



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



Ring Out - Week of May 4, 2025

The Third Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

[Download Bulletin](#)

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 4

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

Monday, May 5

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, May 6

10:30 am Mary Magdalene Circle
6:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, May 8

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 11

Cook Scholarship Applications Due ☐

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

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

May 4 Kim Haberman
May 11 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 4 Elizabeth Hurley
May 11 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTES

May 4
May 11

GREETERS

May 4 Samantha Hillegass
May 11 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

May 4
May 11

MAY USHERS

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

MAY BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 4

Online Calendar of Events



Happy Birthday!

4 May - Thomas Baker, Deedee Gilbert, John Kuly, Trent Propst

5 May - Julie Burroughs, Sarah Propst

6 May - Bryson Ziegler

7 May - Malinda Allison

8 May - Pat McDonough

9 May - Anne Readling

10 May - Joshua Rinker

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

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.

Deadline Approaching! - Cook Memorial Scholarship

Attention Students!

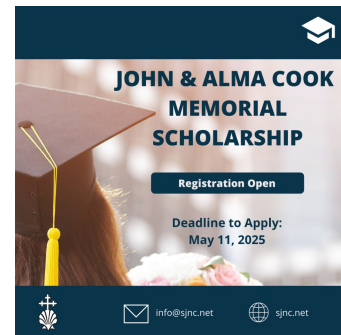
In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr. established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church by helping with their tuition expenses.

The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the 2025/2026 academic school year.

Interested applicants can email holly@sjnc.net for an application. Please confirm if you are a **first-time** or **returning** applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms. Hard copies are also available for pickup from the office.

****Earlier deadline this year!****

Submit application by: May 11, 2025

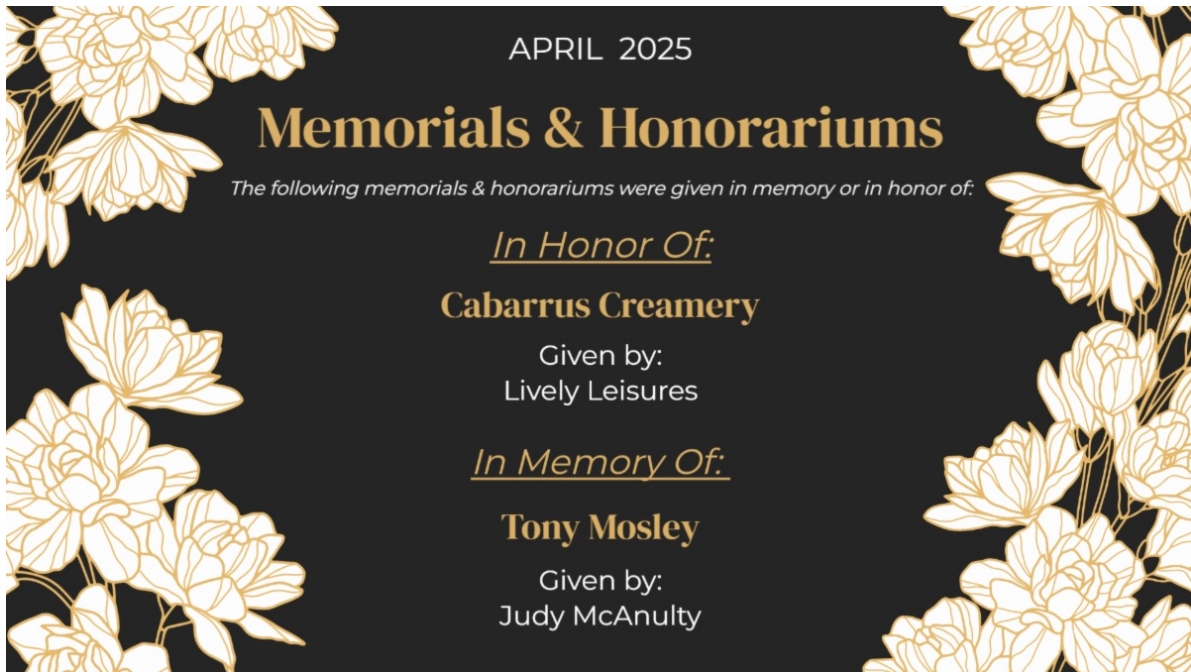


Lesson Summary

Lord of the Sabbath - Matthew 12:1-8

The Sabbath in Israelite history had become a mess of rules and regulations that oppressed the people rather than give them rest! The Story in Matthew 12 at first looks like it will show how to observe the Sabbath as a gift, and not a burden! Instead, the story is about the One who fulfills what Sabbath promises. It is about His authority and the blessings He brings. Jesus is a King, greater than His ancestor David. Jesus is the Son of Man, for He is the Creator and Redeemer. He is God, who gave Sabbath in the first place. As Lord of the Sabbath, He is able to provide good things: forgiveness, rest, and an eternal kingdom. Jesus, again,

Memorials & Honorariums



In Case You Missed It...

