



# Saint James Lutheran Church



A Parish of the North Carolina Synod of the  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

## Welcome!

St. James is a house of prayer where all people can come to know the compassionate heart of Jesus. We are a community of Christians where you can belong before you believe. At Saint James the beauty of ancient worship and traditional spiritual practices transform contemporary lives. Join us as together we discover the sacred in the heart of the city. Our worship includes ancient and contemporary symbols and practices along with preaching and music to inspire you to follow Jesus in your daily life. We welcome both the spiritual seeker and seasoned disciple to find their home in God with us. If you are looking for a spiritual home or just exploring the life of faith, we hope you will walk with us on that journey of discovery.

## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER DAY

APRIL 17, 2022  
10:00 A.M.

### Introduction to Today's Worship

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## **We Welcome Everyone on this Lord's Day to the Liturgy of Holy Communion.**

**Newcomers and visitors**, we hope that you will feel at home in this place and in this liturgy. Ushers are available in the Narthex during the liturgy should you have any questions or concerns. Please be sure and sign the guestbook located in the Narthex and introduce yourself to the Pastor or to an usher so that we can extend to you a warm welcome.

**Although there are customary postures** (such as standing and kneeling) in Lutheran worship, you are invited to be seated at any point, according to your needs and comfort.

**Children are most welcome in worship** at Saint James Church. For those who desire it, nursery care is provided on the first floor of the Education Building. In keeping with CDC guidelines, and for the safety of our children, masks must be worn by nursery attendants and children two years old and older.

**The First Aid Kit and the Automatic External Defibrillator (AED)** are located outside the church office door, immediately behind the Sanctuary. Fire extinguishers are located in the Sacristy and in the Narthex.

**If you are interested in membership** to this parish or desire a call from the Pastor, please indicate this to an usher or to the Pastor.

**Restrooms are available** on the first and second floors of the Education Building.

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# GATHERING

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Saraband for the Morning of Easter*

~Herbert Howells

*Congregational Responses in **Bold***

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is held for reflection and self-examination*

Most merciful God,

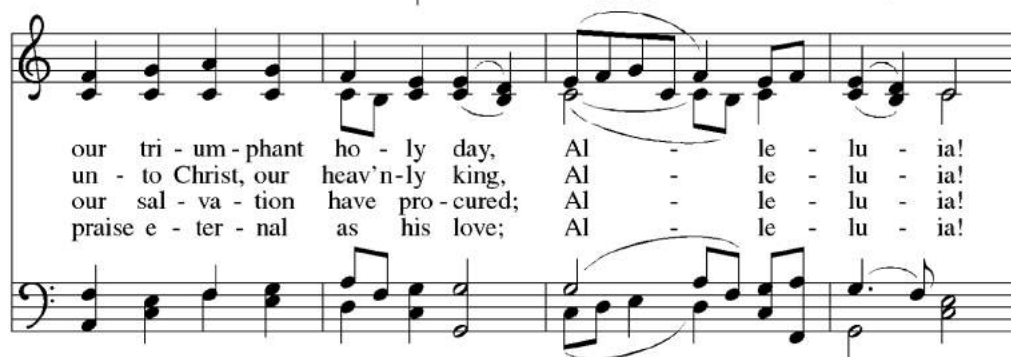
**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.


**Amen.**



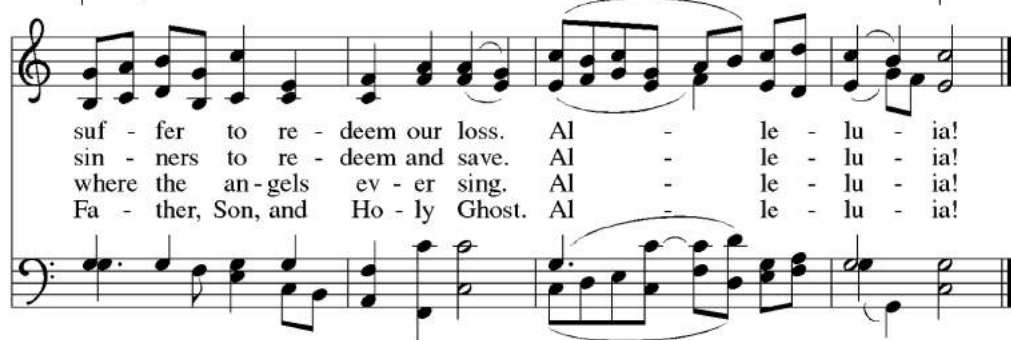
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

# GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

He has defeated the powers of death;

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

He has the words of eternal life;

