

St. James Lutheran Church

*"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning,
Fellowship, and Service."*

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WEEK OF APRIL 2

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 AM IN PERSON AND LIVESTREAMED



SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY

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Saint James Lutheran Church

A Part of the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"Growing in Christ Through Worship, Learning, Fellowship and Service"

Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 2, 2023
10:00 A.M.

Introduction to Today's Worship

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Sunday Worship for will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube page](#). You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.

In-Person Worship will be Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

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ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

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Sunday, April 2

- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:15 am Parish Choir
- 10:00 am Worship
- 6:00 pm King of Kings

Monday, April 3

- 10:30 am Quilter's Group
- 6:30 pm Scouts



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 01-Apr Jeff Gilbert
- 04-Apr Kathryn Craver
- 04-Apr Austin Hoadley
- 06-Apr David Clary

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 pm Parish Choir
9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, April 6

6:00 pm Handbells
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday
Worship

Friday, April 7

3:30 pm Stations of the
Cross—Grace Lutheran
7:00 pm Good Friday
Worship

Saturday, April 8

2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9

6:30 am Easter Sunrise
Worship
8:00 am Easter Breakfast
9:00 am Adult Sunday Sch
9:15 am Parish Choir
10:00 am Worship

06-Apr Mark Murphy



APRIL 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Palm Sunday 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 6:00 pm King of Kings	3 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts 7:00 pm Esther Circle in Flex Rm	4 10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle 5:00 pm Executive Council 6:00 pm Property	5 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	6 6:00 pm Handbells 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship	7 3:30 pm Stations of the Cross Walk 7:00 pm Good Friday Worship <small>PRESCHOOL-SPRING BREAK</small>	8 9:00 am Breakfast Prep 2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt
9 Easter Sunday 6:30 am Easter Sunrise 8:00-9:00 am Breakfast 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship	10 <i>Church Office Closed</i> <small>PRESCHOOL-SPRING BREAK</small>	11 6:00 pm Congregation Council <small>PRESCHOOL-SPRING BREAK</small>	12 <small>PRESCHOOL-SPRING BREAK</small>	13 <small>PRESCHOOL-SPRING BREAK</small>	14 <small>PRESCHOOL-SPRING BREAK</small>	15 8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer
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23 Easter 3 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship-New Members 11:15 am Evangelism 2:30 pm Confirmation @ St. James 4:30 pm Youth Gathering	24 10:30 am Quilting Group 6:30 pm Scouts	25	26 2:00 pm Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Parish Choir 9:30 pm College Online	27 6:00 pm Handbells	28 <small>PRESCHOOL-TEACHER WORKDAY</small>	29
30 Easter 4 9:00 am Sunday School 9:15 am Parish Choir 10:00 am Worship 4:30 pm Youth Gathering						

[Download April Calendar](#)

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

LECTOR/INTERCESSORS

Apr. 02 Gretchen Walker
 Apr. 06 Betsy Ellington-Boynton
 Apr. 07 Betsy Ellington-Boynton
 Apr. 09-Early Keith Sutton
 Apr. 09-Late Christine Ruff
 Apr. 16 Barbara Albright
 Apr. 23 Jodi Ramirez
 Apr. 30 Juanita Fitts

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Apr. 02 Jodi Ramirez
 Apr. 06 Betsy Ellington-Boynton
 Apr. 09-Early Ann Blackwelder
 Apr. 09-Late Elizabeth Hurley
 Apr. 16 Needed
 Apr. 23 Jodi Ramirez
 Apr. 30 Ann Blackwelder

GREETERS

Apr. 02 Laura Overby
 Apr. 09 Nancy Faggart
 Apr. 16 Gretchen Walker
 Apr. 23 Gretchen Walker
 Apr. 30 Needed

VIDEOGRAPHER

Apr. 02 LeeAnn Miller
 Apr. 06 Ann Blackwelder
 Apr. 07 Keith Sutton
 Apr. 09-Early Keith Sutton
 Apr. 09-Late Needed
 Apr. 16 Needed
 Apr. 23 Ann Blackwelder
 Apr. 30 Needed

