



# 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.

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

**APRIL 3, 2022**  
**10:00 A.M.**

### Introduction to Today's Worship

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

## **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.

**Join Saint James Lutheran Church Facebook and Instagram groups**

Send Jeremy Jay any pictures and/or articles you would like to have posted at [jeremy@pbnjay.com](mailto:jeremy@pbnjay.com)



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**St. James YouTube Channel**

Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for [St. James Lutheran Church Concord NC](#) and subscribe.

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Ah, Holy Jesus*

*~Dale Wood*

*Congregational Responses in **Bold***

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**



1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

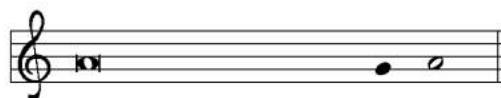


# GREETING

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



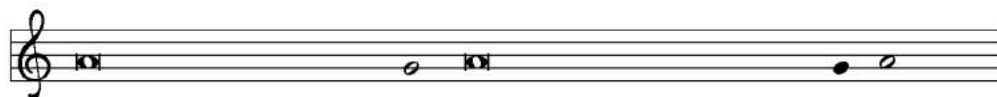
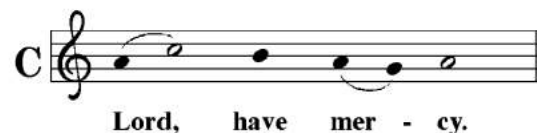
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** - congregation



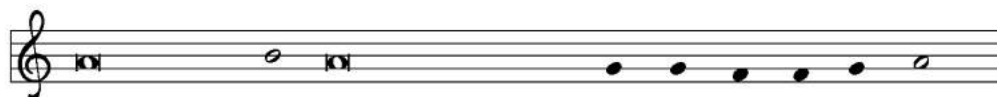
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING *ISAIAH 43:16-21*

*The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.*

A reading from Isaiah, the forty-third chapter.

**T**hus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 126** (Read responsively, Congregation-bold verses)

- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**
- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.
- <sup>4</sup> **Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses in the Negeb.**
- <sup>5</sup> May those who sow in tears  
reap with shouts of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> **Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

**SECOND READING PHILIPPIANS 3:4b-14**

*Writing to Christians in Philippi, Paul admits that his heritage and reputation could give him more reason than most people to place confidence in his spiritual pedigree. But the overwhelming grace of God in Jesus calls Paul to a new set of values.*

A reading from Philippians, the third chapter.

**P**aul writes: <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own.

*continued...*



<sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *(Choir sings once, then everyone repeats)*



**HOLY GOSPEL** *JOHN 12:1-8*

*Judas willfully misinterprets as waste Mary's extravagant act of anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume. Jesus recognizes that her lavish gift is both an expression of love and an anticipation of his burial.*

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the twelfth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**S**ix days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Rev. Mark Ericson*



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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, do a new thing in your church. Free us from paradigms that no longer serve the gospel, inspire leaders, and give us courage in the face of change. We especially pray for the Rev. Judy Tavela and our sisters and brothers in Christ at Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church in Atlantic Beach, NC. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Do a new thing in your creation. Reverse the trajectory of climate change and environmental catastrophe. Revive habitats already impaired by human disregard. Amplify the voices of climate scientists and researchers working to chart a new course. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Do a new thing in your world. Break barriers that prevent political enemies from working together for the well-being of all. Make a way for peace and collaboration among the nations. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Do a new thing for those who suffer. Reveal a path for any who are unemployed or underemployed, for those experiencing homelessness, and for all who struggle with money. Comfort those who grieve and restore those who are sick especially those whom we now name before you with our lips and in the silence of our hearts. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Do a new thing within us. Permeate this world with the sweet perfume of Jesus' anointing. Fill us with such gratitude that it spills over into service of those who are poor or in any need. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Do a new thing in our death. Fill us with the knowledge of Christ and the power of his resurrection as we give thanks for all the saints who have attained the prize of their heavenly call. 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**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

*~Bevan*

# 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.**

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.