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

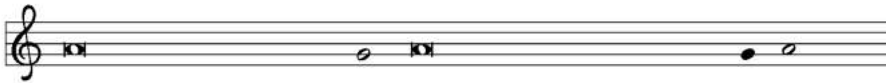
*C - congregation*



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



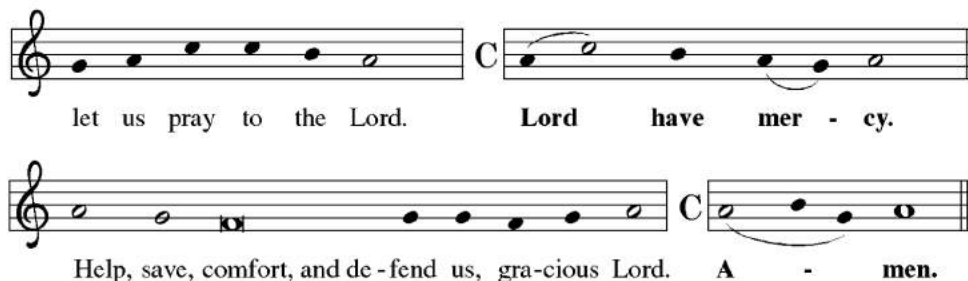
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### WORD

## FIRST READING ACTS 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

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<sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**    *1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26*

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

A reading from 1st Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

**I**f for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**The Word of the Lord.      Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL** *The Head That Once Was Crowned v.1-2*



- 1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;  
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov'-reign right,  
3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low  
4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;



a      roy - al    di - a - dem   a - dorns the   might - y   vic - tor's   brow.  
the   King of   kings, and   Lord of   lords, and   heav'n's   e - ter - nal   light.  
to   whom he   man - i - fests his   love, and   grants his   name to   know;  
their   name, an   ev - er - last - ing   name, their   joy,   the   joy of   heav'n.



## **HOLY GOSPEL    LUKE 24:1-12**

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**O**n the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL**

*The Head That Once Was Crowned v.3-4  
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# SERMON

*Stand*

## NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Kneel or sit, as able*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Almighty God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world.  
Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for  
refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or  
who suffer in any way especially those whom we now name before you with our  
lips and in the silence of our hearts. Send us as your healing presence to places of  
hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of  
faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation,  
worship, and discipleship. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses  
who now rest in you. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Into your hands gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in  
your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **ANTHEM AT THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR**

*Sing Ye to the Lord*

*~Edward C. Bairstow*

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all  
places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious  
resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal lamb who gave himself

to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.\_\_\_\_

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might:\_\_\_\_

heav-en and earth are full,\_\_\_\_ full\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Blest is the One who comes\_\_\_\_ in the name of the Lord.\_\_\_\_ Ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us; we are bold to pray,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to Holy Communion at Saint James. If you desire to receive Communion, please proceed toward the chancel steps by way of the center aisle. You will receive a wafer and a cup of wine. For those unable to partake of wine, grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray. Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. After communing, please use the outside aisle to return to your seat. Communion will be brought to persons in the pews who are unable to come forward. Please advise an usher if you wish the pastor to do so.*

# LAMB OF GOD

CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# ANTHEM AT COMMUNION

*Christus Vincit*

~Joseph Noyon, arr. G. Hancock

Christ has conquered. Christ, our sovereign. Christ reigns forevermore! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost as it was in the beginning, is now, is now and forever. Now and forevermore, world without end. Amen.

# POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

# POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show forth your glory to all the world; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

# SENDING

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and raise you to life, both now and forever.

Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*

ELLACOMBE



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace, proclaim the resurrection.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata en Fa Majeur*

*Charles-Marie Widor*

*The Liturgy Has Ended; The Service Begins!*

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
M-Th 8:30-4:00  
F 8:30-1:00

## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please email all information to the church office at  
[keith@sjnc.net](mailto:keith@sjnc.net)*

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

17-Apr Bill Fisher  
17-Apr Laura Patterson  
17-Apr Kirsten Ziegler  
18-Apr Missy Hartman  
19-Apr Mallory Horton  
19-Apr Jackson Hughes  
20-Apr Sondra Bryn  
20-Apr George Hartsell  
21-Apr Sydney Haberman  
21-Apr Ryan Kuly

## CALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Sunday, April 17**  
7:00 am Easter Vigil Worship  
8:15 am Breakfast  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Easter Worship

**Monday, April 18**  
*Church Office Closed*

**Sunday, April 24**  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Lector/Intercessor:**  
Margaret Garrison  
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Isaac Jay

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Harward, Taylor Pruette, Al  
Pieschel, Jon Miller

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts  
for April 10, 2022**  
**\$8,775.00**  
*(\$7,371.00 needed for weekly)*

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers today are given by  
Michael and Jill Strahl to the  
Glory of God and in memory of  
their Parents and  
Grandparents.

## PRAYER LIST

- ♦ Jimmy Summers
- ♦ Patsy Black
- ♦ Carolyn "Cookie" Griffin,  
*friend of Lois Marlow*

*If you have someone you would like  
to add to the prayer list, please  
contact Keith at 704-786-0166 and  
leave a message or email at  
[keith@sjnc.net](mailto:keith@sjnc.net)*

## GUEST MUSICIANS

**Trumpets:** Rachel Leonard  
and Tanner Morrison  
**Trombones:** Jason Wise and  
Matthew Wise  
**Tympani:** Michael Corts