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH

ACOLYTES

Apr. 02 Jacob/Josh Rinker
Apr. 06 Jodi Ramirez
Apr. 07 Finley Stephens
Apr. 09 Early -Finley Stephens
Apr. 09 Late -Finley Stephens &
Jacob/Josh Rinker
Apr. 16 Noah Pittard
Apr. 23 Finley Stephens
Apr. 30 Finley Stephens

April - Samantha Hillegass

USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin,
Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace,
Jason Pittard

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



Children's Sunday School for Kindergarten through Grade 6 is available from 9:00 – 9:45. A light breakfast will be served. We will read a Bible story and perhaps work on a craft. Join us!

Ages K - 2nd Grade: Room 101, Teacher: Ann Blackwelder
Grades 3 - 6: Room 103, Teacher: Cheryl Webb



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Flex Classroom - 9:00 am

This Week: The Greatest in the Kingdom

Meets in the Flex Room at 9:00 am.
Frank Irvin will be the facilitator.

[Lesson Link](#)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

Palm (Passion) Sunday, April 2

10:00 AM Worship & Palm Procession
6:00 PM King of Kings
Silent Film with Organ Accompaniment

Maundy Thursday, April 6

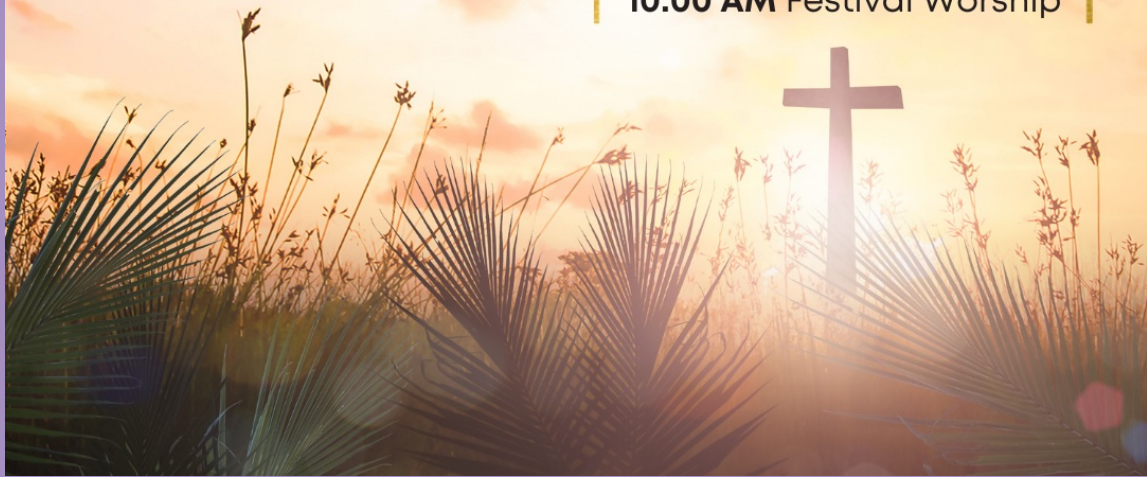
7:00 PM Worship & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 7

3:30 PM Stations of the Cross
(Starting at Grace Lutheran Church)
7:00 PM Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday, April 9

6:30 AM Sunrise Service
8:00 AM Breakfast
(Located in the Fellowship Hall)
9:00 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Festival Worship



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

A community tradition on Good Friday as we carry the cross through the Concord with scripture readings and prayers. This year's walk will begin at Grace Lutheran Church at 3:30 pm and proceed through the Logan community.





Easter Sunrise Breakfast

King Fellowship Hall

8:00 AM Easter Morning

Bacon, Egg & Cheese Casserole, Grits, Sausage
Gravy Biscuits, Fruit, Pastries, Coffee & Juice.