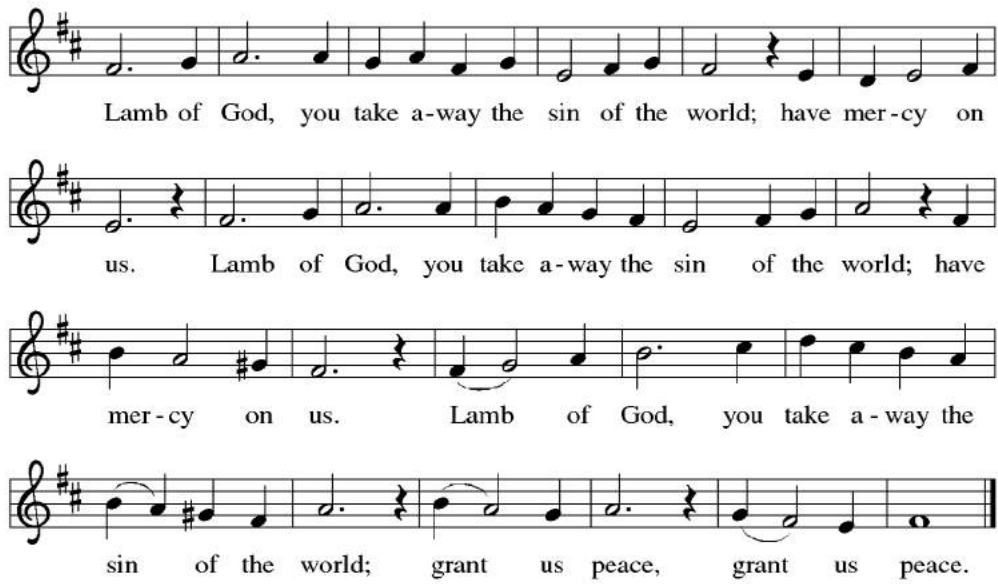
**Thanks be to God!**

*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.

# COMMUNION HYMN

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

ST CHRISTOPHER

# 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. Merciful God, accompany us on our journey through these forty days of Lent. Renew in us the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

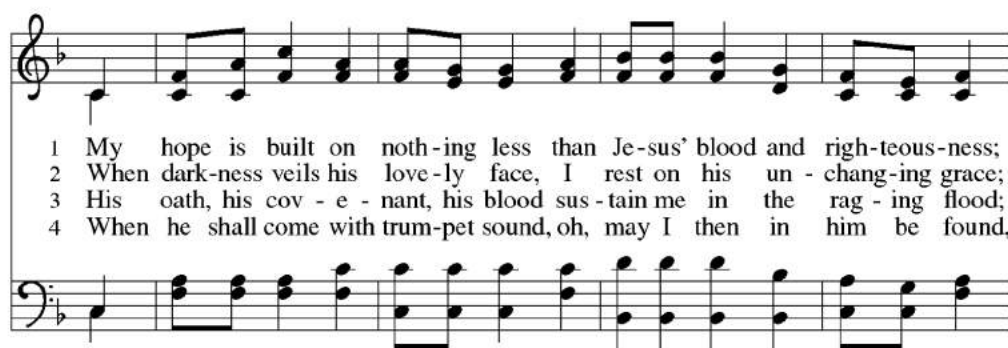
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

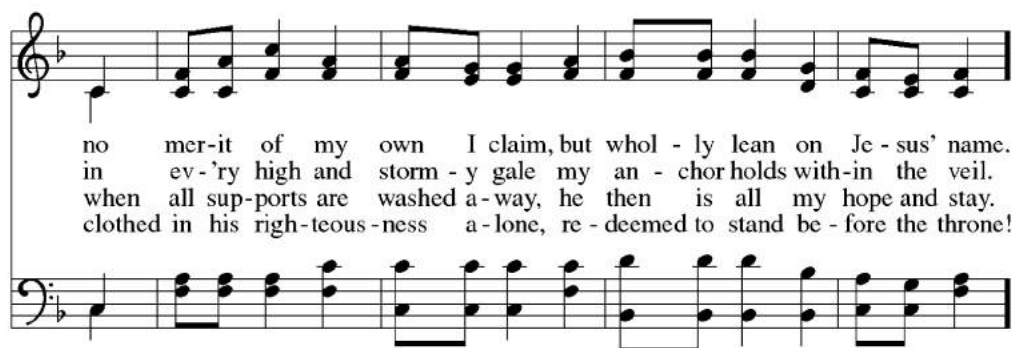
# BLESSING

The blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

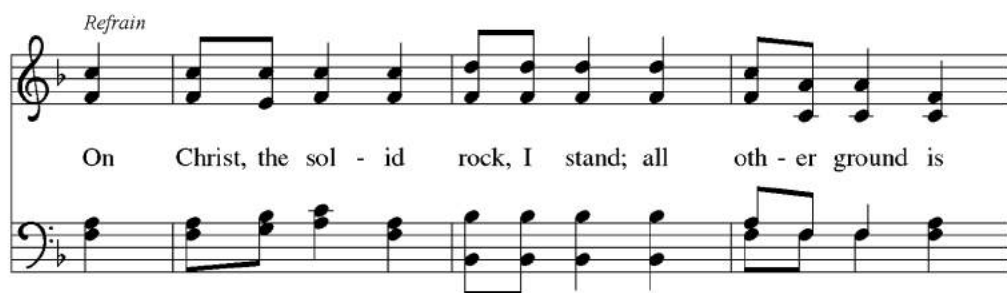


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and righ-teous-ness;  
2 When dark-ness veils his love-ly face, I rest on his un - chang-ing grace;  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus - tain me in the rag - ing flood;  
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,

