



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



Ring Out - Week of April 27, 2025

The Second Sunday of Easter

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

[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, April 27

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

Monday, April 28

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Scouts

Thursday, May 1

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 4

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

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

April 27

May 4 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

April 27 Dianne Lambert

May 4 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

April 27

May 4

GREETERS

April 27 Gretchen Walker

May 4 Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

April 27

May 4

APRIL USHERS

Chip Popovici, Jimmy Harris,
Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Phil
Tesh

MAY USHERS

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

**APRIL BUILDING
SUPERVISORS**
Jeff Gilbert & Chip Popovici

**MAY BUILDING
SUPERVISOR**
Wendell Overby

ALTAR FLOWERS
April 27
May 4

Online Calendar of Events



Happy Birthday!

27 April - Thomas Grady

28 April - Kara Bestler

29 April - Sam Hurley, Cheryl Webb, Stacey Wilson

1 May - Ann Grace Craver

**3 May - Charlotte Glatz, Edwin Glatz,
Elizabeth Harris, Joy Lineberger**

Volunteer

Videographers



Communion Assistants



Acolytes



Lectors



Altar Flowers



Events/Ministries



Announcements

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)!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson Summary

The Boy Jesus in the Temple - Luke 2:41-52

Today's lesson will cover two topics: a short video: "What is Good about Good Friday?", and Luke's record of Jesus as a 12-year-old in the Temple, one of the only Gospels that has stories of Jesus' youth. The Family goes to Jerusalem for the Passover feast, and when the family goes back home, they realize that Jesus isn't with them! Any parent knows the panic that this would cause, however, when they find him in the Temple, Jesus seems surprised at His earthly parents' response! Don't they know that He has to be about His Heavenly Father's business?! This is a fascinating story of the dividing of Jesus' role as earthly Son

and Son of God! We'll discuss this Sunday; hope to see you then!

Reminders

Apply Now! - John & Alma Cook Memorial Scholarship is Open for Applicants

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.

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

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 11, 2025

NC Women of the ELCA 2025 Cabarrus/Stanly 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.](#)

Upcoming Events



Save the Dates - Vacation Bible School 2025

Children and Volunteers!

Please save the dates for this year's Vacation Bible School **July 20 - 22, 2025**. All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Please contact holly@sjnc.net to receive instructions on how to complete this process.



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
Scott Harrington
(Friend of Glenda Poole)
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

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