



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

Week of Aug. 2, 2026

The Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Aug. 2

VBS Singing at Worship

9:00 am Choir

10:00 am Worship

Monday, Aug. 3

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Aug. 6

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Aug. 9

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am 🍷 Blessing of the
Backpacks Lunch

2:00 pm 🎵 Carols by Candlelight
Choir Interest Preview

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Aug. 2 Kim Haberman

Aug. 9 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Aug. 2 Elizabeth Hurley

Aug. 9 Dianne Lambert

ACOLYTES

Aug. 2 [Volunteer](#)

Aug. 9

GREETER

Aug. 2

Aug. 9 Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

Aug. 2 Jason Pittard

Aug. 9 Jason Pittard

USHERS

Al Brown, Jr., Bill Hardister

[Ushers Needed! - Contact Gretchen
Walker if you can help!](#)

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Kim Haberman, Hunter Huss

ALTAR FLOWER

Aug. 2 Cheryl Webb

Aug. 9 Christian Ed.

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday! 🎂

August 2 - Maureen Hollmeyer, Callie MacFarlane

August 6 - Ellen Mitchener

August 7 - Teresa Klauss

August 8 - Sylvia Corl

Announcements



VBS to Sing During Worship This Sunday

Our Vacation Bible School adventurers are bringing the joy of VBS to worship this Sunday! Join us as our VBS children share a selection of the songs they learned during this year's Snow Mountain Challenge.

Come celebrate all that God has done throughout VBS and support our young singers as they lead us in music during worship.



Children's Sunday School Begins Aug. 9

Join us as Sunday School returns on Sunday, August 9, at 9:30 a.m.! We have classes for children of all ages, and we're excited to introduce a new class for middle and high school students called "Youtherans," led by Christine Lovelace and Judy Hoekstra.

On the first day, all children and youth will gather briefly in the Flex Room before heading to their individual classrooms.

Class Groups:

- Little Lambs: Infants–4 years
- Kingdom Kids: Kindergarten–2nd Grade
- Faith Followers: 3rd–5th Grade
- Youtherans: Middle & High School



Celebrating Milestones in Our Church Family

Throughout the year, we celebrate God's work in the lives of our congregation through Holy Baptism and the welcoming of new members. The Evangelism Committee would like to recognize those who have reached these important milestones.

Going forward, we will share baptisms and new members in the Ring Out each quarter so our congregation can celebrate these joyful occasions together.

Baptisms in 2025

Henry Mostek
Theodore "Teddy" Mostek
Rylee Alizabeth Rooker
Emery Poplin (pictured)
Brayden Thayer

Baptisms in 2026 (through today).

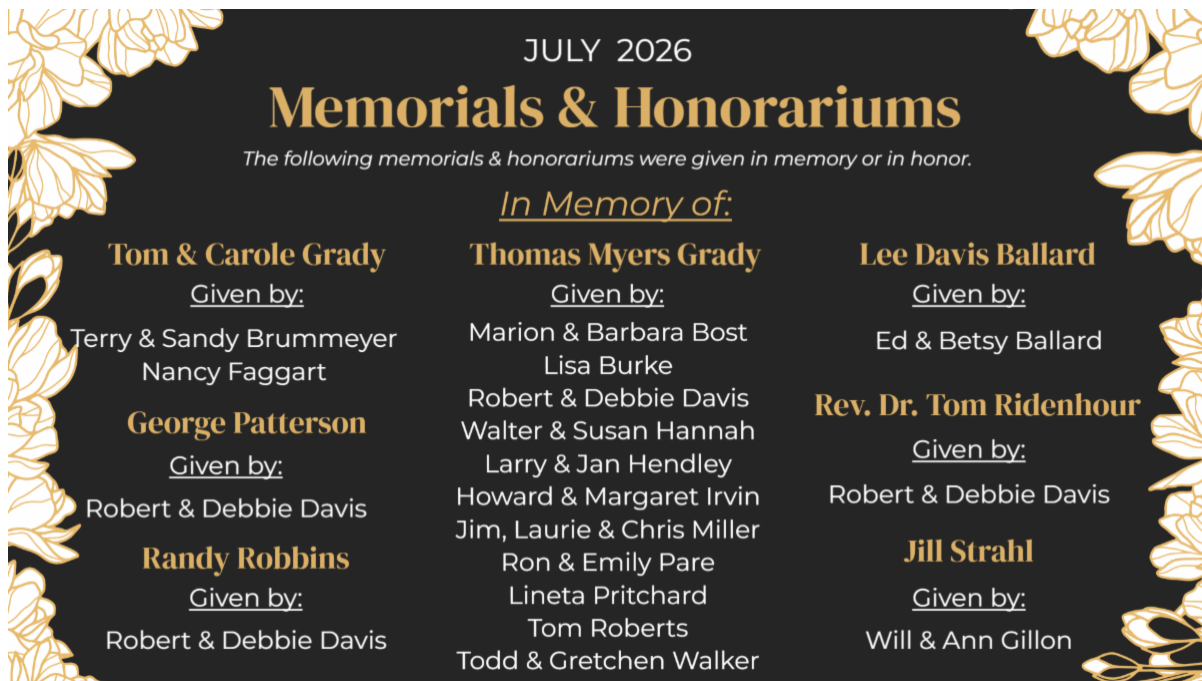
Dallas Helgeson
Grady Fincher
Ava "Ellie" Bennett
Elliot Hinson

New Members

Amy Griffith
Deb Walker
Sarah Bennett

If you notice that someone has been unintentionally omitted,
please contact the church office so we can update our
records.

