John's Lutheran Church
Conover, NC
November 15, 2026
The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost/Veteran's Day

Prelude & Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn** LSB # 662 *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"*

Invocation

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

Confession of Sins

P: 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.
P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C: who made heaven and earth.
P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
P: 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.
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.
C: Amen.

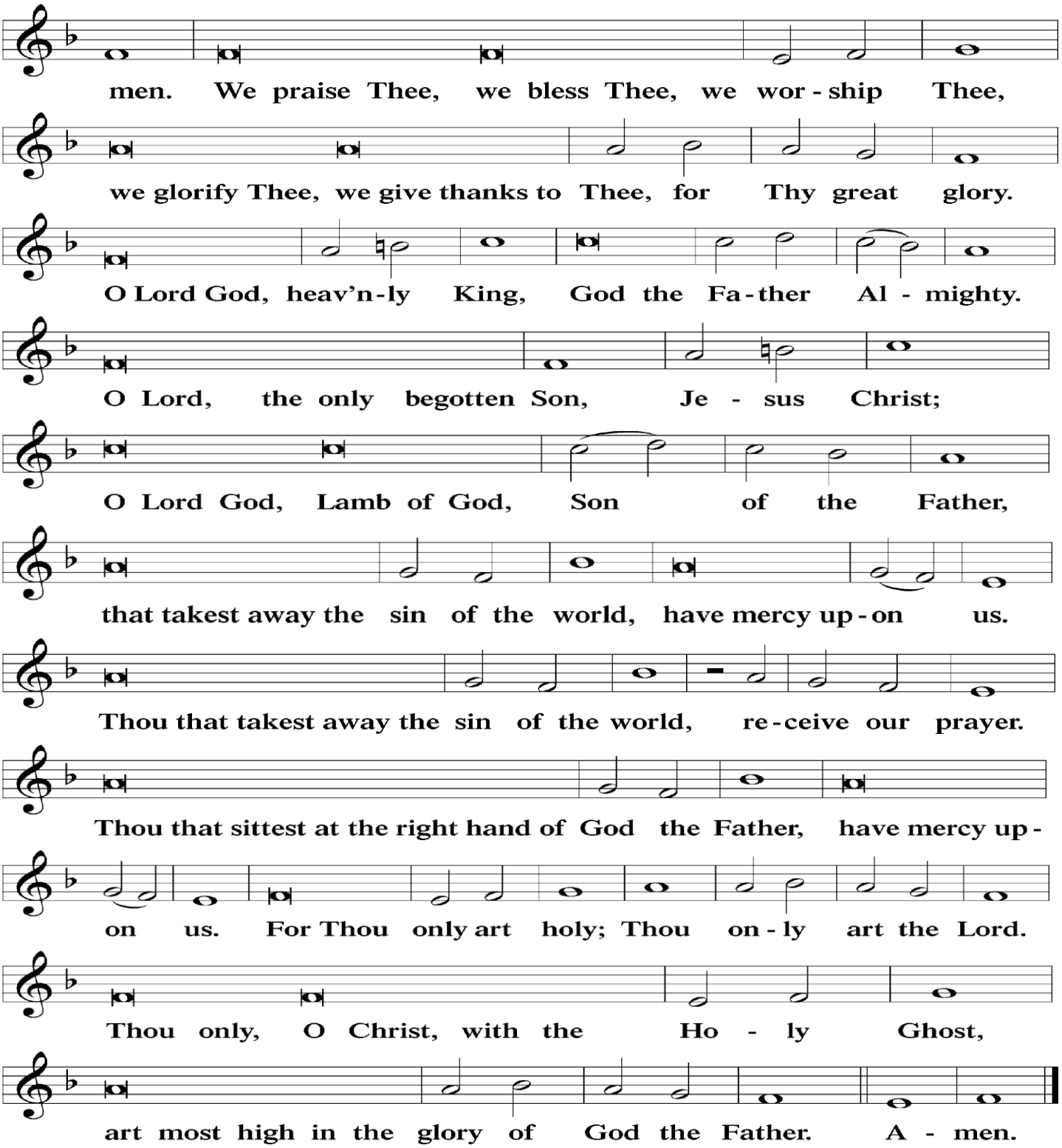
Kyrie LSB p. 186



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*please rise on last verse



Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Readings

Zephaniah 1:7–16

7Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is near; the Lord has prepared a
sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 8And on the day of the Lord's sacrifice— "I will punish
the officials and the king's sons and all who array themselves in foreign attire. 9On that day
I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud. 10"On that day," declares the Lord, "a cry will be heard from the
Fish Gate, a wail from the Second Quarter, a loud crash from the hills. 11Wail, O inhabitants
of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 12At that
time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do ill.' 13Their goods
shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not
inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." 14The great
day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there. 15A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick
darkness, 16a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the
lofty battlements.

