



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

Week of March 1, 2026

The Second Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Worship

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the front we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 1

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

Monday, March 2

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, March 3

10:30am Mary Magdalene Circle
5:45pm Mission Fund
6:00pm Executive Committee

Thursday, March 5

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, March 8

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

HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

10am - Worship Service

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

Laying on of the Hands & Holy Communion

Noon - Spoken Liturgy

7pm - Worship Service (with Choir)

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

The Death of Our Lord

Noon - Worship Service

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord

9:45am - Prelude Music with Instrumentalists

10am - Holy Communion

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

March 1 Christine Ruff

March 8 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

March 1 Elizabeth Hurley

March 8 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTE

March 1 [Volunteer](#)

March 8

GREETER

March 1 Jean Beasley

March 8 [Volunteer](#)

VIDEOGRAPHER

March 1 Chris Miller

March 8 [Volunteer](#)

USHERS

Al Brown, Bill Hardister, Hunter Huss

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Kim Haberman & Kenny Propst

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 1 Deb & John Walker

March 8 Lent

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

[Lector](#)

[Communion
Assistant](#)

[Acolyte](#)

[Videographer](#)

[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday!

March 2 - Amy Splawn

March 5 - Lauren Popovici

March 6 - Sam McGuire, Sarah Poplin, Logan Whisnant

March 7 - Camden Burroughs, Avery Miller, Ella Wickliff

Announcements



March Supply Drive to Support Cabarrus County Animal Shelter

St. James Social Ministry Committee is launching a supply drive throughout the month of March to support the Cabarrus County Animal Shelter.

Needed items:

- Paper towels
- Blankets (not stuffed or quilted)
- Canned chicken breast
- Dawn dish soap
- Liquid Tide detergent

Place donations on the counter under the Animal Shelter board in the portico. Questions? Contact Samantha Hillegass.



Sonshine Backpack Food 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, vegetables, fruit
- Granola bars
- Juice
- Popcorn
- Pudding

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by Sunday, March 29.

Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker.



WELCA Cabarrus/Stanly Spring Conference

When: Saturday, March 21, 2026

Where: St. John's Lutheran Church

Registration: 8:30–9:00 a.m.

Gathering: 9:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12

Registration deadline: March 16

Lunch & Program: "We Stand for Her" – In memory of Maxine Amos, led by Prairie Rose Seminole. Learn how to stand for justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls.

[Click here for more information including registration.](#)

Thank you!



Meal Packing Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out to serve with our Social Ministry team at Lifeline Christian Mission last weekend. With 57 volunteers, we packed more than 10,000 meals to help feed those in need!

 [More photos on our Facebook page.](#)



Preparing for Lent

Thank you to our Christian Ed. Committee for hosting last Sunday's Lenten Family Event. Our families were able to make prayer chains and kindness cards to prepare for Lent.

 [More photos on our Facebook page.](#)

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

Loving God, Loving Others

Scripture for the Lesson: Mark 12:28-34 and James 2:14-17

Background Scripture: Romans 15:1-7, Philippians 2:1-8, Colossians 3:12 and 4:1

Mark relates how Jesus, in the week leading up to his crucifixion, is teaching in the temple, which further angered the chief priests teachers of the law, and the elders. As such, the temple authorities try to undermine his authority through "got ya" questions and debate. One of the teachers of the law asks Jesus, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" Jesus' response is Verse 29: "The most important one, is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.[e] 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[g]There is no commandment greater than these." In this, Jesus completely sums up ALL the commandments ... and instructs us as to where our priorities in life are to be. Rhetorical questions and following examples lead us to self examination with respect to this greatest commandment.

Look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

Memorials & Honorariums



February 2026

Memorials & Honorariums

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

In Memory of

Bill Fisher

Given by:

Dee & Anne Hodges

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.

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)

Phyllis Freeman

(Mother of Fonda Shumate)

Maureen Hollmeyer

Hunter Huss

Dale Johnson (Friend of Dale Merrell)

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)

Family of Don Matkins (Brother-in-law of

Margaret Garrison)

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)
Jeff Gilbert
Tom Grady
Harriett Huss Hodge

Al Pieschel
Lori Pittard
Tom Ridenhour
Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)
Jesse Woodard (Son-in-law of Beth Huss)



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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