

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**CONOVER, NC**  
**REV. SCOTT JOHNSON & REV. ANTON LAGOUTINE**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter & Confirmation Sunday**  
**May 15, 2022**

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP**

Thine forever, God of love, hear us from Thy throne above. Thine forever, may we be here and in eternity. Amen!

**PRELUDE & WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*OPENING HYMN** LSB # 837 "*Lift High the Cross*" verses 1-4  
*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim*  
*Till all the world Adore His sacred name.*

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. **Refrain**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee.

**THE INVOCATION**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**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:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P:** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

**P:** Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

\*please rise on last verse

## **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD**

*Acts 11:1-18*

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. <sup>2</sup> So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, <sup>3</sup> “You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” <sup>4</sup> But Peter began and explained it to them in order: <sup>5</sup> “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. <sup>6</sup> Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. <sup>7</sup> And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ <sup>8</sup> But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ <sup>9</sup> But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ <sup>10</sup> This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. <sup>11</sup> And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. <sup>12</sup> And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. <sup>13</sup> And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; <sup>14</sup> he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ <sup>15</sup> As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. <sup>16</sup> And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>17</sup> If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?” <sup>18</sup> When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

**P:** This is the Word of God.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Revelation 21:1-7*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” <sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I

will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*John 16:12-22*

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>16</sup> “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.”

<sup>17</sup> So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup> So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.”

<sup>19</sup> Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? <sup>20</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.

<sup>21</sup> When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. <sup>22</sup> So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.

**P:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** 8:00 svc

**SERMON HYMN** LSB # 657 “*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*”

A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;

He breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod And wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe. With craft and dreadful might

He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.

You ask who this may be? The Lord of host is He,

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God’s only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat’ning to devour us,

We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot over-pow’r us.

Let this world’s tyrant rage; In battle we’ll engage.

His might is doomed to fail; God’s judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit  
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

**SERMON** "The One Who Conquers" based on Rev. 21:7b

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED** 8:00 svc

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**THE GATHERING OF OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD** [stjohnsconover.com/donate](http://stjohnsconover.com/donate)

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 10:30 svc. "How Great Thou Art" solo Ronald Sipe

**RESPONSE HYMN** LSB # 662 "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!

***Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.***

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. **Refrain**

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. **Refrain**

Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. **Refrain**

**CONFIRMATION** 10:30 svc

My dear young friends: When you were little children you received saving faith and became members of God's family through Holy Baptism. From that time on, your parents and your church have provided you with opportunities to learn from the Word of God the meaning of that precious faith. Now you are gathered here before God and this Christian congregation to promise your faithfulness to the Triune God and to dedicate yourselves to Him for this life and for the rest of eternity. The Apostle Paul said to the Romans (10:9-10) "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved." Jesus said, "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven" (Matthew 10:32).

Therefore, in the name of the Lord and as a Pastor in Christ's Holy Church, I invite you to lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and cheerfully answer the questions I shall now ask you.

*Are you ready, in the presence of God and of this congregation to promise your faithfulness to the Triune God?*

**RESPONSE:** I AM

*Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?*

**RESPONSE:** I DO

*Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?*

**RESPONSE:** YES, I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

*Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?*

**RESPONSE:** YES, I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, HIS 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 INTO HELL; THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD; HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SITS AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY; FROM THENCE HE WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.

*Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

**RESPONSE:** YES, I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS; THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY; AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING. AMEN

*Do you hold all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God and confess the doctrine of the Lutheran Church, drawn from The Bible, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, to be true and correct?*

**RESPONSE:** I DO

*Do you trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and believe that His body and blood are truly present in the Lord's Supper to assure you of the forgiveness of all your sins?*

**RESPONSE:** I DO

*Why are you saved?*

**RESPONSE:** "IT IS BY GRACE I HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH--AND THIS NOT FROM MYSELF, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD--NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST" (Ephesians 2:8-9)

*Do you desire to become a communicant member of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and of this congregation?*

**RESPONSE:** I DO

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching" (John 14:23) and "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31,32). Do you then intend faithfully to conform all your life to the Divine Word?

Then answer: I do so intend by the grace of God.

Scripture says, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25). Is it then your sincere intent to faithfully attend worship services each Sunday? Then answer: I do so intend by the grace of God.

While instituting Holy Communion, our Lord said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (1 Cor. 11:24, 25). Is it then your sincere intent to partake of the Lord's Supper frequently for the assurance of the forgiveness of your sins, the strengthening of your faith in him as your Savior and the grace to serve him with a God-pleasing life? Then answer: I do so intend by the grace of God.