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything
written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a
thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will
not escape. 4But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief.
5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the
darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For
those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we
belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a
helmet the hope of salvation. 9For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation
through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we
might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as
you are doing.

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Matthew 25:14–30

14[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and
entrusted to them his property. 15To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16He who had received the five talents
went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17So also he who had
the two talents made two talents more. 18But he who had received the one talent went and
dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19Now after a long time the master of those
servants came and settled accounts with them. 20And he who had received the five talents
came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents;

here I have made five talents more.’ 21His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ 23His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ 26But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? 27Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message 8:00 svc

Sermon Hymn LSB # LSB 719 *“I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”*

Sermon

Apostles’ Creed 8:00 svc creeds found on inside back cover of hymnal

Nicene Creed 10:30 svc

Gathering of Our Offerings to God *stjohnsconover.com/donate*

Special Music 8:00 *"He Leadth Me"* 10:30 “*A Tribute to the Armed Services*” Sr. Choir

Veteran’s Day Recognition

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Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion *10:30 svc*

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 bulletin.

Preface LSB 194

Sanctus LSB 195

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini LSB 197

Agnus Dei LSB 198

Distribution Hymns

LSB # 663 – “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

LSB # 850 – “God of Grace and God of Glory”

LSB # 713 – “From God can Nothing Move Me”

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Post Communion Collect LSB 201

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.

Closing Hymn LSB # 783 *"Take My Life and Let it Be"*

Silent Prayer

Postlude

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

November 15, 2026

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

EAGLE – Deadline is Thursday by noon **December NEWSLETTER** Deadline is Nov. 16

BIRTHDAY WISHES: Nov. 15 - 22

Nov. 15 Laura Holler
Ken Reitzel
Joel Nichols
Nov. 16 Angela McLawhorn
Nov. 17 Noah Hollar
Evelynn Yount
Nov. 18 Lance Teague
Sylvia Shaw
Nov. 19 Charles Bolliger, Jr.
Staci Houston
Chris Roseman
Dawson Cater
Anthony Carriker
Nov. 20 Adrien Phantha
Damien Phantha
Finley Green
Janna Lee
Nov. 21 Rebecca Bixby
Dan Hunsucker
Doug Travis Jr
Emma Carriker
Nov. 22 Larry Goble
Kathryn Hilderbran
Mike Sigmon
Zane Perkins
Jackie Jennings
Killian Sigmon

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 *15th* Tammy Yount *22nd* Stephanie Weber & Megan Baker 29th Monica Baker

USHERS 8:00 Todd Sigmon, Mike Sigmon, Jeff Houser
10:30 Myron Yount, Fred Crump, Dwight Gryder, Chris Newsome, Jordan Sample

ACOLYTES 8:00 Ryan Johnson 10:30 Max Hoffman & Mary Channing Hoffman
Nov. 25 7:00 pm Kailani Sigmon & Natalie O'Keefe

ELDERS FOR COMMUNION 8:00 Jamie Sigmon 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 - 2:00-4:00 (disabled & 65 and older) & 5:00-7:00 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES *NOTE*: *Midweek services have changed to Wednesdays*
Wed. Nov. 25th 7pm Thanksgiving Eve Svc **Wed. Dec. 2nd 7pm** Midweek Advent Svc
Wed. Dec.9th 7pm Midweek Advent Svc **Wed. Dec. 16th 7pm** Midweek Advent Svc

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY will be Tuesday, Dec. 1st at 6:30 pm at Backstreets in Newton. Please RSVP Tonya Whisnant at (contact church office) by Tuesday Nov. 24th.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas Season is coming soon. Please mark your calendar for our Annual Congregational Christmas party to be held on *Sunday, December 13, beginning at 5:00 pm in the gym*. It will be a covered dish meal. Please bring enough to share. Drinks will be provided. There will be a prize drawing for adults, treat bags for children, and a visit from a very special couple from the North Pole. You won't want to miss this fun evening singing favorite Christmas carols and fellowshipping with each other.
We are asking for volunteers to decorate a table or two. You will be responsible for plates, utensils, cups, and napkins for your table. Each table will seat 8 people. A sign-up sheet is on the information table in the Parish Hall. Please call Tina Propst ((contact church office) or Kelley Keisler ((contact church office) with any questions you may have.

