



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

Week of Feb. 1, 2026

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Introduction to Worship

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Feb. 1

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Family Snow Event ❄️

Monday, Feb. 2

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, Feb. 3

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

Thursday, Feb. 5

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Feb. 8

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

SAVE THE DATES

Feb. 15 - Congregational Meeting (Potluck Lunch) after worship

Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes/Holy Communion
Noon - Spoken Liturgy
7pm

Feb. 22 - Preparing for Lent Luncheon after worship

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Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Feb. 1 Kim Haberman
Feb. 8 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Feb. 1 Elizabeth Hurley
Feb. 8 Kim Haberman

VIDEOGRAPHER

Feb. 1 [Volunteer](#)
Feb. 8

FEBRUARY USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

ACOLYTE

Feb. 1 Joshua Rinker
Feb. 8

GREETER

Feb. 1
Feb. 8

FEBRUARY BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS

Feb. 1 TBD
Feb. 8 TBD

Sign Up to Volunteer

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday!



Feb. 1 - Andrew Verner, Gretchen Walker
Feb. 2 - Jamie Swayney
Feb. 3 - Hollis Weisel
Feb. 4 - Adam Brown, Kim Miller
Feb. 6 - Dan Matthews, Anderson Shumate
Feb. 7 - Emma Holt

Announcements

Winter Weather - A note from Pastor Bill (Emailed 1.29.26)

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

Second verse same as the first?

Once again, we are all monitoring the forecast for potential winter weather Saturday into Sunday.

Currently (Thursday morning), the forecast lacks specificity. If it becomes prudent to cancel

Sunday morning worship, it will be announced via email, on the Facebook page

(facebook.com/stjamesnc) and the website (sjnc.net).

If worship is held with snow on the roads, please remember to use your God given, good sense of judgment in determining if you need to be out and about.

Peace,
Pastor Bill



Family Snow Event - Sunday, Feb. 1

Join us after worship this Sunday for lunch and snowy fun in the Fellowship Hall! Enjoy snow games, snow science, snow art, snow cones, and, of course, SNOW!



Congregational Meeting - Feb. 15

The annual congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 16, following worship. We will eat lunch together, pot-luck style. Bring a dish to share. The purpose of this meeting is the reception of the 2025 Annual Report and the election of Nominating Committee members.



Ash Wednesday - Feb. 18

Join us as we enter the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday services at 12pm (spoken liturgy) and 7pm on February 18. Services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.



This week's lesson...

The Christian Church - Mark 4:26-32; Ephesians 4:4-6, 11-18

The parable that Jesus tells today gives the impression of rapid growth of the Kingdom of God; this certainly was the case after the Resurrection! However, along with growth, there comes growth in the number of opinions and interpretations. The solution is found in the "seven ones" of Ephesians 4:4-6. These verses still define the basis for church unity! We'll discuss on Sunday if we miss the snowstorm!

Reminders



Contribution Statements: A Note from Jill

2025 Year-End Contribution Statements have been emailed to you. Please let me know if you would like a hard copy for your records; we are trying to be good stewards of your gifts by saving money on paper and postage.

Thank you for all your contributions to the wonderful ministries here at St. James, and Happy New Year!

Jill Irvin
Finance Administrator



Volunteers Needed!

Our 2026 Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities are now open! We're looking for Ushers, 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.

Partner News



Amazing Grace Advocacy Spaghetti Fundraiser

We're excited to support [Amazing Grace Advocacy](#) and invite you to attend their Spaghetti Fundraiser on **Thursday, February 26**.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., with dinner from 4:30–7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting an important mission. Proceeds benefit life and job skills programs for youth with disabilities.

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)
Family of Michael Black
(Nephew of Patsy Black)
Patsy Black
Caroline Bost
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)
Jennifer Cook
(Friend of Fonda Shumate)
Catherine Durst
(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)
Nadine Filipak
(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Jeff Gilbert
Tom Grady
Harriett Huss Hodge
Maureen Hollmeyer
Mary Frances Johnson
(Cousin of Francie Davis)
Karen Johnston
(Friend of Judy Benz)
Ruth Lawler
(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)
John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)
Barbara Merrell
Deb & Roger Myers
(Friends of Deb Black)
Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)
Stan Parnell
(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)
Becky Phillips



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

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