

St. John's Lutheran Church
Conover, NC
May 10, 2026

The Sixth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

Prelude & Welcome and Announcements

***Opening Hymn** LSB #728 "How Firm a Foundation"

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 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 mercy up - on us. Christ, have mercy up -



on us. Lord, have mercy up - on us.

*please rise on last verse

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
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. O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; 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

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, “What does this babbler wish to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities”—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean.” ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’ ²⁹Being then God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

P: This is the Word of God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

John 14:15–21

15[Jesus said:] “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. 18“I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. 20In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message 10:30 svc

Sermon Hymn LSB # 591 “*This Is the Spirit’s Entry Now*”

Sermon “I Will Not Leave You as Orphans” *based on John 14*

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

Apostles’ Creed 10:30 svc

Gathering of Our Offerings to God <https://stjohnsconover.com/donate>

Special Music 10:30 “*Rise Up and Call Her Blessed*” *Sr. Choir*

Response Hymn LSB # 783 “Take My Life and Let It Be”

Prayer of the Church

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 # 628 “Your Table I Approach”

LSB # 611 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB # 630 “Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”

Nunc Dimittis LSB 199

Post Communion Collect LSB 201

The Lord’s Prayer

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 # 922 *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

Silent Prayer

Postlude

ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

May 10, 2026

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

EAGLE – Deadline is Thursday by noon

June NEWSLETTER Deadline is May 18

BIRTHDAY WISHES: May 10 - 17

May 10 Linda Moose

May 11 Amy Sigmon

May 12 Kelley Keisler

Les Killian

Richard Kirkland

Abigail Ferro

May 13 Justin Miller

Sharon Whitener

Rev. Lagoutine

Alyssa Lail

Braxton Sigmon

Eddie Forbis

May 14 Dana Sipe

Dominick Lail

Shayla Zinn-Brittain

Sam Andersen

Livia See

May 15 Simmons Yount

May 16 Andy Johnson

Kyleigh Alltop

Jessica Hoffman

May 17 Kathryn Hester

Chance Johnson

Urijah 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

May 10 Leigh Ann Trent

May 17 Rylie Moose

May 24 Lisa Sain

USHERS 8:00 Ken Hilderbran, Joe Sigmon, Scott Brodnax

10:30 Jason Sain, Todd Yount

ACOLYTES 8:00 Olivia Miller 10:30 Ashleigh Nichols & Harper Cater May 14 Allen O'Keefe

ELDERS FOR COMMUNION 8:00 Jamie Sigmon 10:30 Myron Yount

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.

IT IS TIME FOR A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY and we would love to have a directory that everyone is a part of in order to easily connect with each other! Information sheet is located in the narthex at usher's table. All members and soon to be members are asked to sign up!!

Dates/Times: May 21st – 23rd. *Thursday-Friday* times is 2:30 pm to 8 pm and *Saturday* is 10 am to 4 pm.

Go online to schedule: www.ucdir.com church code nc621 password Johns

Or in person: Sunday mornings in the parish hall

If you have any questions, please contact Tonya Whisnant at (contact office)

GAME NIGHT AND ICE CREAM SUNDAES hosted by the LWML on *Wednesday, May 20th* at 6 pm for anyone that would like to join us.

UPCOMING SERVICES

Thursday, May 14th Ascension Svc. 7 pm

Sunday, May 17th – Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 24th – Graduate Sunday

Sunday, May 31st - New Member Sunday

GRADUATION SEASON is here! Please turn in your 2026 graduate information (name/school) to the church office so we, your church family, can celebrate with you!!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COMBINED SERVICE ON MAY 31ST! Come for *fellowship hour* 7:30 - 8:30 am (light breakfast items), *Sunday School* 8:30 - 9:15 and *worship service* at 9:30am. After the service, fellowship will continue with a *covered dish meal* in the gym. So bring a dish or two to share!!

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* ((contact office)).