Boiler Appeal Update!

We Did It! ☐

Thanks to your incredible generosity, we're thrilled to announce that as of Easter Sunday, St. James has raised \$150,071.97 for the Boiler Project!



THANK YOU!

Because of your faithful giving, St. James will stay warm for many winters to come—and even more importantly, God will continue to change lives in this building.

That's something worth celebrating!

Since we'll be cozy this winter, let's cool off together this spring with an Ice Cream Social!

☐ **Ice Cream Social** ☐

Sunday, May 18th after worship

Under the Portico – featuring delicious [Cabarrus Creamery](#) ice cream!

☐ **Bubble Blast** ☐

Sunday, May 18th (in conjunction with Ice Cream Party)

On the playground – for the younger kids (and the young at heart)!

Reminders

NC Women of the ELCA 2025 Cabarrus/Stanny Spring Conference Gathering

*You Are Invited to the NC Women of the ELCA
2025 SPRING CONFERENCE GATHERING
"Wonder Watchers"*



The NC Women of the ELCA will gather for a morning of fellowship, worship, and service on

Saturday, May 17, 2025, at St. Martin Lutheran Church, Concord. The theme,

Wonder Watchers, will be led by Karen Birkedal, inviting participants to reflect on how to stay awake to God's beautiful, watchful dream for the world.

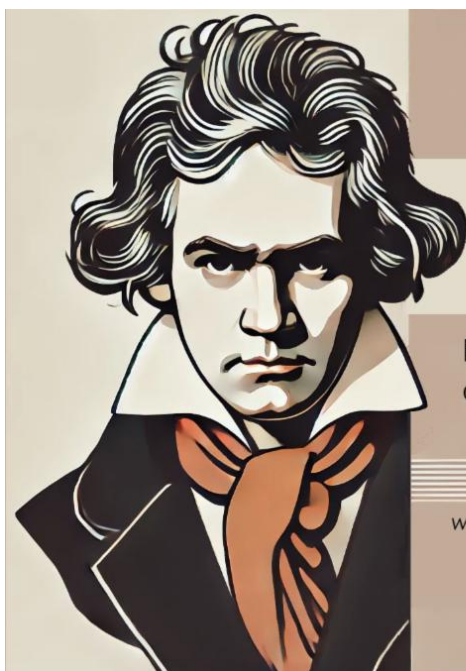
Time: 8:30 am Registration | 9:00 am–12:30 pm

Cost: \$12 per person

Register by **May 10** with Elaine Elsheimer at javaelsheimer@gmail.com or 704-888-2126.

[See flyer for details and registration sheet.](#)

Partner News





*The Piedmont Choral Society
presents:*

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN'S MASS IN C MAJOR

Friday, May 2 | 7pm • Sunday, May 4 | 3pm
Calvary Lutheran Church, 950 Bradley St NE, Concord
No charge

www.piedmontchoralsociety.org | [@piedmontchoralsociety](https://www.facebook.com/piedmontchoralsociety)

For more information, contact Kay Yates: 704.699.6053

 North Carolina Arts Council  Cabarrus Arts Council

Sponsored in part by the North Carolina Arts Council & the Cabarrus Arts Council

Upcoming Events

Ice Cream Party

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION OF
REACHING OUR BOILER GOAL!

MAY
18, 2025



AFTER
WORSHIP



Bubble Blast!

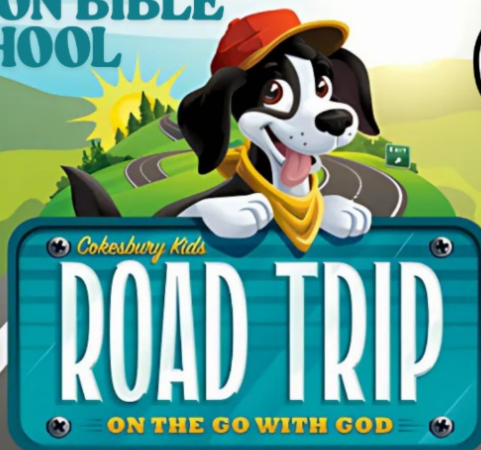
Attention Families!

Join us for a special bubble activity after worship on the playground to celebrate the end of the school year!

Sunday, May 18, 2025



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



SAVE!
THE DATE

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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)

Anne Fridlund



Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlows)

Tim Gibson (Friend of Deb Black)

Tom Grady

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

St. James Staff

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

Jill Irvin, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)

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