

St. John's Lutheran Church  
Conover, NC  
May 31, 2026

**The Holy Trinity Sunday/New Member Sunday/Alaskan Mission Team Send-Off**

**Prelude & Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Opening Hymn** LSB # 905 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

**Invocation**

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Confession of Sins**

L: 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*

L: 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.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

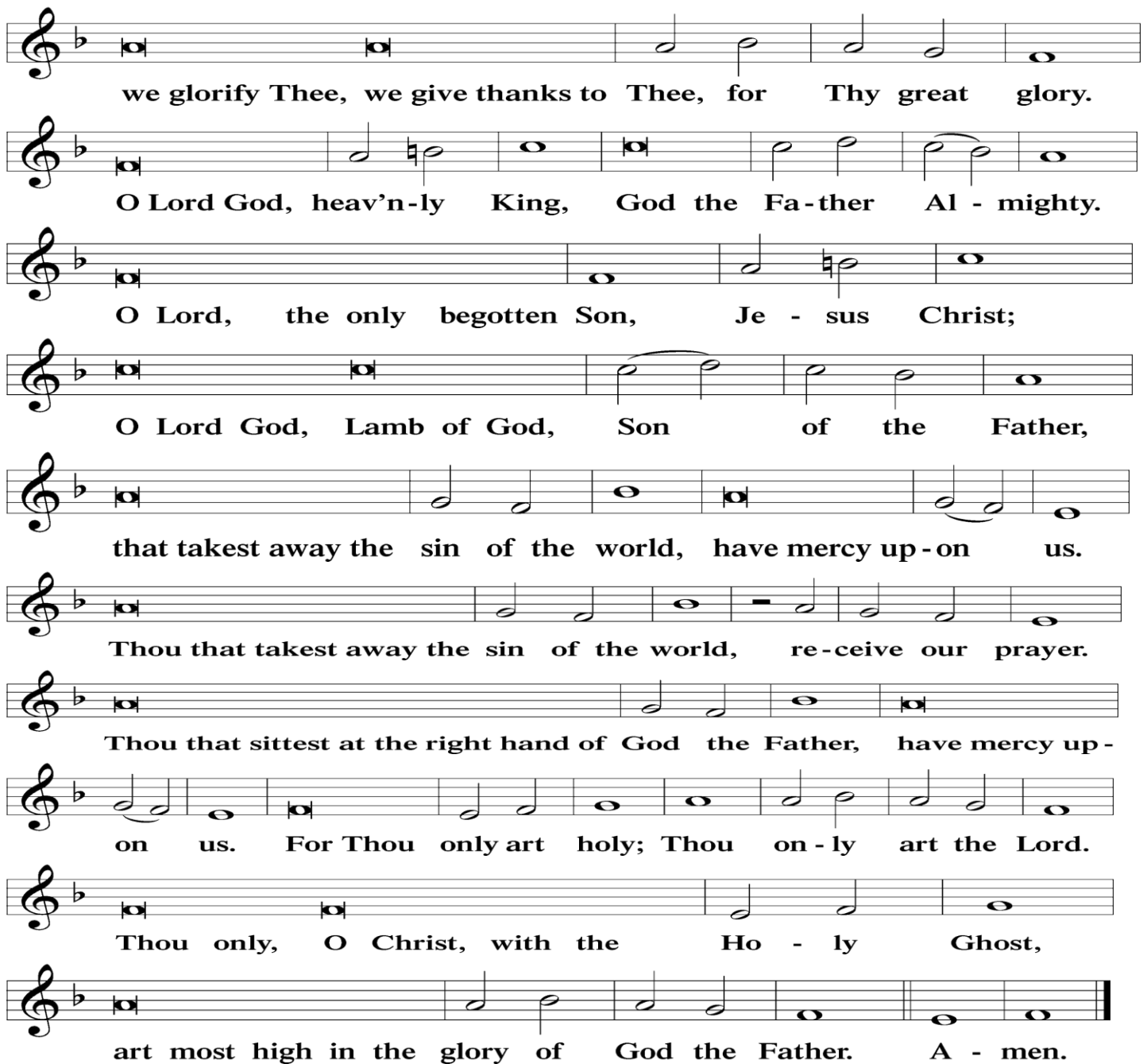
**Kyrie** LSB p. 186

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 men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

\*please rise on last verse



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**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **The Alaskan Mission Team Send-Off**

#### **Readings**

*Genesis 1:1—2:4a*

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup>The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw

that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup>And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup>And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup>And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup>And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup>And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup>And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>1</sup>Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it

God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup>These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

