

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.

John 14:1-4

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 2020

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As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

The mission of Augsburg Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

The paraments are white during the season of Easter suggesting the joy of the resurrection.

+ GATHERING +

ACCLAMATION Bruce W. Tippette

Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia.

(John 14:6)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Variations on DUNDEE

David N. Johnson

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

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.

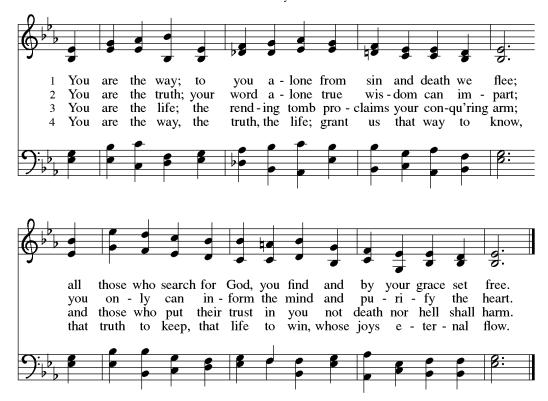
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

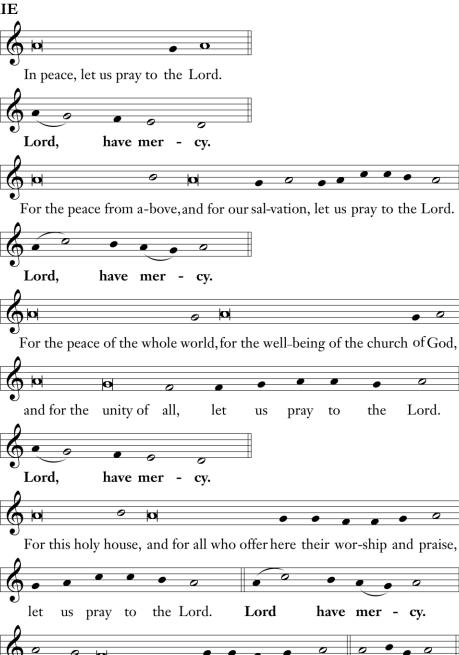


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The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

After the prayer the assembly responds: Amen.

We sit.

WELCOME

+ WORD+

FIRST READING Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

¹In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame; deliver me | in your righteousness.

²Incline your | ear to me;

make haste to de- | liver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,

for you are my tow- er of strength.

⁵Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.

¹⁵"My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

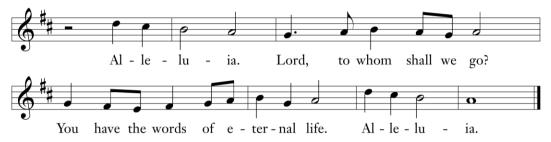
save me in your | steadfast love."

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.** *We stand.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL John 14:1-14

The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples:] "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the

Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON Pastor Wollner

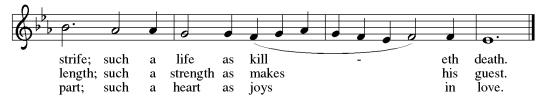
We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

THE CALL







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RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Each portion of the prayers concludes:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

We sit.

+ THANKSGIVING +

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Blessed Are the Pure in Heart

H. Walford Davies

Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God: the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his dwelling and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

+ SENDING +

BLESSING

The Lord bless you…and + give you peace.





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Go in peace. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens

Soli Deo Gloria

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Announcements

This week we keep in prayer Mrs. Molly Montgomery, 133 Sycamore Commons Ln., Advance, NC 27006-7480. Please send Molly a note.

Happy Mother's Day! We give thanks to God for all mothers and those who nurture others like a mother. We also remember those for whom this day is hard and for those who grieve.

Our friends at CBC have invited us to do another food drive, and we are honored to do so. Save the date for Thursday, May 21. We will hold a day-long food drive at spots throughout our community. Keep an eye out for exact times and locations in future communications this week! Our goal is not only to collect from our Augsburg households, but also from those you invite to share. Help make this a huge success!