ALTAR GUILD will decorate on Saturday, Nov. 28th beginning at 9 am.

We will once again have the **ANGEL TREE**. Please consider being an "angel" and adopting one of these children for Christmas. If you would like to help, just take one of the tags off the tree and buy some gifts for that child (suggestions are on the back of the tag). Gifts should not be wrapped but instead put in a gift bag with the original tag attached. **Gifts need to be returned no later than Sunday, November 22nd.***

NEW MEMBER CLASS has begun during Sunday School*, in the media center* (upstairs) for those who would like to officially join St. John's. You are welcome to attend this class if you are already a member to review the biblical foundations of your faith. Please **REGISTER at stjohnsconover.com/join**, email pastorlagoutine@stjohnsconover.com or talk to Pastor Lagoutine, so that study material might be prepared for you.

BLAST - has *started on Wednesdays* for families with *dinner at 5:45pm*. This year our lesson for BLAST will be done around the dinner table. After the lesson introduction, parents will lead the kids in discussion time. Then the kids will have music and activities while parents will have the opportunity to join a Bible study. **This Bible Study for any adults begins at 6:45pm.**

The **TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets from 11-12 in the library and welcomes new members! Call Dana Drum at (contact church office) with any questions.

The **MAMA BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet *again in January 2027.*

Mission Team is **NEEDING VOLUNTEERS** to help make biscuits. If you are able to help, please contact Rickelle Robertson (contact church office), Linda Travis 312-8277 or Dana Drum 244-0487.

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

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE FALL COLLECTION DRIVE

Our fall collection drive for items for college student care packages is currently underway. The collection runs November 1-15 and packages will be mailed November 17th. Items requested include individual chips, crackers, granola bars, mints, microwave popcorn or other snack items. Monetary donations will help cover shipping costs. Items can be placed in the collection bin in the Parish Hall. Reach out to Kathy Harris at (contact church office) for questions. Thanks for supporting our college students!

*November 22nd from 3 to 5*pm, we will be offering a **CPR CLASS**. If you are interested please sign up in the parish hall. This is a free class unless you need or want a certified CPR card and then there will be a fee. The charge is $42 and it covers Adult and Child CPR, First Aid, and AED, the certification lasts 2 years.

WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS
Our class will meet this Tuesday for a special Thanksgiving-themed class at 6:00 in the gym. We will take the week of Thanksgiving off and resume class on Tuesday, December 1st. Please join us! Call Dana Drum with questions at (contact church office).

LWML will have their **ANNUAL COOKIE SALE** next Sunday, November 22nd after both services.

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.

The **CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRACTICES** have started and we would love to have as many people as possible join us in this wonderful celebration of Christ's birth! Practices will be every Monday at 7pm at BETHEL. Anyone at any experience level is invited to join us! Every person added makes singing easier and the whole performance even more fun for everyone listening or performing! For a full practice schedule please contact Derek Baker. We hope to see you there!

There is a **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** called the Sons of Solomon. No one hands you a manual on how to navigate life. King Solomon wrote Proverbs as a common sense survival guide for young men. We're getting together to study this book of wisdom, to share personal wisdom and see how we can apply it to our everyday life. We will be meeting the fourth Friday of every month at 8:00 pm, next meeting is Nov. 20th at Pastor Self's house. If you have any questions or would like to join, contact Pastor Self at ((contact church office).

We have a **PUZZLE LIBRARY** located off the Parish Hall beside the nursery. Please come in and take a puzzle or two for yourself, a neighbor, or a shut-in. There's no check out process. We just ask that you bring the puzzles back when you are finished with them. Our shelves are full at this time so we are no longer accepting puzzle donations. Please help us keep this room organized by not storing miscellaneous items (books, toys, etc.) in this room long-term so that people can get to the shelves to select puzzles.

