



WEEKLY
Ring Out
NEWSLETTER



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

Week of March 15, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Worship

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, March 19

6:30 pm Choir

Saturday, March 21

8:30 am Leah's Hope Trailer

Sunday, March 22

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 15 Barbara Albright
March 22 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

March 15 Samantha Hillegass
March 22 Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTE

March 15 Ben & Ryan Kuly
March 22 [Volunteer](#)

GREETER

March 15 [Volunteer](#)
March 22 Barbara Albright

VIDEOGRAPHER

March 15 [Volunteer](#)
March 22 [Volunteer](#)

USHERS

Al Brown, Bill Hardister, Hunter Huss

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Kim Haberman & Kenny Propst

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 15 Lent
March 22 Lent

Sign Up to Volunteer

Lector	Communion Assistant	Acolyte	Videographer	Altar Flowers
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Happy Birthday! 🎈

March 16 - Tony Eury, Dee Pieschel
March 20 - Ann Gillon , John Marlow

Announcements

Memorial Notice

Memorial Service

St. James mourns with Michael Strahl and his family upon the unexpected death of his wife, Jill Strahl. A memorial service will be held at St. James on Friday, March 20th at 1pm. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

*Rest Eternal grant her, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon her.*



Last Sunday's Worship Service

Due to technical difficulties, the worship service on Sunday, March 8 did not stream live on YouTube. Thankfully, Annette was able to record the service, and the video has now been uploaded for anyone who may have missed it.

[Click here to view worship for Sunday, March 8, 2026.](#)



Building Entry Reminder

Friendly Reminder!

When entering the building, please move your dot to “IN” on the magnetic IN/OUT board at the Portico door to indicate that you are inside the building—regardless of how long you will be there or where you park. If your name or committee is not listed, please use the “OTHER” dot to show that someone is in the building.

When leaving, please move your dot to “OUT” and check that no cars remain in the garden lot or portico lot when setting the alarm.



Help St. James Serve *My Father's House*

St. James Lutheran Church will be providing meals for My Father's House Ministry on **Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24**. We need your help!

If you can provide a side dish to complement the meals—ham on Monday or chicken strips on Tuesday—please contact Martha Matthews at 704-787-2180.

Suggested items:

- Mac & cheese, mashed potatoes (Bob Evans style), baked beans, green beans, corn, noodle dishes, or vegetable casseroles
- Fruit
- Desserts—think kid-friendly 😊
- Rolls or cornbread
- Snacks for after-school tutoring: crackers, juice boxes, Capris, or fresh fruit

Martha will provide a headcount for each night to help with planning.

Easter Gifts

PLACE AN EASTER LILY OR GERANIUM IN
THE SANCTUARY THIS EASTER IN
MEMORY OR IN HONOR OF SOMEONE.

GIFTS ARE \$25 PER FLOWER.

ORDER ONLINE
OR
COMPLETE FORM IN
SUNDAY'S BULLETIN

DEADLINE: MARCH 29



Honor a loved one this Easter 🌿

Celebrate Easter by honoring your loved ones while helping to adorn our sanctuary with beautiful lilies and geraniums. Tribute names will be listed in the Ring Out newsletter and in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Order Deadline: March 29, 2026

Cost: \$25 each

[Place your order online](#) or complete the insert in Sunday's bulletin.

Payments can be mailed to the church (PO Box 684, Concord, NC 28026), dropped off at the church office, or [made online](#).

Please pick up your flower of choice after Easter worship on April 5.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

Giving to the Community - Deuteronomy 15:4-11; Matthew 25:42-45

God calls His people to pay particular attention to orphans, widows, the needy and foreigners. God wants His people to see and comprehend needs and then be moved by compassion into action. He wants us to serve one another as though we are serving Him. Jesus radically teaches that compassion for the poor and needy is one way to recognize true disciples. Our Heavenly Father provides for our needs; therefore, if it is within our means to help another person, we are to do so. It is simple and reflects His heart, compassion, grace, and love. We are to be openhanded; God loves a cheerful giver!

Reminders



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.

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

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)

(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)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Jeff Gilbert

Tom Grady

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Harriett Huss Hodge

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

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Tom Ridenhour

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

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

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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