



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

Week of June 7, 2026

The Second Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, June 7

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

Monday, June 8

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, June 9

6:00 pm Congregation Council

Thursday, June 11

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, June 14

9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
4:00 pm Choir performing at
Providence United Methodist Church
(Charlotte) 🎵

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

June 7 Barbara Albright
June 14 [Volunteer](#)

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

June 7 Elizabeth Hurley
June 14 Dianne Lambert

ACOLYTES

June 7 Langdon & Calen MacFarlane
June 14

GREETER

June 7 Laura Patterson
June 14 Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

June 7 TJ DePaulis
June 14

JUNE USHERS

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

JUNE BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Tommy Propst

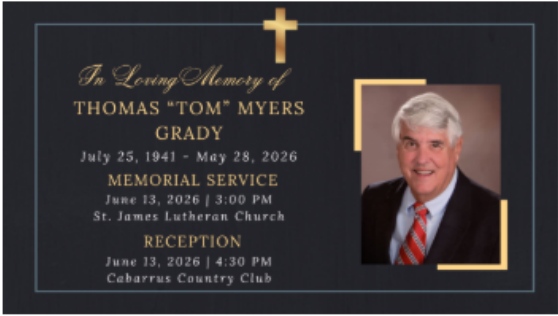
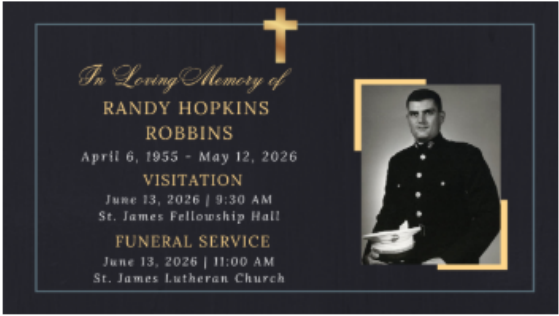
ALTAR FLOWER

June 7
June 14 Nita Jones

Happy Birthday! 🎂

June 9 - Grant Weisel
June 10 - Michael Strahl
June 13 - Terry Splawn

Announcements



Requiescat in Pace

Originally shared June 2, 2026

To the Saints of God at St. James Lutheran Church:

On Saturday, June 13th, we will gather twice to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord giving thanks to God for the lives of Randy Hopkins Robbins and Thomas M. Grady.

Randy was reared in the faith at St. James and maintained lifelong close friendships with many of our members. His funeral service will begin at 11am with a time of visitation preceding in the fellowship hall. Randy's obituary is published at wilkinsonfuneralhome.com.

Tom was a lifelong member at St James. His faithful service helped St. James grow in mission and ministry. His funeral service will begin at 3pm. There will be no visitation at St. James. Tom's obituary is published at wilkinsonfuneralhome.com.

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Peace,
Pastor Bill



A Last Minute Get Together - Saturday

Join us this **Saturday, June 6** as we cheer on the U.S. Men's National Team in their final World Cup tune-up match against Germany!

📍 Southern Strain Brewery
165 Brumley Ave NE

🕒 Kickoff: 2:30 PM

Hosted by the St. James Stewardship Committee, this informal gathering is a chance to enjoy fellowship, strengthen relationships, and simply spend time together as a church family.

We'd also love to hear your ideas for future fellowship opportunities (games, potlucks, etc.)!

Save the Date: Sunday, August 23

Join us after worship for lunch as we begin a conversation about God's mission, St. James' role in that mission, and how our gifts make a difference.



Aloha Summer Party - Sunday

Kick off the summer with us at our Aloha Summer Party this **Sunday, June 7**, immediately following worship!

- Lunch served in the Fellowship Hall
- Games and activities on the playground
- Tropical snow cones

Bring your family and friends for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship as we celebrate the start of summer together. We hope to see you there!



Help Serve My Father's House

St. James Lutheran Church will be providing dinner for the residents of My Father's House Shelter Ministry on **Monday, June 22** (no Tuesday meal).

We're looking for volunteers to help by providing side dishes, desserts, or snacks to accompany a ham dinner. Suggested items include:

- Macaroni & cheese
- Bob Evans Mashed potatoes
- Baked beans
- Green beans or corn
- Noodle or pasta dishes
- Vegetable casseroles
- Fresh fruit
- Desserts (think kid-friendly!)

Snack donations are also needed:

- Lance crackers
- Juice boxes
- Capri Sun drinks
- Fresh fruit

If you'd like to contribute, please contact Martha Matthews at 704-787-2180. Martha can provide the current headcount and answer any questions.

In case you missed it...



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.

Memorials & Honorariums

The graphic has a black background with a decorative border of white and gold floral outlines. The text is centered and reads: 'MAY 2026' in white, 'Memorials & Honorariums' in a large gold serif font, 'The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.' in a smaller white font, 'In Honor Of:' in a gold script font, 'Rev. Dr. Tom Ridenhour' in a bold gold serif font, and 'Given by: Tom Grady' in a white serif font.

Reminders

VBS 2026

July 26 - 28, 2026 | 5:30PM
St. James Lutheran Church

Register Now!



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! ❄️

The poster is titled 'ATTENTION: MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH (RISING 6TH -8TH GRADE)'. It features a central image of a 'fresh food boxes' with a Salvation Army logo and the slogan 'DOING THE MOST GOOD'. Text includes: 'Youth volunteers are invited to help pack fresh food boxes with The Salvation Army this June!', 'WE WILL PACK BOXES EACH THURSDAY IN JUNE BEGINNING JUNE 4, FROM 12:00-2:30 PM AT THE SALVATION ARMY', and a list of instructions: 'ADDRESS: 216 Patterson Ave SE Concord, NC 28025', 'RSVP on SignupGenius', 'COMPLETE VOLUNTEER FORM (download or pick up in church office)', and 'BRING completed form to Cheryl Webb on June 4'. A QR code is provided for RSVP. A footer note states: 'An adult St. James member will be with the youth each Thursday as well as Salvation Army Staff.'

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.



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!



[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.

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)

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

The Hopkins Family

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

Lori Pittard

Corinne Robbins

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

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

Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)

Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music Ministries & Organist [Email](#)

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