

St. John's Lutheran Church

Conover, NC

October 11, 2026

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude & Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn** LSB # 540 "*Christ, the Word of God Incarnate*"

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.

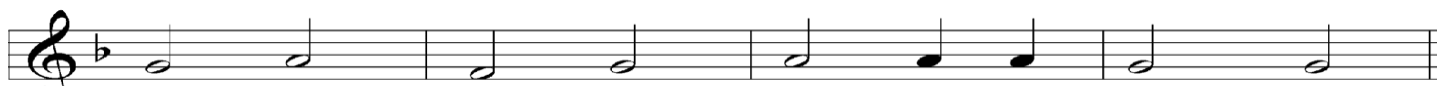
P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Kyrie LSB p. 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis LSB p. 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward

*please rise on last verse

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.
 O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Readings

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Matthew 22:1–14

¹ Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the

king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn LSB # 563 "*Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*"

Sermon "*You are Invited*" based on Matthew 22:1-14

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

Apostles' Creed 10:30 svc

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The Special Music "*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*" Sr. Choir

Offertory pg. 192

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion 8:00 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 # 620 "*Jesus Comes Today with Healing*"

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

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 # 680 "*Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*"

Silent Prayer

Postlude

Door Offering for Helping Hands Fund

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

October 11, 2026

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

EAGLE – Deadline is Thursday by noon

November NEWSLETTER Deadline is Oct 19

BIRTHDAY WISHES: Oct. 11 - 18

Oct. 11 Chelsea Radke

Jacob Bandy

Jerry Sigmon Jr

Chris Slaughter

Oct. 13 Johnny Hefner

Calli Anne Chandler

Harper Raymond

Claude Fulbright

Oct. 16 Amanda Newsome

Larry Short

Oct. 17 Barbara Blevins

Carly Loftin

Oct. 12 Ryan Hester

Ashley Bolch

Oct. 14 Aazie Zimbelmann

Oct. 15 Kathy Hunsucker

Lizzie Sain

Patsy Short

Oct. 18 Kirsten Stanley

Randy Canipe

Aubrey Bostian

Ken Moose

Charlotte Isenhour

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

11th Juanita Propst 18th Chelsey Massey 25th Leigh Ann Trent

USHERS 8:00 Jamie Sigmon, Ryan & Lowell Spleet, Scott Powell

10:30 Kirk & Dawson Cater, Jim Witherspoon

ACOLYTES 8:00 Allen O'Keefe 10:30 Ethan Slaughter & Ella Jones

ELDERS FOR COMMUNION 8:00 Josh Robertson 10:30 Jason Sain

Are you are interested in **RUNNING FOR A POSITION IN THE CHURCH** for 2027? If so, please contact Douglas Travis, Jr at (contact church office). We are in need of someone running for Congregation Secretary and Deacons.

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.

NEW MEMBER CLASS will begin on Sunday mornings starting Nov. 1st 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.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Advent and Lent Evening services will now be held on Wednesday.

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY will be on Oct. 25th with a combined service at 9:30 am (Sunday School at 8:30 am). *The Mission Team will be providing hamburgers and hot dogs and everyone else is asked to bring sides and desserts.*

The **TUESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets from 11-12 in the library and welcomes new members! We'll be starting a new book (*Meant for Good*) October 20th based on the life of Joseph. Call Dana Drum at ([contact church office](#)) with any questions.

The **MAMA BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet *Friday, Nov. 13th, 8-10pm* (Place TBD). Join us for fellowship, prayer, and time in the Word. If you're able, bring an appetizer to share. Contact Dani Self ((contact church office) or Megan Baker ((contact church office) with questions

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY will be held on Sun. October 18th. *Please bring in non-perishable food items* which will be used to decorate the sanctuary and then will be given to our Sharing Center. Please place items in cart in the parish hall by Wednesday Oct. 14th.

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 STUDENTS ADDRESSES NEEDED: current college student or a college student in your family - If so, please provide information on sign-up sheet in the parish hall (even if you have provided it in the past) or email secretary@stjohnsconover.com. Any questions, please contact Kathy Harris 234-6174.

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. Whether you are building a career, trying to figure out marriage, or trying to raise the next generation, you don't have to do it alone. 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 Oct. 23rd at Pastor Self's house. If you have any questions or would like to join, contact Pastor Self at ((contact church office).

A WOMEN'S EXERCISE CLASS - we welcome any woman who would like to join us. The class lasts for 30 minutes and is designed for women of all fitness levels. It involves kickboxing, drumsticks, and other fun types of movement. No prior experience is required. You'll just need to bring a mat or towel, water, and a whole lot of joy. There is no cost. We finish each session with a short devotion. We meet at 6:00 on Tuesdays in the gym, but there will be no class on October 13th. If anyone would like to help lead this, please let me know. Dana Drum ([contact church office](#))

TODAY a **DOOR OFFERING** will be held for the Helping Hands fund which is available to members/nonmembers in need of financial help. Needs have grown and we are asking you to pray about helping with this ministry.

COPIES OF THE MINUTES for the Voters Meeting in July are available in the Parish Hall.

November 22nd from 3 to 5pm, 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.