P: This is the Word of God.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*Acts 2:14a, 22–36*

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— <sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him, “I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.’ <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

P: This is the Word of God.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

*Matthew 28:16–20*

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon Hymn** LSB # 507 “*Holy, Holy, Holy*”

**Sermon** “*Pure Good News*” based on Matthew 28:19

**The Athanasian Creed** LSB p. 319

**Gathering of Our Offerings to God** [stjohnsconover.com/donate](http://stjohnsconover.com/donate)

**Special Music**

**The Reception of New Members**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

*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 # 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee*

*LSB # 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

*LSB # 578 "Thy Strong Word"*

**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. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn** LSB # 506 "*Glory be to God the Father*"

**Silent Prayer**

**Sharing of God's Peace**

**Postlude**

# ST. JOHN'S EAGLE

May 31, 2026

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

**EAGLE** – Deadline is Thursday by noon

**July NEWSLETTER** Deadline is June 22

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:** May 31 – June 7

May 31 Archer Hollada

June 1 Cassidy Choplin

June 2 Shane Canipe

Kevin Hester

Bill Schimming

June 3 Tyler Hefner

Steven Maskewit

June 4 Tonya Houston

June 5 Katherine Peay

Kirk Cater

Jenny Houser

Butch McIntyre

June 6 Courtney Lane

Linda Powell

June 7 Keith Mann

Misty Propst

Kathy Canipe

## **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 31* Tammy Yount    *June 7* Stephanie Weber & Megan Baker    *June 14* Monica Baker

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

10:30 Jason Sain, Todd Yount

*June* 8:00 Chad Sigmon, Anthony Sigmon, Doug Travis Sr.

10:30 Kirk Cater, Dawson Cater, Tim Keisler

**ACOLYTES** 8:00 Olivia Miller    10:30 Ashleigh Nichols & Harper Cater

June 8:00 Ryan Johnson    10:30 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Ethan Slaughter    21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> Whitney & Lowell Spleet

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

*June* 8:00 Scott Hollo    10:30 Jeff Holchin

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.

Today we welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS** into our church family: *Brooke Miller, Ben & Makenna Beehler, Bryan Gulino, Zach Speagle, Payten Mann, Jake Mann, & Alex Hoewischer*  
Please greet our new members after the service and welcome them into the family!

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COVERED DISH MEAL** after the service today.

**DOOR OFFERING** will be held TODAY for the *AK Teen Camp* after both services.

### **THANK YOU**

I want to express my gratitude to the pastors for the beautiful funeral service as well as a thank you to the ladies for the wonderful meal that was prepared after the funeral service of my husband David. I so greatly appreciated it all. God Bless *Carolyn Good*

**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 church office)).

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** is currently enrolling students for the 2026-2027 school year. For questions or to enroll, please call or text Megan Baker at (contact church office) or email at [sjlcprek@gmail.com](mailto:sjlcprek@gmail.com).

The **MAMA BIBLE STUDY GROUP** will meet *Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 8-10pm* at Dani Sefl's house. Please contact Dani 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 ((contact church office) or Megan Baker ((contact church office) with questions.

*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.

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.

**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)

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



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**STEWARDSHIP RESPONSE, May 24 Attendance:** 8:00 109 10:30 171 SS 106

<b>Offerings: Budget:</b>	<i>Missions/Ministry</i>	10,453.76	
	Sunday School	56.00	<b>\$ 10,509.76**</b>
<b>Designated Funds:</b>	Building Bridges	1,878.50	
	Food Pantry	1,133.30	
	LLL	20.00	
	Russian Ministry	40.00	
	Short Term	1,521.00	
	Teen Camp-AK	120.00	<b>\$ 4,712.80</b>
<b>Building Fund:</b>	Offerings	452.00	<b>\$ 452.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts for May 24</b>			<b>\$ 15,674.56</b>

# Vacation Bible School

## June 14-18

Dinner – 5:30pm

Opening – 6:15pm

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### 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-1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> (circle one)

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

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

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### *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 31**

Fellowship Hour 7:30 – 8:30 am (light breakfast items)

Sunday School 8:30 – 9:15 am

Combined Worship Service 9:30 am

Covered Dish Meal 10:30 am

#### **Tuesday, June 2**

Daily Bible Study 7pm

#### **Wednesday, June 3**

Men's Bible Study 8:30 am

#### **Thursday, June 4**

Quilters 10 am – 1 pm

**Sunday, June 7**

Early Worship 8:00 am

Sunday School 9:30 - 10:15am

Worship 10:30 am

LLL 9:00 am

Will Yount Reunion