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is currently enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year. We are looking forward to another year of learning and growth! Spots are filling quickly, so if you or someone you know are looking, be sure to reserve your spot soon! For questions or to enroll, please call or text Megan Baker at (contact office) or email at sjlcprek@gmail.com.

ALASKA VBS SUPPLIES NEEDED

We will be returning to Arctic Village, Deering, and Venetie in June and July to teach VBS. If you can help with any of these items, please leave them in or near the marked basket on the table in the Parish Hall in front of the nursery. Items needed –sandwich, quart and gallon Ziploc bags, permanent markers, foam paint brushes, fabric markers, and **new** items for Bingo prizes. Bingo prizes should be unscented, non-breakable items for both children and adults. Some examples are basketballs, sand toys, cars, dress up clothes or costumes, socks, baseball hats, t-shirts, nuts, gum, candy, jewelry, and adult coloring books. Please contact Kathy Harris at (contact office) or Diane Holchin at (contact office) if you have questions.

CAMP LINN HAVEN WORKDAYS

Volunteers Needed: We need your help to get camp open and running for the season. Last workday is *May 16th*. Contact Teirsa Lane at CampLinnHaven@gmail.com to sign up.

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

The **MAMA BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet *Saturday, June 13th* 9-11am in the conference room upstairs. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and time in the Word. If you're able, bring a brunch dish to share. Contact Dani Self ((contact office) or Megan Baker ((contact office) with questions.

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

GIVE HOPE - GIVE JESUS T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE

The AK teams have a limited number of T-shirts with our 2026 theme of "Give Hope - Give Jesus" on them. The shirts are an orange/yellow combo. The extras are available for \$20 as long as they last and are available in the Parish Hall. Please pay Dana Drum or Diane Holchin directly for any shirts purchased.

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 office) with questions.

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

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



MISSION AND VISION THEME

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

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

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

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

2026 GOALS

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

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

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

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

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

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Matt Cochran—DCE (contact office)

Bruce Ingle– Organist (contact office)

Derek Baker- Music Director (contact office)

Matthew Ingle – Deacon (contact office)

Scott Hollo – Head Usher 8:00 svc (contact office)

Paula Canipe - Sunday School (contact office)

Jason Sain – Head Usher 10:30 svc (contact office)

Jamie Sigmon – Acolyte (contact office)

Chastity Arndt – Church Secretary (contact office)

Megan Baker – Preschool (contact office)



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STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, May 3 Attendance: 8:00 98 10:30 155 SS 102

Offerings: Budget: Missions/Ministry 13,700.84
Sunday School 76.00
Ascension 35.00 **\$ 13,811.84****

Designated Funds: Building Bridges 355.00
Education Fund 200.00
Food Pantry 297.00
Helping Hands 90.90
LLL 103.00
Preschool 47.00
Preschool Payroll 1,428.09
Russian Ministry 240.00
Short Term 330.00 **\$ 3,090.99**

Building Fund: Offerings 1,169.00 **\$ 1,169.00**

Total Receipts for May 3 **\$ 18,071.83**

Vacation Bible School June 14-18

Dinner – 5:30pm

Opening – 6:15pm

Volunteer Registration

Volunteer Name: _____

Meal prep/clean up

Help with registration

Skits

Select music/direct

Be a leader/runner for the kids PS K-1 2-3 4-6 Teen (circle one)

Organize or help with crafts PS K-1st 2nd-3rd 4th-6th (circle one)

Games/recreation PS K-1st 2nd-3rd 4th-6th (circle one)

Reinforce the lessons during the craft PS K-1st 2nd-3rd 4th-6th Adult (circle one)

Kid's Registration

Child(ren) Name(s): _____ Grade(s) (*last completed*) _____

Address: _____

Parents & Contact # _____

Home congregation (if visitor) _____

Invited by (if visitor) _____

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday, May 10

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

Tuesday, May 12

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

Wednesday, May 13

Men's Bible Study 8:30 am

Thursday, May 14

Quilters 10 am – 1 pm
Ascension Svc. 7 pm

Sunday, May 17

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