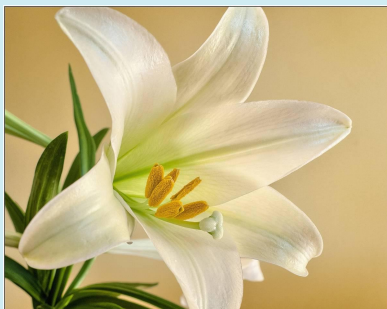
Breakfast will be served from 8:00 until 9:00 am.

To help us better plan, please reserve your spot! You can use the link below or call the church office 704-786-0166.

Deadline for reservations -- Monday, April 3 at 10:00 am.

[Reservations](#)

CHURCH NEWS



EASTER LILIES

This Easter we can honor our loved ones and beautifully decorate our sanctuary. We will list tributes in the Ring Out Newsletter and the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Cost - \$15 each Payment can be mailed to the church (PO Box 684, Concord, NC 28026), dropped by the church office, or you can

order online using the link below.

Cost is \$15.00 per flower

The deadline for ordering is Monday, April 3, 2023

Order Easter Lilies

EASTER EGG HUNT

Bring your baskets and join us in the garden lot for an Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 8 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. There will be lots of eggs and candy, so come on out!

We are collecting candy for the eggs. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy, there is a container in the portico area for your donations. Eggs are not needed. Thank you!



OFFERING ENVELOPES

Offering envelopes for 2023 have finally arrived. You may pick up yours in the area at the end of the office hallway (top of stairs.) If you need them mailed to you, please contact Jill Irvin.

2023 GRADUATES

If you or someone in your family will be graduating from high school or college this year, please notify the church office 704-786-0166 or keith@sjnc.net. We would like to recognize them at a special time on Graduation Sunday.





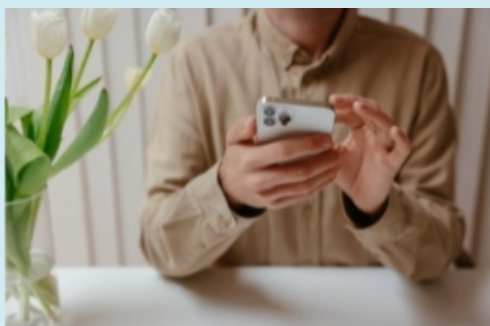
Members of St. James

- Martha Summers
- Patsy Black
- Tom Grady
- Jim Weisel
- Tom Ridenhour

Family and Friends:

- Betty Miller
- Marga Beville
- Kenneth Fink, *brother of Keith Fink*
- Susan Howes, *friend of Deb Black*
- Emily Starling, *granddaughter of Jill and Michael Strahl*
- Bishop Tim Smith
- Ebenezer Lutheran Church, Catawba, NC

Family and Friends will be added for 1 month and then removed from the list. If you wish to keep someone on the list longer, contact the church office and we will be happy to keep them on the list longer.



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If you are reading our newsletter and are not on our subscriber's list, use the link below to be added to receive our weekly Ring Out.

Periodically we send out text messages related to upcoming events, registrations deadlines and other useful information. If you would like to be included in these text messages, use the link below to opt-in. We will not send more than 5 messages in a month and you can opt-out at any time.

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CHURCHWIDE / COMMUNITY



John 15:5

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

WE ARE THE BRANCHES

Each week we will remember in prayer our brothers and sisters at one of our partner Lutheran churches in the NC Synod. Please lift them up in your prayers during the week also.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ~John 15:5

Ebenezer Lutheran Church Catawba, NC

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[Ebenezer Lutheran Church](#)



YOUTH MINISTRY



APRIL SCHEDULE

Youth Gatherings April 23, 30

College Online April 5, 19, 26

Confirmation April 23 at St. James

UPCOMING DATES

May 12 Port-A-Pit

May 15-19 College Mission Trip

June 17-24 Beach Retreat at Kure Beach, NC

July 2 - 8 Mission Trip to Altoona, PA

CHURCH RESOURCES

2023 SIGNUPS



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- **Mike Holt**, *Youth and Family* [Email](#)
- **Kathryn Radcliffe**, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)
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- **Debbie Davis**, *Congregation President* [Email](#)

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