

St. John's Lutheran Church
Conover, NC
June 28, 2026
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude & Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn** LSB # 589 "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

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



C 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



P Glory be to God on high: **C** 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.

The Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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

Jeremiah 28:5–9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.”

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

Romans 7:1–13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. ⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. ¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

Matthew 10:34–42

³⁴[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message 10:30

Sermon Hymn LSB # 685 “*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*”

Sermon “*Conflicts*” based on Matthew 10:34-42

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

Apostles’ Creed 10:30

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Special Music

Response Hymn LSB # 696 “*O God, My Faithful God*”

Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

The 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 # 570 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

LSB # 609 “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

LSB # 643 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Post Communion Collect LSB 201

The Benediction

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

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn LSB # 718 "*Jesus, Lead Thou On*"

Silent Prayer

Postlude

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

June 28, 2026

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

EAGLE – Deadline is Thursday by noon

August NEWSLETTER Deadline is July 20

BIRTHDAY WISHES: June 28 – July 5

June 28 Mason McArthur

Michael Biggs

Ansley Self

Asher Gibbs

Bryan Gulino

Payten Mann

June 29 Milly Humphrey

Michael Zastrow

Lukas Brown

Eli Sample

June 30 Myron Yount

Vicki Hollar

Laura Yount

Kassidy Sorrels

July 1 Jennifer Watson

July 2 Kim Tripp

Evan Mojica

July 3 Jennifer Green

Jon Sigmon

Tabatha Goble

Stephanie Weber

July 4 Esther Bandy

Billy Bumgarner Sr.

Brian Kirkland

July 5 Makayla Yount

Nell Baker

Kylen Uzzell

Beth Lane

Ethan Trivette

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

28th Juanita Propst

5th Chelsey Massey

12th Leigh Ann Trent

USHERS 8:00 Chad Sigmon, Anthony Sigmon, Doug Travis Sr.

10:30 Kirk Cater, Dawson Cater, Tim Keisler

July 8:00 Clye & Logan Whitener

10:30 Robert Trent, Scott & Michael Weber

ACOLYTES 8:00 Ryan Johnson 10:30 Whitney & Lowell Spleet

July 8:00 Cadence Stephens 10:30 Ella Jones & Ashleigh Nichols

ELDERS FOR COMMUNION 8:00 Scott Hollo 10:30 Jeff Holchin

July 8:00 Jerry Icenhour 10:30 Scott Weber

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

PASTOR SELF will be at Camp Linn Haven this week serving as Dean during Family Week.

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday July 12th

Join us in support of Corbett's Army (Corbett is Melia Coffey's grandson who is battling cancer). A meal will be served after church, around 11:30 am, with country style steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, and dessert. All proceeds will go directly to the family (we will let you know whom to write check to next week, *please do not write to the church*). Together, we can make a difference.

LISTENING TO THE STORYTELLER: SUMMER FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us the Joy Room at 9:30am on Sundays in June - August as we study together the parables of Jesus! Parents, grandparents, children, grandchildren all learning with each other! Smaller families and individuals can be paired at tables together. Come join us even if you've missed weeks for vacation! Adult Sunday School will still be going on in the Chapel.

The **MAMA BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet *Friday, July 10th, 8-10pm* at Megan Baker's house. Please contact Megan for her address. Join us for fellowship, prayer, and time in the Word. If you're able, bring an appetizer to share. Contact Dani Self ((call church)) or Megan Baker ((call church)) with questions

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING will be held on Sunday, July 19th at 2:30 pm.

"There will be a new **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP** starting in July 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, starting on *July 24th* at Pastor Self's house. If you have any questions or would like to join, contact Pastor Self at ((call church)). Look forward to seeing you there."

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.

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

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is currently enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year. To enroll, contact Megan Baker at (call church) or email at sjlcprek@gmail.com.

The **SHARING CENTER** is **IN NEED** of the following: *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.

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

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 (call church) 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.



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.

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)

Please keep the following members of **ST. JOHN'S MISSION TEAM** in your prayers

- Venetie/Arctic Village (June): Diane Holchin, Jamie Holchin, Amy Holchin, Tabatha Goble, Pearl Wright, Heather Bassett, Drew Brunner
- Deering (July): Dana Drum, Rebekah Drum, Kathy Harris, Abby Albert, Amy Yount, Emma Yount, Payten Mann
- Teen Camp (July): Heather Bassett, Rebekah Drum, Amy Holchin, Ben Harris, Dara Brunner

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	(call church)	Rev. Luke Self	(call church)
Ryan Spleet- President	(call church)	Michael Tripp – Chairman of Elders	(call church)
Matt Cochran—DCE	(call church)	Bruce Ingle– Organist	(call church)
Derek Baker- Music Director	(call church)	Matthew Ingle – Deacon	(call church)
Scott Hollo – Head Usher 8:00 svc	(call church)	Paula Canipe - Sunday School	(call church)
Jason Sain – Head Usher 10:30 svc	(call church)	Jamie Sigmon – Acolyte	(call church)
Chastity Arndt – Church Secretary	(call church)	Megan Baker – Preschool	(call church)



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St. John's Building: Immediate Major Needs

The last voters meeting it was discussed to send out a survey to the congregation assessing the desire to either: build a new building, expand the current gym, or simply remodel and update the gym. At voters meeting there were significant repairs brought to the attention of the voters. The church has several big ticket items that will be in need of replacement now and in the coming years, as well as some general maintenance that needs to be done on the main building. The building committee would like to bring these items to everyone's attention as we consider a new building project.

Financial Status

- Current Building Fund Balance: \$183,807
- Current Building Fund CDs: \$197,143.46

Immediate & Upcoming "Big-Ticket" Needs

- Main Building Chiller: Over 20 years old; estimated replacement cost of \$270,000.
- Gym AC Units: Replacement approved by voters; quoted at \$70,000.
- Roof (Sanctuary & Main Building): Future replacement estimated at \$100,000. (Note: This is currently fully funded by a generous \$100,000 donation).

General Maintenance & Ongoing Projects

- Wall Repairs: Inspection and repair of cracks throughout the church.
- Interior Refresh: Painting and wall repairs needed for the entire main building.
- Youth Room: Currently undergoing remodeling and updates.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support these efforts as we continue to steward the facilities God has blessed us with. If you feel called to contribute to the building fund please consider it supplemental to your tithe in order for us to continue the mission and ministry of the church.

STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, June 21 Attendance: 8:00 94 10:30 155 SS 55

Offerings:	Budget:	Missions/Ministry	8,248.85		
		Sunday School	30.00		
		Mem. J. Reidenbach	50.00		
		Thrivent Choice	85.00		
				\$ 8,413.85**	<i>(needed weekly 15,240)</i>
Designated Funds:		Building Bridges	1,040.00		
		Food Pantry	412.65		
		LLL	20.00		
		Preschool	295.00		
		Russian Ministry	40.00		
		Short Term	200.00	\$ 2,007.65	
Building Fund:		Offerings	720.00	\$ 720.00	
Total Receipts for June 21				\$ 11,141.50	

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, June 28

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

Tuesday, June 30

Daily Bible Study 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 1

Men's Bible Study 8:30 am

Sunday, July 5

Early Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am

Worship 10:30 am

LLL 9:00 am