



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



Ring Out - Week of March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

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Sunday Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent 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...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 9

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

Monday, March 10

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, March 11

Noon Lively Leisures
6:00 pm Congregation
Council

Wednesday, March 12

6:30 pm Wednesdays in
Lent †

Thursday, March 13

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 15

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

March 9 Elizabeth Hurley
March 16 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

March 9 Margaret Garrison
March 16 Samantha
Hillegass

ACOLYTES

March 9
March 16 Joshua Rinker

GREETERS

March 9 Judy Benz
March 16 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

March 9 Annette Propst
March 16

8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, March 16

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

MARCH USHERS

Mike Downs, Al Brown Jr.,
Sid Hughes, Bill Hardister,
Hunter Huss

**MARCH BUILDING
SUPERVISORS**

Kim Haberman & Hunter
Huss

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 9

March 16

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

7 Mar. - Ella Wickliff

10 Mar. - Jay Clemmer

11 Mar. - Jeff Miller

13 Mar. - Wendell Overby, Anne Michelle Swayney

Volunteer

Videographers



Communion Assistants



Acolytes



Lectors



Altar Flowers



Events/Ministries



Announcements

Don't Forget to Spring forward!

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday! Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday night so you don't miss worship. We look forward to seeing you bright and early!



Wednesdays in Lent

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 - 6:30pm

Join us for a meaningful Lenten tradition of gathering on Wednesdays for prayer and study. On March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9, we will come together at 6:30pm for approximately an hour of reflection. Each evening will include a prayer office and a study of the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.



My Father's House Needs

St. James and St. John's Lutheran will provide meals for My Father's House Ministry March 17-19. There are 4 adults and 8 children in the ministry. If you can help provide items for a supper meal for **March 17 or March 18**, please contact Martha Matthews: 704-787-2180 or Sylvia Corl: 704-425-8621.



This Week's Lesson

Living Lastly - Matthew 19:16-30

"Teacher, what good thing must I do to get eternal life?" The rich, young ruler who asked this question went away disappointed after hearing Jesus' response! What is Jesus really telling us about how to gain eternal life? Is it about money or a life well-lived? Or is it ultimately that something other than God was on the "throne" of his heart?

We'll discuss this Sunday; hope to see you then!

Committee Spotlight

Worship & Music Committee

Worship is at the heart of our faith, bringing us together through Word, Sacraments, Prayer, and Music. The Worship & Music Committee works with the Pastor and Music Director to ensure meaningful worship experiences that reflect Lutheran liturgy.

Some areas of responsibilities:

- Plan regular and special worship services
- Support and grow the congregation's music ministries
- Maintain worship materials and instruments
- Recruit and train worship leaders, lectors, ushers, greeters, etc.
- Coordinate special seasonal services and decorations

Committee Members:

- Chair: Elizabeth Hurley
- Altar Guild: Ann Blackwelder (Chair), Debbie Davis
- Ushers: Gretchen Walker
- Acolytes & Crucifers: Beth Huss
- Seasonal Decorations: LeeAnn Miller
- Congregational Liaison: Travis Nesbit
- Secretary: Glenda Poole
- Ex Officio: Pastor Bill Ridenhour, Dr. Kevin Estes (Organist & Music Director)

For full details, check out this Sunday's bulletin insert!

February Memorials & Honorariums

FEBRUARY 2025

Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor of:

In Memory Of:

Ann Ridenhour

Given by:
Nancy Faggart

Keith Fink

Given by:
Sam & Laura Mitchener

Lee David Ballard

Given by:
Ed & Besty Ballard

Tony Mosley

Given by:
Al Brown
Aurelia Rose Edwards
Nancy Faggart
Glen & Judey Hedrick
M.R. & Martha Rawdon
Barbara Slough
Edwin Walker

Upcoming Events

Confirmation Meeting - March 30

Parents and students of confirmation age are encouraged to join the Christian Education Committee and Pastor Bill on **Sunday, March 30th, after worship** for a Confirmation Planning Meeting.



We'll discuss the confirmation schedule and other details for the upcoming program. We hope to see you there!




ST. JAMES LUTHERAN
CHURCH
GROWING IN CHRIST
EST. 1843

EASTER EGG HUNT

Snacks
Stories
Candy

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH | 2:00PM

104 Union St. S. Concord, NC 28025

Bring your basket!

Prayers & Considerations

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joyce Beaty

(Friend of the Marlows)

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

Scott Harrington

(Friend of Glenda Poole)

Maureen Hollmeyer

Linda Jones

(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)

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)

Tom Ridenhour

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Robert Davis)

Geoff & Pam Seige

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)



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