The Social Ministry Team encourages you to support the important work of The Dwelling. Join in our *Shower for the Showers* the week of May 3-10. To get The Dwelling's shower program off the ground, financial support is needed to gather the necessary supplies in a healthy manner. Those who are able are encouraged to go to www.thedwellingws.org/give and make a financial gift of any size. The goal of this project is to encourage more Augsburg Disciples to connect with the works of The Dwelling. For every ten gifts given from Augsburg households – of any amount – an additional gift of \$100 will be made by a current supporter of The Dwelling. If you have any questions, please contact Jake Wharton, Chair of the Social Ministry Team, at jacobwharton@gmail.com.

Dessert with Pastor Lori each Sunday evening from 7:30-8:15 p.m. A Zoom Room has been set up so that members from our congregation can click on the link sent out via Flocknote. There is no agenda. You can come early, stay as little or as long as you like, and leave when you are ready. We meet new people in our congregation, see long-time friends, and enjoy one another's company. Two side benefits are that we also get to see people's pets and admire their desserts. Our first "gathering" had over 25 people. The time passed so quickly that I can hardly wait for our next visit. Come join us.

Pastor Paul's new online bible study series continues this Tuesday at 2 p.m. as we study Jesus' post-resurrection appearances! We hope you can join us as we continue to meet throughout our time apart. On Monday afternoon, a Flocknote will be sent out with a 1-800 number that you can call to login to the meeting. You can also login using Zoom through your computer. Please contact the church office if you do not receive Flocknotes.

We keep you in prayer during our time apart. Our pastors continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. If you would like to reach a pastor, please call their cell phones, send them a text, or an email. Pastor Paul is 803-331-5970 or seniorpastor@alcws.org and Pastor Lori is 336-414-2838 or pastoralassociate@alcws.org.

God's work continues at Augsburg, and while we can't gather in person, our hands can still help carry out that work wherever we are through our love and our resources. Because important ministries continue during our facilities closure, offerings can still be shared through any of these suggested options: drop it in the mail, use the bill pay services that your bank offers, or use Realm to give online. Visit our website—www.augsburglutheranws.org—and click on "Give Now" for more information. Thank you for all the ways that you support God's work at Augsburg, your Stewardship Team.

Readings for next week: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21 Worship attendance for services last week: 273 views on YouTube.

Providing Service Today

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Augsburg Lutheran Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation

Augsburg's 2020 Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CLASS OF 2020

KAHNNOR LEE APLIN





Mount Taber High School Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16

For God so loved the worlds that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Favorite Hymn: Go Tell It on the Mountain

Kahnnor is the son of Konnie and Cameron Aplin, and grandson of Margaret Hensrud. Kahnnor has been involved in the Augsburg Youth Group and his most memorable moments at Augsburg were on the Youth Ski Trips. In the fall, Kahnnor plans to attend Guilford College in Greensboro and major in Biology and Music. In high school, Kahnnor played in the Mount Tabor marching band and was a member of the National Honor Society, a Crosby Scholar and also received the J. Floyd Scholarship.

EMMA KATHERINE BLANKS





West Forsyth High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Isaiah 1:17

Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Favorite Hymn: How Great Thou Art

Emma is the daughter of Amie and Eric Blanks and granddaughter of Claire Beavers. Her favorite moments at Augsburg have been the National Youth Gathering in Houston, sleeping in Enos at the Fall Youth Retreats and all the amazing friendships she has made during her time at Augsburg. Emma plans to attend the University of Tennessee in the fall and major in Marketing. While at Augsburg, she was very involved in Youth Group, HS Girl's Bible Study, Wednesday Moring Bagels, Order of St. John and attended several Youth Mission Trips. In High School, Emma was a member of the DECA, SGA, Girls Service Club and also played on the West Forsyth Field Hockey Team. She has been awarded the TN Explore Scholarship and won First Place in the DECA State Competition.