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)

PRESCHOOL PRAYER PARTNERS - Being a prayer partner means that you will get a picture of a child with their first name. You put it somewhere all year where you remember to pray for them! If you are interested in being a prayer partner, please contact Megan at ([contact church office](#)). We also will be doing a pottery program where students get to listen to a story and paint pottery relating to that story each month. I hope to get enough people to sponsor the students so they do not have to worry about an extra cost for the year. If you would be interested in sponsoring a child for this

program, please reach out to Megan for more details. Thank you for all your support as a congregation for this amazing mission of Preschool!

AK VBS Mission Trips - 2027

We will hold our first planning meeting for AK VBS 2027 on October 19th at 7:00 at the church. Please attend if you have any interest in participating so we can determine how many teams we will be able to send out. If you can't be there but have an interest in going with us, please contact Diane Holchin or Dana Drum.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoeboxes will be available in the Parish Hall on October 25th and will be due back on or before November 22nd. If you need boxes before October 25th, let Dana Drum know. We will also have some basic school supplies and hygiene items to help you start your box. Like last year, we have been able to use Thrivent cards and individual donations to complete some boxes, including the WOW gift. We need sponsors for these boxes of \$10 each to pay for the shipping. We can always use hygiene supplies, school supplies, and small toys to share with others to help them pack a full, fun box. Stop by the Parish Hall on Sundays beginning October 25th for more information. We collected 127 boxes last year which meant we shared the love of Jesus with 127 children and their families! Can you help us exceed that number this year?

STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, Oct 4 **Attendance:** 8:00 103 10:30 170 SS 70

Offerings:	Budget:	Missions/Ministry	13,888.77	
		Sunday School	37.00	\$ 13,925.77** (needed weekly 15,240)

Designated Funds:	Building Bridges	40.00	
	Church Anniversary	20.00	
	Food Pantry	45.00	
	Helping Hands	50.00	
	LLL	20.00	
	Poinsettia	30.00	
	Preschool Payroll	3,531.04	
	Russian Ministry	40.00	
	Short Term	20.00	\$ 3,796.04

Building Fund:	Offerings	925.00	\$ 925.00
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Total Receipts for Oct 4			\$ 18,646.81
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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."

We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas with **Poinsettias**. If you would like to reserve a flower(s) in honor or in memory of a loved one, please fill out this form and place it in the offering plate. Plants will be \$10.00 each. ***The deadline for ordering flowers will be November 8th.**

Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Number of Flowers ordered: _____

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- **HELPING HANDS** – helps member/non-members with small bills when there is a need. We have had many requests over the past months, and the funds are starting to get low. If you would like to donate just place it in the collection plate and earmark it as helping hands.
- **GREETERS** – greets members and guests as they enter the church each service. This is an excellent way to see or meet other members and make their experience at our church a welcoming one. If you are interested in helping with this mission let the church office know and we will be in touch to get you started.
- **BUILDING BRIDGES** – helps the community with ramps and small repairs at no cost to them. If you are interested in helping in any way (getting supplies, building, feeding the volunteers, etc) let the church office know and we will be in touch with you to see how you can help.
- **SHARING CENTER**- a center that provides essentials (food, clothing, home supplies, and furniture) to members/nonmembers as needed. This is at no cost to them; we operate by donations. There are many ways to help with this mission (sorting clothes, picking up food, stocking food shelves, cleaning fridge and freezer out, picking up furniture donations, helping to hand out items on Tuesdays) If you are interested in helping with this mission contact the church office and we will be in touch with you to see how you can help.
- **ALASKA MISSIONS** – this is a group of volunteers that work all year to put together a VBS program and travel to Alaska to spread God's word to several villages that don't have a pastor regular. There are many ways to help with this mission (shop for supplies, work on craft ideas, put together bible story lessons, pack supplies and prepare for shipping, go to the villages) If you are interested in helping with this mission please contact the church office and we will be in touch to see how you can help.
- **HAMMER AND NAILS MISSION TRIP** – we have been asked to help with a mission in Newland, NC to help and someone with a deck and a couple of ramps. We are putting together a short mission trip Nov 13-15 to complete this project. We will be staying at Camp Linn Haven for the weekend and working at the home during the day. This is a great opportunity for you to help and get to know you fellow members with bible study, meals and mission work. If you would be interested in going, please contact Rickelle Robertson at (contact church office). We would like to have a head count by the end of October so we can make final reservations and food planning.

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Bruce Ingle– Organist

(contact

church office)

Derek Baker- Music Director

(contact church office)

Matthew Ingle – Deacon

(contact church office)

Scott Hollo – Head Usher 8:00 svc

(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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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, Oct 11

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
Middle/High School Youth 6:00 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 13

Women's Bible Study 11:00 am
Daily Bible Study 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Men's Bible Study 8:30 am
Women's Bible Study 9:30 am
Blast 5:45 pm
Sr. Choir 7:00 pm

Thursday, Oct. 15

Quilters 10:00 am
LWML 6:30 pm

Sunday, Oct. 18

Early Worship 8:00 am
Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am
Worship 10:30 am
Hollar Reunion (Joy)
Hefner Reunion (Gym)
Voters Meeting 2:30 pm
Middle/High School Youth 6:00 pm