



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

Week of May 31, 2026

The First Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 31

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Monday, June 1

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, June 2

5:45 pm Mission Fund Meeting
6:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, June 4

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, June 7

9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Aloha Summer Party! 🌴

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

May 31 Lindsey Olsen
June 7 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 31 Ann Blackwelder
June 7 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

May 31 Maddox Landers
June 7 Langdon & Calen MacFarlane

GREETER

May 31 Nancy Faggart
June 7 Laura Patterson

MAY USHERS

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

JUNE USHERS

Brad Baker, Chip Harward, Taylor Pruette, Al Pieschel, Jon Miller

MAY BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Wendell Overby & Tony Folino

JUNE BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Tommy Propst & Joseph Beasley

ALTAR FLOWER

May 31

VIDEOGRAPHER

May 31 Annette Propst

June 7

June 7

Sign Up to Volunteer

Lector

**Communion
Assistant**

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! 🎈

May 31 - Joe Grady, Samantha Hillegass, Emery Poplin

June 1 - Jason Kartheiser

June 3 - Michael Holt, Nancy Hopkins, Jack Nivens

June 4 - Thomas Propst, Jr., Miles Walker

June 5 - Mark Davis

Announcements



Sonshine Backpack June Supply Drive

We're continuing our quarterly partnership with Sonshine Backpacks to provide weekend food for local children in need.

Requested items: shelf-stable milk, cereal/oatmeal, mac & cheese, canned pasta/soup/veggies/fruit, granola bars, juice, popcorn, pudding.

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by **Sunday, June 28.**

Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker.

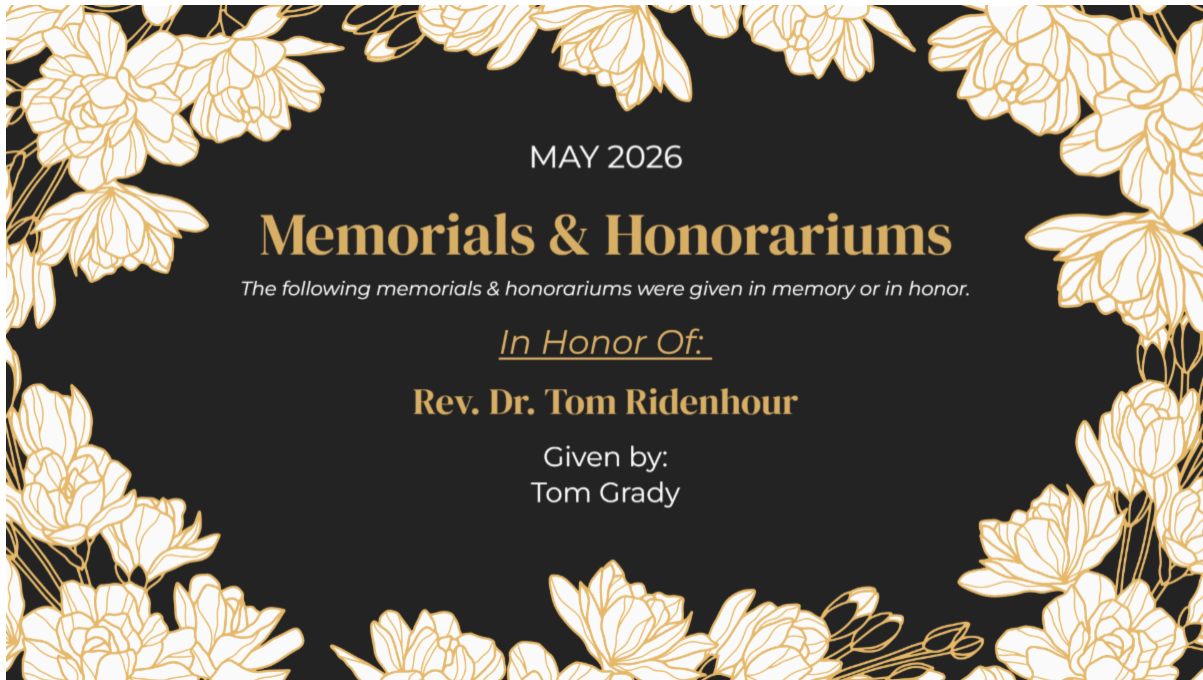
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

Amos, the Courageous Prophet - Amos 1:1, 2:11-12, 3:7-8, 7:10-15

The book of Amos is one of the twelve known as the Minor Prophets. These books are not "minor" in message but only in length when compared with the other Major Prophets. Amos warned of judgment, encouraged repentance, and offered hope for the future. Modern readers of Amos also need to reflect on how we hear the Word of God today. Are we willing to listen? Will we accept God's challenge? Are we so committed to our religious, economic, and political status quo that we become unwilling to give an ear to anything that questions it? The fact that God speaks is a sign of God's Grace. He wants to communicate with us; will we have ears to hear?