Memorials & Honorariums



JULY 2026

Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Memory of:

Tom & Carole Grady <u>Given by:</u> Terry & Sandy Brummeyer Nancy Faggart	Thomas Myers Grady <u>Given by:</u> Marion & Barbara Bost Lisa Burke Robert & Debbie Davis Walter & Susan Hannah Larry & Jan Hendley Howard & Margaret Irvin Jim, Laurie & Chris Miller Ron & Emily Pare Lineta Pritchard Tom Roberts Todd & Gretchen Walker	Lee Davis Ballard <u>Given by:</u> Ed & Betsy Ballard
George Patterson <u>Given by:</u> Robert & Debbie Davis		Rev. Dr. Tom Ridenhour <u>Given by:</u> Robert & Debbie Davis
Randy Robbins <u>Given by:</u> Robert & Debbie Davis		Jill Strahl <u>Given by:</u> Will & Ann Gillon

In Case You Missed It...



Carols by Candlelight Choir Interest Preview - Aug. 9

Have interest in singing for *Carols by Candlelight*? The St. James Parish Choir invites anyone interested in participating in this year's performance to attend a special preview on **Sunday, August 9, at 2:00 p.m.**

If you are interested in participating, please complete the [interest form](#) and join us for the preview.

FABRIC KIT SUPPLIES
Please donate new, unused items only.
• Thread
• Neutral-colored, general-purpose thread 250-300 yards per spool
• Fabric
Please donate cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester). Each piece should be one of the following sizes:
• 24 yards of 60" wide fabric
• 3 yards of 44" wide fabric
• 4 yards of 36" wide fabric
Donation Guidelines
Fabric must be free of stains and holes. Each spool of thread should coordinate with one piece of fabric.
Please do not donate items with:
• Religious symbols or messages, Group or organization names, U.S. flags, patriotic or military symbols, References to the armed forces, including camouflage
• School Kit Supplies
• 70-page spiral notebooks (ruler or college-ruled)
• #2 unsharpened pencils with erasers
• 30-centimeter ruler (or ruler with centimeters and inches)
• Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
• Pencil sharpener
• Pair of blunt scissors
• Box of 18 or 24 crayons
• 2 1/2" pink erasers

PERSONAL CARE KIT SUPPLIES
• Dark-colored, lightweight bath towels (20" x 40" to 32" x 27")
• Bath-size bars of soap totaling 8-9 oz. (original wrapping)
• Adult-size toothbrushes (original packaging)
• Sturdy combs
• Metal nail clippers

BABY CARE KIT SUPPLIES
• Lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies)
• Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
• Receiving blankets (medium-weight cotton or flannel, 32" x 52")
• Cloth diapers (flat-fold preferred)
• Jacket, sweater, sweatshirt, or cape with hood (or include a baby hat)
• Pairs of socks
• Hand towels (dark color)
• Bath-size bars of gentle soap (8-9 oz., original wrapping; no mini bars)
• Diaper pins or large safety pins

Supply Collection Dates: Aug. 2 - Sept. 6
Pack Date: Sunday, Sept. 13, after worship

God's Work. Our Hands. Supply Drive

Help us prepare for *God's Work. Our Hands.* by donating supplies for Lutheran World Relief Kits that will support people in need around the world.

Social Ministry Committee is collecting supplies for:

- School Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Baby Care Kits
- Fabric Kits

The Christian Education Committee is partnering with Social Ministry by focusing its annual collection on School Kit supplies in place of their traditional pencil drive.

Collection Dates: August 2 – September 6

Assembly Day:

Sunday, September 13, following worship

Donations:

Please place school kit items in the "SCHOOL SUPPLIES" collection box located at the Portico Entrance.

Watch for additional collection boxes for Personal Care, Baby Care, and Fabric Kit supplies.

Please consider donating supplies, packing kits, or both to help serve our neighbors around the world.

[See flyer for complete list of needed supplies.](#)

Reminders



Blessing of the Backpacks

Join us during worship on **Sunday, August 9** for our annual Blessing of the Backpacks as we pray for students, teachers, and school staff as they begin a new school year. After worship, stay for a congregational lunch. All are welcome!



Stewardship Luncheon

Save the date and join us for a special Stewardship Luncheon after worship on **Sunday, August 23**. Enjoy a catered lunch and fellowship as we discuss the mission of St. James.

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Patrick Bryn

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Jay Clemmer

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

Nancy Haney

(Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Maureen Hollmeyer

Hunter Huss

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston

(Friend of Judy Benz)

Mary Anne Lanahan

(Aunt of Francie Davis)

Ruth Lawler

(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

Corinne Robbins

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

Jessica Seeley

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

Ruby Tyler (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)

John Walker

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

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, Pastor [Email](#)

Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

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