KATHERINE ELIZABETH FRUCHT





West Forsyth High School

Favorite Bible Verse: 2 Corinthians 4:16

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.

Favorite Hymn: Here I Am, Lord

Kate is the daughter of Steve and Brenda Frucht. She will be attending Rice University in Houston, Texas in the fall, and is interested in majoring in Math and Political Science. While at Augsburg, Kate was very involved in Youth Group, HS Girl's Bible Study and served our congregation in Order of St. John, Worship and Music Committee and was also an Assisting Minister. Kate's most memorable Augsburg moment was watching the sunrise at the Youth Fall Retreat at Lutherock. During High School, she participated in Youth and Government, Odyssey of the Mind, the West Forsyth Swim Team and was on the Teen Court. Kate received the Elk's Most Valuable Student Scholarship and the Dartmouth Book Award along with being an Honor Graduate.

HARRISON EDWARD HICKMAN





RJ Reynolds High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Revelation 22:13-15

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

Favorite Hymn: Lift High the Cross

Harrison is the son of Eddy and Beth Hickman. He will be attending Lenoir-Rhyne University in the fall and plans on majoring in International Political Science. Harrison has been very involved in Youth Group, HS Guys Bible Study, Wednesday Morning Bagels, Order of St. John, Worship and Music Committee, Youth Mission Trips, Sunday School, Youth Plays and has been our Thanksgiving Table Caller for several years here at Augsburg. His most memorable

moment at Augsburg was giving his Faith Journey this year during our Lenten Services. Harrison has been on the Cross Country and Track and Field Teams at RJR for all 4 years of High School and was named Cross Country Athlete of the Year 2019. He has been a Staff Writer for the Pine Whispers RJ Reynolds Newspaper, on the Academic Honor Roll and received an Athletic Scholarship to Lenoir-Rhyne University.

RYAN JAMES HICKS





East Davidson High School Favorite Bible Verse: John 3:16

For God so loved the worlds that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

Favorite Hymn: Lift High the Cross

Ryan is the son of Debbie and Marc Hicks and is the grandson of Loretta and Bill Cornwall. His favorite Augsburg moment was at Lutheridge Confirmation Camp. Ryan plans to attend UNC Charlotte in the fall and is considering Computer Science or Engineering as his major. While at Augsburg, Ryan was involved in Order of St. John and Confirmation. At East Davidson High School, he played on the JV Basketball and the Varsity Baseball Teams and received the Drafting 1 Mastery Award.

JULIETTE NICOLE LEVINE





Ronald Reagan High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Favorite Hymn: Lift High the Cross

Juliette is the daughter of Angela and David Levine. She plans to attend William Peace University in Raleigh, NC in the fall and is considering Psychology as her major. Juliette has been very involved in Youth Group at Augsburg, as

well as HS Girls Bible Study, Wednesday Morning Bagels, Summer Mission Trips and Order of St. John. Her most memorable moment at Augsburg was the Service Trip to Tanzania last summer. In High School, Juliette played not only Varsity Volleyball but also played on Travel Volleyball Teams as well as being involved in Key Club and Outdoor Adventures Club. She also received a Volleyball Scholarship to William Peace University.

DANIEL PARKER NOLTING





West Forsyth High School

Favorite Bible Verse: 1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

Favorite Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Daniel is the son of Gwen and Darin Nolting and grandson of Margaret and David Nolting. He will be attending NC State University Honors College in the fall and plans to major in Computer Science. Daniel has been very involved with Youth Group, Order of St. John and the Men's Overflow Shelter at Augsburg. His most memorable moment at Augsburg was when Emily prayed over all the youth at the D.C. Summer Mission Trip, which was so powerful that the entire group cried and hugged for an hour! In High School, Daniel was on the Cross-Country Team as well as being involved in Junior Classic League, Interact Service Club and Youth & Government. He was inducted into the National Honor Society and Math Honor Society, was named Junior Marshall 2019 and has been accepted into NC State Honors College.