Memorials & Honorariums



In case you missed it...



VBS Registration Open

Registration for VBS 2026 is open!

Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, **July 26–Tuesday, July 28**, beginning each evening at 5:30 p.m.

Please plan to register by the end of June to guarantee a t-shirt!

If you are available to volunteer, please check to make sure your *Safe Gatherings* background check is current. If you are a first-time volunteer, please email holly@sjnc.net to begin the process.

❄️ This year's theme: Snowball Mountain Challenge! ❄️



Middle School Youth Volunteer Opportunity with Salvation Army

Rising 6th–8th grade youth are invited to serve with The Salvation Army this June by helping pack fresh food boxes for local families in need.

Volunteers will serve **each Thursday in June beginning June 4, from 12:00–2:30pm** at The Salvation Army, located at 216 Patterson Ave SE, Concord, NC 28025.

Youth will help sort, pack, and load food boxes alongside Salvation Army staff and adult volunteers from St. James.

Please [RSVP through SignupGenius](#) and complete a volunteer form. [Volunteer forms may be downloaded](#) or picked up from the church office. Completed volunteer forms should be brought to Cheryl Webb on June 4.

For additional information call or text Cheryl Webb: 832-275-8872.

Reminders



Aloha Summer Party 🌴 - June 7

Join us **Sunday, June 7**, following worship for our Aloha Summer Party! Lunch will be served in the fellowship hall, with activities continuing on the playground. Stop by for fun, fellowship, and food as we roll out the red carpet for summer - tropical snow cones included!



Parish Choir Performing at American Guild of Organists Concert (Sunday, June 14)

The St. James Lutheran Parish Choir will be performing as part of a concert presented by the American Guild of Organists on **Sunday, June 14, at 4:00pm** at Providence United Methodist Church (Charlotte). Please make plans to attend this special afternoon of beautiful choral and organ music and support our choir in this exciting performance!

Altar Flowers

Consider providing altar flowers for a Sunday.

Honor a loved one, celebrate an occasion, or mark a special date.

Any remaining flowers after worship may be shared with homebound members of our congregation.



[Click here to see available dates and to sign up.](#)

Please be sure to fill in the details of how you want the bulletin to read.



Amazing Grace Blessing Box Initiative

Amazing Grace Advocacy's *Life Skills Lab* helps keep the **Blessing Box** stocked every Tuesday & Thursday with support from ICAN. Donate non-perishable food or hygiene items in the **red collection bin** on the Portico Counter.



In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black
(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

George Brinkman

(Friend of Margaret Garrison)

Patrick Bryn

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

Hunter Huss

Family of Dale Johnson
(Friend of Dale Merrell)

Mary Frances Johnson
(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston

(Friend of Judy Benz)

Mary Anne Lanahan

(Aunt of Francie Davis)

Ruth Lawler

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton

Karey Conrad

(Friend of Dee Pieschel)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Phyllis Freeman

(Mother of Fonda Shumate)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Ginger Gibbs

(Friend of Deedee & Jeff Gilbert)

Jeff Gilbert

Tom Grady

Nancy Haney (Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Maureen Hollmeyer

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Buddy McEachern

Jason Matthews

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Mason Overby

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

Jessica Seeley

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

Ruby Tyer

(Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)



Meal Train Opportunity

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing. Volunteers are invited to [sign up for dates](#) that work best for them.

Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With [online giving](#), you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



Ways to Give

Volunteer!

Assisting in Worship

[Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities](#) are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.




Altar Flower dates are also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Not sure where to start? Email us at info@sjnc.net for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.

St. James Staff

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Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)
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Holly Sloop, Communications Coordinator [Email](#)
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Teresa Honeycutt, Custodian [Email](#)
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