

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



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## WEEK OF March 24, 2024

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

## Sunday of the Passion/Palm

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### **Introduction to Sunday's Worship**

This week, the center of the church's year, is one of striking contrasts: Jesus rides into Jerusalem surrounded by shouts of glory, only to be left alone to die on the cross, abandoned by even his closest friends. Mark's gospel presents Jesus in his complete human vulnerability: agitated, grieved, scared, forsaken. Though we lament Christ's suffering and all human suffering, we also expect God's salvation: in the wine and bread, Jesus promises that his death will mark a new covenant with all people. We enter this holy week thirsty for the completion of God's astonishing work.

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## **BLESSING BOX – ROTARY SQUARE**

What is the Blessing Box? It's a box that is located in Rotary Square that is stocked with food and other necessities available to those in the community. St. James has agreed to stock the Blessing Box during the month of March. You can place items in the box yourself or you can drop them off at the church.

Types of items needed: Canned goods / Crackers / Cereal; Bags of Rice / Ramen / Pasta; Peanut Butter / Jelly; Granola Bars / Raisins; Fruit Snacks / Pudding Cups / Fruit Cups; Baby Food / Bottled Water; Other non-perishable items; Shampoo / Soap / Deodorant; Toothbrush & Toothpaste.

Questions – please see or call Mark Murphy (704-301-2816)



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  
LIVESTREAM](#)**

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY



## **Palm (Passion) Sunday, March 24**

10:00 AM Worship & Palm Procession

## **Saturday, March 30**

2:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt

## **Maundy Thursday, March 28**

7:00 PM Worship - Laying on of Hands  
& Holy Communion

## **Good Friday, March 29**

12:00 PM The Death of our Lord  
(Good Friday Service)

3:30 PM Stations of the Cross  
(Starting at Grace Lutheran Church)

## **Easter Sunday, March 31**

6:30 AM Sunrise Service

8:00 AM Breakfast

(King Fellowship Hall)

10:00 AM Worship Service  
Resurrection of  
our Lord



## **Easter Sunrise Breakfast 8:00 am** **(following Sunrise Service)**

Please sign up for Easter Sunrise Breakfast on pew pads, [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net), or call the church office 704-786-0166. Please list # in your family that will be attending.

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## **NC Women of the ELCA 2024 Spring Conference** **Gathering "Called to be Political."**

Attendees will gather for food and fellowship, hold elections for Conference Presiders, collect offerings, and experience a program chosen from the "Called To..." series as election time approaches.

**April 13, 2024**

**St. John's Lutheran Church**

**100 St. St. Johns Rd. Concord, NC 28025**

Program: "Called to be political (but I don't want to be political!)." The Bible Study will explore that call, looking at personal reflections of Lutheran women, The Bible, and the writings of Martin Luther. Fears or questions about how our church's involvement in politics may reflect a misunderstanding of how Christians, and especially Lutheran Christians, are called to participate in the political arena.

To register, contact the church office or contact Jean Beasley or Gretchen Walker.

Cost in \$10 and includes lunch. Make checks payable to St Johns Women of the ELCA. Registration due by April 5.

## National Alliance for Mental Illness

The starting time is set for NAMIWalks Cabarrus on May 18 at 9 am at Frank Liske Park. But we like to think that the starting line is right here and now. Are you ready to get going on your fun and rewarding journey with NAMI?

Take the first steps today on the path to hope for all our friends, family, and neighbors as you announce to the whole community: "I am NAMIWalks."

Together, we will all be NAMIWalks 2024 — through our commitment, unity, and laughter leading up to, and of course on, Walk Day.

Remember, NAMIWalks powers the life-changing work of NAMI Cabarrus, And NAMI Cabarrus powers "Mental Health for All."

Registration is live, so sign up today. Vendor table opportunities are available.

[NAMI Cabarrus Super Team \(namiwalks.org\)](https://namiwalks.org)



## ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK & BEYOND

### ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

**Sunday, March 24**

**SUNDAY OF THE  
PASSION/PALM**

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Parish Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

**Monday, March 24**

10:30 am Quilting Group

6:30 pm Scouts

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross event this year is being coordinated by Teresa Hillie of Grace Lutheran Church. As one way to honor Jesus Christ, on Good Friday, March 29, we will plan to gather at 3:15 p.m. and begin the service at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Grace Lutheran Church. The church is located at 58

### **Wednesday, March 27**

6:00 pm Bella Voce

7:00 pm Parish Choir

### **Thursday, March 28**

6:00 pm Handbells

7:00 pm Maundy Thursday

Service - *Laying on of  
Hands/Holy Communion*

### **Friday, March 29**

Noon - Good Friday Service

- *The Death of our Lord*

### **Saturday, March 30**

2:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt;

Gather on the playground.

