



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



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## Ring Out - Week of Feb. 23, 2025

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*The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany*

### Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

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Sunday Worship 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.

[Watch the Live Stream](#)

### On the Calendar...



#### The Week Ahead

##### **Sunday, February 23**

- 9:00 am Adult SS
- 9:00 am Choir
- 9:30 am Children's SS
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am** ☐ **Annual Congregational Meeting**

##### **Monday, February 24**

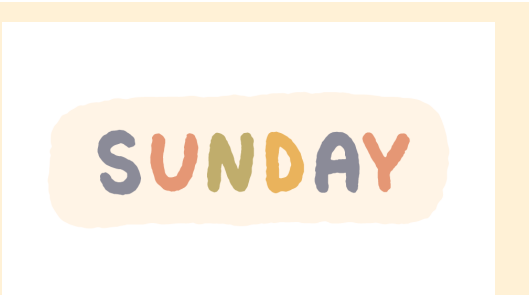
- 10:30 am Quilting
- 6:30 pm Scouts

##### **Thursday, February 27**

- 5:30 pm Handbells
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

##### **Sunday, March 2**

- 9:00 am Adult SS
- 9:00 am Choir
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School Planning Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Lunch & Lenten**



#### Sunday Ministries

##### **LECTOR/INTERCESSOR**

- Feb. 23** Margaret Garrison
- March 2** Kim Haberman

##### **COMMUNION ASSISTANT**

- Feb. 23** Christine Ruff
- March 2** Elizabeth Hurley

##### **ACOLYTES**

- Feb. 23** Samantha Hillegass
- March 2** Noah Pittard

##### **GREETERS**

- Feb. 23** Esther Circle
- March 2** Maureen Hollmeyer

##### **VIDEOGRAPHER**

- Feb. 23** Annette Propst
- March 2** Laurie Miller

##### **FEBRUARY USHERS**

- Chip Blackwelder, Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff

**Activity Day** ☐

Koenig, Barbara Albright

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**Ash Wednesday Services**

St. James will observe Ash Wednesday on **March 5th** with the Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion. Worship will be offered at **Noon** and **7pm**.

**FEBRUARY BUILDING SUPERVISOR**

Chip Blackwelder & Mike Rinker

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Feb. 23** Fuller & Jean Beasley  
**March 2**

**Online Calendar**



**Happy Birthday!**

**23 Feb. - Caroline Bestler, Connie Rezza**

**25 Feb. - Margaret Garrison, Martha Matthews**

**27 Feb. - Mary Propst**

**28 Feb. - Joseph Beasley, Robert Beasley, Joel Crainshaw**

*Volunteer*

Videographers



Communion Assistants



Acolytes



Lectors



Altar Flowers



Events/Ministries

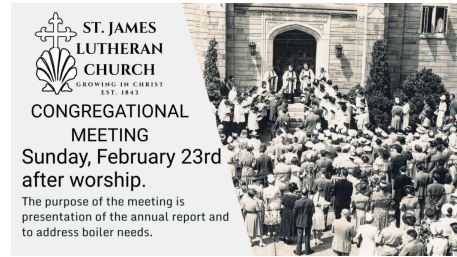




# Announcements

## Congregational Meeting - This Sunday!

The annual congregational meeting will be held this **Sunday, February 23rd following worship**. We will eat lunch together, pot-luck style. Bring a dish to share. We did this for the November congregational meeting.



This meeting will have two items of business. The first is the reception of the 2024 Annual Report. The second item concerns the need for new boilers.

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## Confirmation Meeting - Updated Date: March 30

Parents and students of confirmation age are encouraged to join the Christian Education Committee and Pastor Bill on **Sunday, March 30th, after worship** for a Confirmation Planning Meeting.



We'll discuss the confirmation schedule and other details for the upcoming program. We hope to see you there!

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## Save the Date! - Easter Egg Hunt April 19

The poster has a light blue background with a banner of colorful pennants at the top. In the center is the St. James Lutheran Church logo. Below the logo, the text "EASTER EGG HUNT" is written in large, bold, green letters. Underneath, a pink rounded rectangle contains the text "SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH | 2:00PM". Below that, the address "104 Union St. S. Concord, NC 28025" is written. To the left, the words "Snacks", "Stories", and "Candy" are listed. To the right, it says "Bring your basket!". At the bottom, there is a row of colorful Easter eggs (blue, green, pink, yellow, blue, green, yellow, pink) sitting in green grass.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH GROWING IN CHRIST EST. 1843

# EASTER EGG HUNT

*Snacks*  
*Stories*  
*Candy*

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH | 2:00PM**

104 Union St. S. Concord, NC 28025

*Bring your basket!*



## This Week's Lesson

Ministering Mightily - Matthew 25:31-46

In today's passage, Jesus holds three positions: the King on his glorious throne, a Shepherd dividing sheep from goats, and the Judge determining the eternal destinies of those gathered before him. We must keep in mind the unique manner in which Jesus exercised each of these roles. He is no ordinary King, Shepherd, or Judge!

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### Reminders:

## Children's Sunday School Planning Meeting



You're invited to join the Christian Education Committee and Pastor Bill on **Sunday, March 2nd, at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall** for an important discussion about your child's faith journey.

Topics will include:

- Incorporating music into Sunday School
- Launching a new Sunday School class for grades 3-5 this fall
- Exploring opportunities for adult engagement during the 9:30–10:00am time before worship

Your input is valuable—we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas!

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## Lunch & Lenten Activity Day

† Attention Families! †

The start of Lent is a time when we focus on getting ready for Easter! Join us **Sunday, March 2nd after worship** for a light lunch and stay for a fun take-home Lent egg activity to utilize throughout the Sundays in Lent.



[Please RSVP to help us plan by Feb. 28th](#)

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### Upcoming Events:



# Ash Wednesday Services

**March 5, 2025**

**12:00 PM & 7:00 PM**

*Imposition of Ashes  
& Holy Communion*



## Meal Packing Event

**Saturday, March 8th**

**10:00 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Gibson Mill | 325 McGill Ave NW  
Suite 175, Concord, NC 28027**

Volunteers needed!

All ages welcome!



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## Prayers & Considerations



# IN OUR PRAYERS

Joyce Beaty  
*(Friend of the Marlows)*  
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)*  
Anne Fridlund  
Ed Frost *(Friends of the Marlows)*  
Tim Gibson *(Friend of Deb Black)*  
Tom Grady



Scott Harrington  
*(Friend of Glenda Poole)*  
Maureen Hollmeyer  
Linda Jones  
*(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)*  
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)*  
Tom Ridenhour  
Stan Parnell  
*(Friend of Robert Davis)*  
Geoff & Pam Seige  
*(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)*



## Member Meal Train Opportunity

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