MASON ALEXANDER PASCHOLD





West Forsyth High School

Favorite Bible Verse: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Favorite Hymn: Amazing Grace

Mason is the son of Alex and Erin Paschold and grandson to Gene and Ann Paschold. He has been involved in Summer Mission Trips, Order of St. John and the Men's Overflow Shelter/City With Dwellings at Augsburg, and his most memorable moment was the National Youth Gathering in Houston. Mason will be attending the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill in the fall and will possibly major in Business/Economics. His activities and sports in High School include Varsity Soccer (Captain Junior & Senior year) National Honor Society, National Math Society, Crosby Scholar, Finance Academy, Key Club, as well as being involved in Top Soccer (buddy for children with special needs), and volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House and Teens With Heart organizations. Mason received All Conference, All-Region, All-State, Iron Man and Anchor Man Awards in Soccer along with being selected to the Powerade All-Region for all four years of High School and was voted Captain his senior year.

JAQUELINE MADISON WEBER





West Forsyth High School

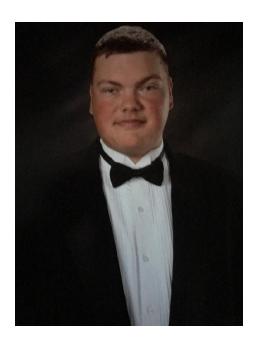
Favorite Bible Verse: Galatians 5:22-23

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

Favorite Hymn: 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord Oh My Soul)

Jacque is the daughter of Mark and Sommany Weber. She will be attending North Carolina State University College of Sciences in the fall and will be majoring in Biology (Life Sciences First Year-Biological Sciences Intent). Jacque has been involved in Youth Group, Wednesday Morning Bagels, Summer Mission Trips and Order of St. John at Augsburg. Her most memorable moments were packaging food for the Denver Food Bank as well as going to Casa Bonita for dinner while on the Summer Mission Trip to Denver, Colorado. In High School, she has played on the West Forsyth Volleyball team and was voted Team Captain as well as Most Improved Player of the Year. In addition, Jacque has played Sand Volleyball and is active in the West Forsyth Student Government Association.

Additional High School Graduates



Eli Christian Wetmore is Jim and Edith Eubanks' nephew. Eli is the son of Jean and John Wetmore of Woodleaf, NC. He is graduating from West Rowan High School in Mount Ulla, NC. Eli is active in the West Rowan chapter of FFA, placing second in the state in Land Judging his freshman year. Eli has been a volunteer Junior Firefighter with the Woodleaf Fire Department. He is planning to work in Agriculture after graduation, and he is already working on a large farm that grows fruits and vegetables for commercial sale.

Undergraduates



Peter DeBaugh is graduating from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science with a minor in Communications. Peter has a position at Organizing Together, a federal independent campaign and coalition operating in the 2020 battleground states.



William Christian Brath is graduating from Appalachian State University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Minor in Spanish. Will plans on pursuing a career in non-profit work.



Will Peatross is graduating from NC State University with a major in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and a minor in Economics. Will has a job offer with IHS Markit in Raleigh as an equity research analyst.



Logan Welch is graduating from the University of Mount Olive in August with an Bachelors of Science, Recreation and Leisure Studies: Sports Management Degree. He will be going back to Mount Olive in the Fall to start his MBA and was given another year of eligibility by the NCAA, so he will be able to play baseball one more year.

Graduate Programs



Lauren Easter, daughter of Karen Regenthal Easter and granddaughter of Eleanore Regenthal, received her Master of Science Degree in Communication Disorders from Western Carolina University. Lauren will be a Speech Language Pathologist at a Forsyth Count school.



Katherine Matador is graduating from UNC Greensboro with a Master of Arts in Speech-Language Pathology.

Professional Program



Banks Kooken is graduating from UNC School of Medicine on May 8th. He will begin his residency in July at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte in the field of internal medicine.

Congratulations to all of our graduates, their parents and families.