### **Sunday, March 31**

#### **EASTER SUNDAY**

6:30 am Easter Sunrise  
Service

8:00 am Breakfast (following  
Sunrise Service)

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Parish Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Easter Service -  
*The Resurrection of our Lord*

## **EASTER GIFTS - 2024**

If you would like to place an  
Easter Lily in the church or  
would like to simply give a

Chestnut Drive, SW in  
Concord. The walk will take  
place in the Logan  
Community. If we  
experience inclement  
weather, we will hold the  
event in the Sanctuary at  
Grace Lutheran. We hope  
you will plan to participate.

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

Bring your baskets and join  
us for crafts, stories, snacks  
and Easter Egg Hunt,  
Saturday, March 30 at 2:00  
p.m. We will gather on the  
St. James Playground to  
begin the Easter rotations.

We are collecting plastic  
eggs filled with individually  
wrapped candy for our  
Easter Egg Hunt. Please  
make donations by Friday,  
March 29. There is a  
container by the portico door  
to collect your donations.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2024**

### **Children and Volunteers...**

Please save the dates July  
28-30, 2024 for Vacation  
Bible School. All volunteers  
will be required to have a  
current Safe Gatherings

donation in memory/honor of someone - please return the form provided in the bulletin by placing in offering plate or mailing to the church OR call/e-mail the church office (704-786-0166/info@sjnc.net) There will be a Gift List with the names of donors and those that are being memorialized/honored placed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

*Cost \$20.00 per flower or a donation*

Deadline: March 23, 2024

background check. Please contact Debbie in the church office to receive instructions as to how to complete this process. She will then give you written instructions as to how to fill out information online.

## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**24-March** Elliot Horton, Charlie Pittard

**25-March** Madeline Degrace, Audrey Glatz, Jill Strahl

**28-March** Skyla Hardister, Frank Irvin, Timothy Propst

**29-March** Jerry Hopkins

**30-March** Anne Hodges, Joe Propst Jr.

## SUNDAY MINISTERS

### LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

**March 24** Frank Irvin

**March 28** Mark Murphy

**March 29** Frank Irvin

**March 31** (Sunrise Service)

Elizabeth Hurley

**March 31** Margaret Garrison

### COMMUNION ASSISTANT

**March 24** Margaret Garrison

**March 28** Mark Murphy

**March 29**

**March 31** (Sunrise Service) Ann Blackwelder

**March 31** Mark Murphy

### VIDEOGRAPHER

**March 24** Samantha Hillegass

**March 28**

**March 29**

**March 31** (Sunrise Service)

Wendell Overby

**March 31** Debbie Davis

### MARCH USHERS

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

### BUILDING SUPERVISOR -

**March 24** Tommy Propst

**March 28** Mike Rinker

## ACOLYTES

March 24

March 28

March 31 Joshua Rinker

## GREETERS

March 24 Joyce Smith

March 31 Samantha Hillegass

March 29 Frank Irvin

March 31 (Sunrise Service)

Kenny Propst

March 31 Joseph Beasley

## ALTAR FLOWERS

March 24

March 31 Dale & Barbara  
Merrell

**Reminder:** Altar Flower Chart is posted in the portico area and there are a lot of available dates. Please consider placing flowers at the altar on a Sunday this year. Cost is \$100 for two arrangements.

# CHURCH NEWS



## Members of St. James

- Tom Grady
- Tom Ridenhour
- Noah Clifton

## Family and Friends

- Linda and Paul Jones (family members of Barbara and Dale Merrell)
- Susan Tadlock (friend of Deb Black)
- Mary Dorothy White (friend of Patsy Black)

# CHURCH RESOURCES

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.

[Give Now](#)



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## ST. JAMES STAFF

- Rev. Bill Ridenhour, *Pastor* [Email](#)
- Jill Irvin, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
- Holly Sloop, *Communications Coordinator* [Email](#)
- Scott Foppiano, *Organist / Director of Music* [Email](#)
- Debbie Wilkinson, *Interim Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
- Kathryn Radcliffe, *Nursery Coordinator* [Email](#)
- Teresa Honeycutt, *Custodian* [Email](#)
- Debbie Davis, *Congregation President* [Email](#)

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