SHARING CENTER is **IN NEED** of *children's clothing (all sizes), toys (new and in good condition), diapers (sizes 3, 4, & 5), teenagers clothing, hygiene items (especially deodorant).* If you are able to help, please leave items in the shopping cart in the parish hall. Thank you in advance.

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.

CALL TO MINISTRY - Born into a Lutheran farming family in Mooresville, NC, in 2004, *Ben Starnes* felt a steady call to ministry throughout his high school years. In 2024, he found his home in the LCMS at St. John's. This fall, Ben will begin his journey toward the pastorate at Concordia Theological Seminary. During his years at the Seminary, St. John's will be supporting Ben through prayer and with financial gifts. If you would like to know how you can help support Ben please talk to Pastor Self.

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.

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)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - *BOXES DUE NEXT SUNDAY*
Please return your filled Christmas Child boxes along with $10 to cover the shipping fee by the end of the 10:30 service next Sunday, November 22nd. Today will be the last day that I have boxes and supplies available in the Parish Hall so please stop by to pick up boxes and any supplies you may need to help you fill your boxes.
I have been able to fill boxes with donations and Thrivent grants, but I need help covering the shipping on those. If you can donate $10 to cover a box, please let me know by this Wednesday (November 18th) so I'll know how many boxes to put together. You can call or text me (Dana Drum) at (contact church office).
Mary Ann Parkhurst has made some beautiful toboggans/beanies for the boxes. Please feel free to stop by and pick one up for your box. If you would like one for yourself, you can buy one for $5. Mary Ann is letting us use the proceeds from those sales to help cover shipping costs of the boxes. If you have any questions about the boxes, call Dana. Thanks for your support in this important ministry of sharing the love of Jesus with children around the world!

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."



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Rev. Anton Lagoutine (contact church office)	(contact church office)	Rev. Luke Self (contact church office)
Ryan Spleet– President (contact church office)	(contact church office)	Michael Tripp – Chairman of Elders (contact church office)
Matt Cochran—DCE	(contact church office)	Bruce Ingle– Organist (contact church office)
Derek Baker- Music Director (contact church office)	(contact church office)	Matthew Ingle – Deacon (contact church office)
Scott Hollo – Head Usher 8:00 svc (contact church office)	(contact church office)	Paula Canipe - Sunday School (contact church office)

Jason Sain – Head Usher 10:30 svc (contact church office) Jamie Sigmon – Acolyte (contact church office)
Chastity Arndt – Church Secretary (contact church office) Megan Baker – Preschool (contact church office)

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STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, Nov. 8 Attendance: *8:00 10:30 SS*

Offerings: ***Budget****:*	*Missions/Ministry*	*10,778.59*	
	Sunday School	53.00	
	Mem. K. Moose	550.00	
	Mem. E. Forbis	100.00	
	Mem. N. Baker	500.00	
	Mem B. Bumgarner	50.00	***$ 12,031.59**** *(needed weekly 15,240)*
Designated Funds:	Cemetery	150.00	
	Food Pantry	100.00	
	Helping Hands	202.00	
	LLL	20.00	
	LYF	340.00	
	Misc In/Out	45.00	
	Music	26.74	
	Poinsettias	110.00	
	Preschool Payroll	3,907.49	
	Russian Ministry	40.00	
	Short Term	660.00	**$ 5,601.23**
Building Fund:	Offerings	1,287.00	**$ 1,287.00**
Total Receipts for Nov. 8			**$ 18,919.82**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Nov. 15
- Early Worship 8:00 am
- Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am
- Worship 10:30 am
- Family Movie Night 5:30 pm

Monday, Nov. 16
- Handbells 6 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 17
- Women's Bible Study 11:00 am
- Women's Exercise Class 6:00 pm
- Daily Bible Study 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Nov 18
- Men's Bible Study 8:30 am
- Blast & Adult Bible Study 5:45 pm/6:45 pm

Thursday, Nov. 19
- Quilters 10:00 am

Friday, Nov. 20
- Men's Bible Study 8:00 pm

Saturday, Nov. 21
- LWML Baking Cookies

Sunday, Nov.22

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