Scripture says, "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good" (1 Peter 2:2,3). Is it then your sincere intent to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through regular time devoted to Personal Bible Study and Group Bible Study? Then answer: I do so intend by the grace of God.

Scripture says, "Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we who are many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully" (Romans 12:3-8). Is it then your sincere intent to use the talents God has entrusted you with for service in Christ's Kingdom? Then answer: I do so intend by the grace of God.

St. Paul says, "Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you" (II Thessalonians 3:1). St. Paul also says, "On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up" (1Cor. 16:2). Is it then your sincere intent to support the ministry of the Word through prayers and offering? Then answer: I do so intend by the grace of God.

I ask you then to come forward one by one with your parents and sponsors, and give your hand as a pledge of your promise, and receive a blessing.

Finally, do you also intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.

Then answer: I do so intend by the grace of God.

## **THE BLESSING AND THE READINGS OF THE CONFIRMATION VERSES PRAYERS FOR THE NEWLY CONFIRMED**

### **QUESTION ADDRESSED TO PARENTS OF CONFIRMANDS**

When you brought these children to be baptized you realized that you were following the will of the Lord Jesus who said himself, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). At the same time you understood that your responsibilities had not ended at their Baptism; you knew that the Scriptures also commanded you to bring up your children in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). This you have done in your homes and by using the assistance that has been offered by your fellow Christians in this congregation. However,

the Lord Jesus wants you to remember that your duties to these children are not completed at their confirmation, either. Rather they continue until your role as their parents is ended by death.

Therefore, I ask you: Will you continue to lead these children to appreciate the Word of God, to invite them to accompany you to the Lord's Supper often, and to encourage them to make daily use of their Bibles in their homes? Will you carry out these duties faithfully and firmly, remembering their importance, but also with love and understanding, realizing that these young people are now passing from childhood into maturity. Will you by your words and actions, and especially by your examples, impress upon them the necessity of hearing the Word of the Lord, which is that one thing needful and which cannot be taken away from them. Will you finally, in all things, point them to their priceless treasure, their Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised them and you a crown of righteousness in Heaven? If so, then answer: We will, with the help of God.

## **WE BRING OUR PRAYERS TO GOD**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** spoken together

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

### **THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** 10:30 svc

*The Words of Institution*

*The Distribution*

*Distribution Hymns*

#### LSB # 744 "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

#### LSB # 575 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

***On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.***

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. **Refrain**

His oath, His covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay. **Refrain**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before His throne! **Refrain**

LSB # 570 "Just As I Am"

Just as I am, without one plea But that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.

*Post Communion Prayer*

**THE 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 # 660 "*Stand Up, Stand up for Jesus*"

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.

Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.

From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead

Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;

Stand forth in the mighty conflict In this His glorious day.

Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;

Let courage rise with danger And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone.

The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.

Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.

Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long;

This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.

The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see

And with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

**THE SILENT PRAYER**

**THE SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**POSTLUDE**

# ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

May 15, 2022

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

**EAGLE** – Deadline is Thursday by noon      **June NEWSLETTER** Deadline is May 23

## **BIRTHDAY WISHES:** May 15 – May 22

May 15 Hope Whitley Simmons Yount	May 17 Kathryn Hester Chance Johnson Urijah Sigmon	May 20 Teresa Johnson Lisa Saiin David Workman Whitney Spleet
May 16 Andy Johnson Jessica Hoffman Kyleigh Alltop	May 19 Fallon Peters Farron Roseberry Tonda Pless Kasey Hefner Amy Nichols Lindsay Cochran	May 21 Jesse Sigmon Michaela Andersen Tracy Short
		May 22 Jordan Sample

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 also come and join us again!

## **SPECIAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WEEKS AHEAD**

*Sun, May 24*, Graduate Recognition Sunday      *Thurs, May 26, 7:00 p.m.* Ascension Day Svc  
*Mon, May 30, 7 p.m.* Memorial Day Service      *Sun. June 5* Pastor Lagoutine's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**CONFIRMING THEIR FAITH** in Jesus as Savior today are *Cayden Beisler, Scarlett Canipe, Anna Lagoutine, Brandon Lawson, Jackson McCain, Christopher Sigmon, Cassidy Sorrels, Krista Straight, and Chasity Taylor*. May God enable them to keep the beautiful promises that they make this day. The hymns for our worship services this morning were picked out by our confirmands as an expression of their faith in Jesus.

**USHERS NEEDED:** With the return to our normal communion format, and eventually going back to passing the offering plates, we need to rebuild our roster of ushers. If you are not currently signed up as an usher, or are not sure if you're signed up, and you'd be willing to serve, please call or text Myron Yount at 828-228-5196. We have open slots for every month of the year. High school age ushers are welcome too.

**THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY CLASS** will meet Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the chapel. We are continuing to look at some of the miracles of Christ and what they mean for us.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** for people **AGES 18 TO 30** – 9:30 a.m. in the conference room upstairs. Please consider joining us for this new class!

If you or a member of your family will be **GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE** this year, please contact the church office or Pastor Johnson and let us know.

## **SAVE THE DATE - Sunday June 5**

We will celebrate the 20th anniversary Ordination of Pastor Lagoutine. You are encouraged to send a card or offer a kind word of appreciation for the gift God has brought to us at St. John's through Pastor Lagoutine's ministry. We will have a covered dish meal in honor of Pastor Lagoutine in the gym following the 10:30 service.

**LWML FUN AND FELLOWSHIP** will a hotdog and game day on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 12pm in the Joy room. There will be no meeting on Thurs, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

## CAMP LINN HAVEN NEWS

2022 brochures are now available on the table in the Parish Hall. In addition, Camp's website has been updated with the new dates.

**Booster Club** Weekend will be June 3-5      **St. John's weekend** will be August 26-28

We still have **openings** for middle school and pre-teen week – sign up soon!

We are also looking for **volunteers** to be counselors for both of these weeks.

**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER IS IN NEED**- new infant car seats, disposable gloves (medium & large), infant sleepers, 13 gallon trash bags, infant swings, size 4 & 5 diapers, rectangular laundry baskets, 2t or 18-24 months clothing for boys.

St. John's will be holding another **FUNDRAISING MEAL** on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 10:30 service. The meal will be to raise money for Derek and Megan Baker. Their son, Layne, is back in the hospital and they have had lots of unexpected cost due to his hospitalization. The menu will consist of BBQ chicken, rice and broccoli casserole, tomato and cucumber salad, and a roll. We are going to do it like last time (pick up and go). Once again, we will not be charging anything for the meal but hope that everyone will make a generous donation to help this beautiful family. *If you can not come to the meal but still wish to help, please contact Pastor Johnson.* All donations will be cheerfully accepted!

*It is that time again - We need to **UPDATE OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY***

*You can sign up in the parish hall or schedule a date and time online:*

Universal Church Directories and enter *church code* - nc308 and *password* - photos

Pick a date and time and you are set!

Photos will be taken May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 21<sup>st</sup> in the gym.

Everyone who is photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait and a directory. *Please make an effort to schedule a date because our directory will not be complete without you!*

Any questions, please contact Rickelle Robertson at 704-240-1746.

## **PRESCHOOL UPDATE**

Registration for the 2022/2023 school year is now open and we have spots open for this school year as well. More information is available on our **NEW Website**

- <https://sjlcprek.wixsite.com/stjohnspreschool>

Check it out and spread the word! We have a lot of new and fun things planned for next year.

## **New Giving App: Vanco Mobile**

We are grateful that you have used GivePlus Mobile to make your gifts.

Vanco, invites you to use **Vanco Mobile**. The GivePlus Mobile app is no longer available.

Download the free Vanco Mobile app in the Google Play store or the Apple App store. Switching is simple: \*Your log-in credentials are the same in Vanco Mobile as in GivePlus Mobile. \*Recurring gifts created through GivePlus Mobile will continue as scheduled. \*New gifts or changes to previously scheduled recurring gifts will need to occur through Vanco Mobile.

## **Preschool Wish List**

Items may be dropped off anytime during the week or shop online at Amazon and have the items delivered straight to us. Email for the Amazon wish list link. [sjlcprek@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcprek@gmail.com)

- Juices Pouches
- Bankers Boxes for Organizing
- New, clear, Rubbermaid like boxes with latches for organizing
  - Used or new iPads for Technology in the classroom
  - New Printer/Copier for the Director's office
- Donations or gift cards to Amazon or Walmart for snacks and supplies
  - Prayers are ALWAYS Welcome!

**MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND CONCERT** being held on Sat. May 28<sup>th</sup> at Sapphire Hills Event Center (6610 Hwy 16, Conover) featuring *Jaycee Lynne*. Come out for an evening of food and music which starts at 5 pm and concert begins at 6:15 pm. Bring a blanket or chair. This free event is being held in memory of our fallen heroes and in honor of our friends and families.

**SHARING CENTER NEWS**

The Sharing Center will be open on Tuesdays 4:00-6:00 and Thursdays 5:30-7:30. We are in NEED of workers! Please contact Denise Johnson or sign up on calendar in narthex.

