soap, Body wash (travel & full size), Shampoo (travel & full size), Conditioner (travel & full size) Deodorant, Lotion, Hand soap, Hand sanitizer, Disposable razors (pack), Shaving cream (travel & full size), Toothpaste (travel & full size), Toothbrush (individually packaged), Kids toothbrush, Dental floss, Mouthwash (small & full size), Baby wipes, Baby shampoo, Kids toothpaste, Diapers (sizes 2-6, small packs), Vaseline, Band-aids.***Note: full size and larger items that cost more will be worth more points for scoring purposes***

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BLOOD DRIVE will be Monday, April 13th from 2:30 to 7:00 pm.



STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, Mar. 29 Attendance: Palm Sunday 339 8:00 10:30 SS 88

Offerings:	Budget:	Missions/Ministry	8,747.74	
		Sunday School	17.00	
		Ash Wednesday	1.00	
		Easter	1.00	
		Good Friday	1.00	
		Lent	349.00	\$ 9,116.74**
Designated Funds:		AED	600.00	
		Building Bridges	1,040.00	
		Flowers	40.00	
		Food Pantry	2,482.00	
		Helping Hands	161.60	
		LLL	20.00	
		Preschool	52.00	
		Radio Broadcasting	25.00	(mem. R. Goble)
		Russian Ministry	50.00	
		Short Term	1,370.00	\$ 5,840.60
Building Fund:		Offerings	467.00	\$ 467.00
Total Receipts for Mar. 29				\$ 1 5,424.34

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Apr. 5

Sunrise Svc. 6:30 ma
 Easter Breakfast 7 - 10 am
 Early Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am

Worship 10:30 am

Tuesday, Apr. 7

Women's Bible Study 11 am

Daily Bible Study 7pm

Thursday, Apr. 9

Quilters 10 am – 1 pm

Saturday, Apr. 11

Mama's Bible Study 9 am

Sunday, Apr. 12

Early Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am

Worship 10:30 am

Elders 2:30 pm

Deacons 2:30 pm

Council 4:15 pm