



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



Ring Out - Week of May 18, 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Christ is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

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Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube

beginning at 9:45 AM 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.



[Watch the Live Stream](#)

On the Calendar...

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 18

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Ice Cream Party ☐

11:00 am Bubble Blast ☐

Monday, May 19

10:30 am Quilting

Wednesday, May 21

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Bilingual Preschool

Graduation

Thursday, May 22

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 25

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

May 18 Margaret Garrison

May 25 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

May 18 Samantha Hillegass

May 25 Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTES

May 18 Noah Pittard

May 25

GREETERS

May 18 Judy Benz

May 25 Joyce Smith

VIDEOGRAPHER

May 18

May 25 Ann Blackwelder

USHERS

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 18 Robert & Debbie
Davis

May 25



Happy Birthday!

18 May - Harrison Propst, Amy Whisnant

19 May - Nick Lovelace

20 May - Karen Benson, Greg Hartman, Rich Rezza, Louise Walker

21 May - Beverly Heilig, Emma Parks, Ethan Patterson

22 May - Wayne King

23 May - Grayson Downs, Mason Overby

Volunteer

Videographers



Communion Assistants



Acolytes



Lectors



Altar Flowers



Events/Ministries



Member Meal Train Opportunity

[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



Announcements

Reminder - Boiler

Celebration Sunday!

Join us this **Sunday, May 18 after worship** as we celebrate the successful completion of the Boiler Project appeal and the end of the school year with a special gathering!



☐ Thanks to your incredible generosity, we've raised over \$150,000 to keep St. James warm for many winters to come—now it's time to cool off with [Cabarrus Creamery](#) ice cream under the portico.

☐ Join Christian Ed. on the playground for a special Bubble Blast Activity to celebrate the end of the school year!

Registration Open for VBS 2025

Join us for *Road Trip VBS!*

This year's Vacation Bible School is **July 20 - 22nd from 5:30pm to 8:00pm**. Join us for three days of stories, games and challenges that reinforce God's presence along the road of life.



[Click here to register.](#)

Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering you will need a *Safe Gatherings* background check. Email holly@sjnc.net for instructions.

Registration deadline: July 6, 2025

Congratulations Abby!

Many of us at St. James know Abigail, the Site Coordinator for the Cabarrus Bilingual Preschool. We're excited to share that she recently earned her Master of Arts in Communication and Business Leadership from High Point University!



Abigail has been a vital part of the preschool's success and will soon be transitioning into a new role in nonprofit development with Families First.

Be sure to congratulate her next time you see her!

Videographers Needed!

As summer travel picks up, we will need more volunteers to keep Sunday worship accessible online.

Serving as videographer is a simple process—just a few steps to start and stop the stream, with optional zoom control from your seat using a tablet.

Training is easy: we can walk you through it or have you shadow a current volunteer. [Click here](#) to sign up.



Graduates! -

Are you about to celebrate your commencement from High School, College, or Graduate School? Would you please remind us by calling or emailing the office? As is tradition at St. James, we are planning a time to recognize your accomplishments. **Please let us know by June 8.**

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson Summary

Cleansing of the Temple - John 2:13-25

In last week's lesson, Jesus established Himself as Lord of the Sabbath. This week, Jesus shows the zeal for His Father's House by cleansing the Temple of the corrupt, wicked practices that were taking place there! The account in John's Gospel not only shows Jesus driving out the evil practices done in the temple, He now redefines the concept of "temple". Jesus is the intermediary between God and Man, a more perfect way to access God directly; He is now the Temple!

In Case You Missed It...

Join us for a special concert!

St. James will host the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster, PA in Concert **Friday, June 13 at 7:00pm.**

Experience the joy of music with the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL)! Singers in grades 6–12 are excited to share their voices with your community during their summer tour to North Carolina and Virginia. This year's concert, Morning & Evening: Songs for the Everyday, celebrates the beauty of life's daily moments through powerful melodies and heartfelt harmonies. Join us as young voices artfully remind us of God's presence in our everyday, ordinary lives. We look forward to being with you! A



free will offering will be received and shared with Mennonite Disaster Service supporting their rebuilding work in North Carolina after Hurricane Helene.

MCCL is a community choral arts program in Central Pennsylvania serving more than 160 children and youth in kindergarten through grade 12. Representing nearly 55 congregations, 45 schools, and 15 denominations, singers develop a rich musical repertoire from around the world and across time while being equipped for a lifetime of service to the church and community. The mission of MCCL is training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. We honor and celebrate music as a gift from God by creating exceptional choral music, fostering community, and nurturing character.

Mission Fund Committee Report



The Mission Fund Committee convened for its second quarter meeting on May 6, 2025, in the church parlor. Members in attendance included Annette Propst (Chair), Jeff Jones, Nick Lovelace, Trevor Matthews, and Kristin Rinker.

Grant Requests Reviewed:

CVAN Men for Change Campaign: Kenny Propst presented a funding request on behalf of the Saint James Lutheran Men for the CVAN Men for Change campaign. This annual fundraiser plays a significant role in supporting CVAN's mission.

Cabarrus County Partnership for Children: Starla Hatley submitted a request to fund an educational initiative focused on safe sleep practices to reduce infant deaths related to co-sleeping and SIDS. The program includes the distribution of the board book Sleep Baby, Safe and Snug to families referred by local pediatric and family practice offices.

Grant Awards:

The committee awarded a total of \$2,100 in grant funding to support the initiatives of CVAN Men for Change and the Cabarrus County Partnership for Children.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2025.

We're Hiring!

Search for Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries

St. James is actively seeking a Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries!



This new position, which will focus on leading and growing our youth program, came out of the conversations during last fall's stewardship meetings. We invite you to [learn more](#) about the position and help us spread the word.

Upcoming Events



St. James Welcomes

MENNONITE CHILDREN'S
CHOIR OF LANCASTER

FRIDAY, JUNE 13TH
7:00 PM



VBS: July 20 - 22, 2025

All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Contact the church office to volunteer.



Prayer List

IN OUR PRAYERS

Paul Auten
(Friend of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Joyce Beaty
(Friend of the Marlows)

Family of Michael Black
(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle
(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton

Bruce Coffey (Friend of Mark Murphy)

Karey Conrad (Friend of Dee Pieschel)

Catherine Durst
(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak
(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlows)



Tim Gibson (Friend of Deb Black)

Tom Grady

Maureen Hollmeyer

Will Irvin

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

Patricia Mahoney

(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)

Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow

(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

Jan Phillips

(Family of Brownie Brown)

Al Pieschel

Tom Ridenhour

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Robert Davis)

Geoff & Pam Seige

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Online Giving

You can manage your giving online! Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one time contribution and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the internet. In a few short minutes, you can make a one-time gift or set up a donation that will process automatically on a recurring basis. Recurring donations are convenient and provide our church with much needed consistent support throughout the year.



Ways to Give

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