The Sharing Center is in need of the following items: maternity clothes, diapers of all sizes, baby girl clothes all sizes, children's summer clothes 2T-18, toothpaste, shampoo, combs and brushes, deodorant, shower gel, first aid items, towels and washcloths, baby bottles with nipples, pots and pans, flatware, fans and window air conditioner. If you have any of this stuff or are willing to donate some items, please put it in the box in the narthex or contact Pastor or Denise Johnson.

A door offering for our "Sharing Center" on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, after both services. The door offering will help the center to be able to help meet people's needs by enabling us to buy some of the items that are desperately needed and rarely donated. Please prayerfully consider making a generous donation on the 22<sup>nd</sup>!

A **MEMORIAL SERVICE** for *Mary Ann Upton* will take place on Sat., May 21<sup>st</sup> at Trinity Hmong Lutheran Church (across from Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Newton) at 3pm. A traditional Hmong meal will follow the service. Mary Ann was deeply involved in the local LWML. She served as organist for the congregations of Trinity Hmong, Holy Cross (prior to its dissolution), and Immanuel Lutheran. Mary Ann was a mission and music driven person. She was tireless in the LWML and tireless in her support of the Hmong outreach. Mary Ann died (in Christ) last fall. Weather, covid, and distance prevented people in our area from attending her memorial service in Raleigh last year. You are invited to gather to grieve and to recognized the joy we have in a resurrected Jesus.

**DONATIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS**

Giving to support others in need is a vital part of what a Christian community does. Because these gifts are often funneled through the church's checking account, we want to make sure everyone is aware of the way these will be reported on your statements. As a tax exempt entity, it is important that we comply with all federal and state reporting requirements.

- Donations earmarked for a particular person or families are gifts. As such, they are not deductible to the donor and will not be shown on contribution statements. These gifts are not taxable to the recipient.
- Donations to the Helping Hands fund that are not specifically designated for any particular person are considered donations and will appear on church statements.

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Drum or your tax advisor.

**STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, May 8 Attendance:** 8:00 svc. 136 10:30 svc. 227 SS 82

<b>Offerings:</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<i>Missions/Ministry</i>	10,633.41	
		Sunday School	26.00	
		Use of Facility	25.00	<b>\$ 10,684.41**</b>
<b>Designated Funds:</b>		Bible Crafters	20.00	
		Food Pantry	45.00	
		Misc. in/out	85.58	
		Russian Ministry	135.00	
		Short Term	250.00	<b>\$ 535.58</b>
<b>Building Fund:</b>		Offerings	326.00	<b>\$ 326.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts for May 8</b>				<b>\$ 11,545.99</b>

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Chastity Arndt – Church Secretary 464-4071

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(Monday – Friday 8am – 4pm)

Matt Cochran—DCE 705-1884

Gym 464-4040

Les Killian – Acolyte 612-9630



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**BULLETIN PRAYER LIST**

Let Us Pray for those with cancer: Chuck Bolliger, Michael Sigmon, Chris Young, Dennis London, Peggy Polomski, Jeff Watson, Mike Norman, Kay Parkhurst, Naoma Caldwell, Bobby Kivel, Norma Deal, Jeff Blanton, Pat Blanton, Aiden Cox, Sarah Kanipe, Jimmy Worley, Phyllis Bumgarner, Kim Tripp, Jessie Sprinkle, Mark Brown, Claudia Lovingood

Those with other health issues: Geraldine Hahn, Bob & Martha Bumgarner, Becky Ramsey, Phillip Osborne, AC & Rosalie Yount, Jason Sigmon, Lynn & Leroy Lail, Phil Johnson, Kathy Wallace, George Huffman, Bill Rockett, Betty Bostian, Harold Watson, Jack Smith, EJ Lyles, Amanda Ikerd, David & Barbara Reese, Tina Parkhurst, Judy Goble, Larry Baker, Pam Walker, Martha Noell, Layne Baker, Christopher Sigmon, Linda Mundy, Linda Taylor

Those serving in the military: Justin Miller, Bradley Hatley, Austin Elander, Nathan Reitzel, Austin Bandy, Jake Bandy, Morgan Bassett, Landon Trivette, Evan Mojica, Derick Smith

Our Home Bound Members: Larry Baker, Shirley Aiken, David Lynn Good, Kathy Wallace, Sarah Kanipe, AC & Rosalie Yount, Betty Bostian, Martha Noell, Bob & Martha Bumgarner, Kathleen Hedrick, George Huffman, Phyllis Bumgarner, Leroy & Lynn Lail, Hugh Yount, Alene Vogelsang

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

**Sunday, May 15**

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

**Tuesday, May 17**

Women's Bible Study 11:00 am

**Wednesday, May 18**

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

**Thursday, May 19**

Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Saturday, May 21**

LWML 12:00 pm (hotdog/game day)

**Sunday, May 22**

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