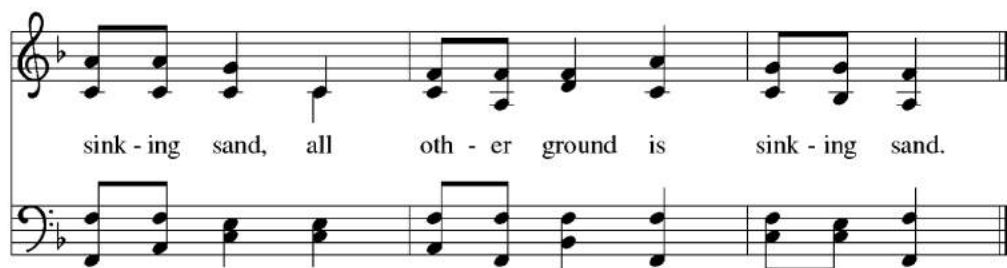


no mer-it of my own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
in ev-'ry high and storm - y gale my an - chor holds with-in the veil.  
when all sup-ports are washed a-way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
clothed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is



sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Fugue on Kyrie*

*~Couperin*

*The Liturgy Has Ended; The Service Begins!*

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN LENT

During the season of Lent we will gather for a meal each Wednesday at **6:00**, followed by a time of worship, song, prayer and a brief meditation on Jesus' final conversation with his disciples prior to his crucifixion. You may find it helpful to read the verses assigned for each week before worship. All services will be livestreamed. This week:

**April 6 John17:1-26**

*"That They May All Be One"*

To sign up for the meal, go to <https://forms.gle/nXCzvFyWLzKeTQvp8>, scan this QR code or call the church office 704-786-0166.



**EASTER EGG HUNT:** There will be an "around the Church" Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 pm. Please help with the egg hunt by donating the following items: empty eggs (plastic), filled plastic eggs, candy, stickers or small prizes to fill empty eggs. There will be a collection box at the Portico entrance.

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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

**04-Apr** Kathryn Craver  
**04-Apr** Austin Hoadley  
**06-Apr** David Clary  
**06-Apr** Mark Murphy  
**09-Apr** Myers Jones

## CALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Sunday, April 3**  
9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl  
10:00 am In-Person Worship

**Monday, April 4**  
10:30 am Quilting Group  
6:30 pm Scouts

**Tuesday, April 5**  
10:30 am Mary Magdalene  
Circle

**Wednesday, April 6**  
6:00 pm Lenten Meal  
6:45 pm Lenten Service  
7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, April 10**  
9:00 am Adult Sunday Schl  
10:00 am In-Person Worship  
6:00 pm King of Kings

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

**Lector/Intercessor:**

Christine Lovelace

**Communion Assistant:**

Ann Blackwelder

**Cantor:** Chris Miller

**Guest Organist:**

Glenda Poole

**Acolyte/Crucifer:**

Casey Gale

**Bookbearer:** Jonas Jay

**Ushers:** Brad Baker, Chip  
Harward, Taylor Pruette, Al  
Pieschel, Jon Miller

## OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts  
for March 27, 2022**  
**\$4,470.75**  
*(\$7,371.00 needed for weekly)*

## PRAYER LIST

- ♦ Shepherd of the Sea  
Lutheran Church, Atlantic  
Beach, NC
- ♦ Jimmy Summers
- ♦ Family of Cynthia Petrea

*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)*

**EASTER LILIES:** You have  
the opportunity again this  
year to place Easter Lilies in  
the church for Easter. A list  
with the names of donors and  
those that are being  
memorialized/honored will be  
in the bulletin on Easter  
Sunday. Cost is \$12. Forms  
available in the narthex.

**WELCOME:** Today we  
welcome Rev. Mark Ericson as  
our guest preacher. Thank you  
for leading our worship today!

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to  
Glenda Poole who is serving  
as our organist/director this  
morning while Scott is on  
vacation.