



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



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## **Ring Out - Week of May 12, 2024**

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*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we

have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

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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 Live Stream

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### On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

#### The Week Ahead

**Sunday, May 12**

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Parish Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

**Monday, May 13**

10:30 am Quilting Group

6:30 pm Scouts

6:30 pm Bible Study

SUNDAY

#### Sunday Ministries

**LECTOR/INTERCESSOR**

**May 12** Margaret Garrison

**May 19** Barbara Albright

**COMMUNION**

**ASSISTANT**

**May 12** Kim Haberman

**May 19** Samantha Hillegass

**ACOLYTES**

**May 12**

**May 19**

**Tuesday, May 14**  
Noon Lively Leisures  
6:00 pm Congregation  
Council

**Wednesday, May 15**  
6:00 pm Bella Voce  
7:00 pm Parish Choir

**Thursday, May 16**  
6:00 pm Handbells

**Saturday, May 18**  
*Leah's Hope Trailor*

**Sunday, May 19**  
*Day of Pentecost*  
9:00 am Adult SS  
9:00 am Parish Choir  
9:30 am Children's SS  
10:00 am Worship

**GREETERS**  
**May 12** Judy Benz  
**May 19** Barbara Albright

**VIDEOGRAPHER**  
**May 12** Jean Beasley  
**May 19** LeAnn Miller

**MAY USHERS**  
Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin,  
Tony Folino, Nick Lovelace,  
Jason Pittard.

**BUILDING SUPERVISOR**  
Pat McDonough

**ALTAR FLOWERS**  
**May 12** Jill Strahl  
**May 19** Gretchen Walker

Online Calendar



**Happy Birthday!**

**14 May** - Lisa Folino  
**17 May** - Liz Klein  
**18 May** - Harrison Propst, Amy Whisnant  
**19 May** - Nick Lovelace

**Volunteer!**

Please consider volunteering for one for the remaining 2024 dates.  
Contact **Scott Foppiano** directly to sign up as lector.



Lector



Communion  
Assistant



Videographer

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## Altar Flowers



Please consider placing flowers at the altar this year!  
Cost is \$100 to cover the two arrangements.  
Click below for open dates.

Sign Up for Altar Flowers

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## Events & Programs

### Lively Leisures -

Join us this coming **Tuesday, May 14 at noon** for the final Lively Leisures before summer break! This month's guest is Spencer Swain, Executive Director of Families First discussing Cabarrus Bilingual Preschools. Please RSVP to [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net).

Lively Leisures is a senior program that meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month (September through May) for lunch, fellowship, and presentation.



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**Let the Grand Pipes Play  
- A Sunday Afternoon  
Organ Concert**



Save the date for **June 4 at 4pm** at St. James for a recital that's not your typical recital! Enjoy works by Chopin, Clarke, Gounod, Massenet, Sullivan, St. Saens, Gilbert and Sullivan, Lefebure-Wely and Mendelssohn. More to come!

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## Acolyte Recruitment

DID YOU KNOW...

That Acolytes are not just for children or young adults? All are welcome and can be included, young and old, male and female. Please read on for some catechetical and really enlightening information about this unique ministry!

An acolyte is an assistant or follower assisting the celebrant in a religious service or procession. In many Christian denominations, an acolyte is anyone performing ceremonial duties such as lighting altar candles. In others, the term is used for one who has been inducted into a particular liturgical ministry, even when not performing those duties.



St. James is a liturgical church, which means that we share in a tradition of worship that goes back to the early days of Christianity. The term “liturgy” comes from a Greek word meaning “the work of people.” We take so much care for the liturgy not because we want it to be pretty or have a fixation about it, but because it is the lived-out expression of what we believe, offered to the praise and glory of God. And you, as an Acolyte, play a very important role in carrying out the liturgy.

For as long as people have been worshipping in churches, there have been acolytes who prepared these sacred spaces and assisted the clergy before, during and after the services. The word acolyte comes from the Greek word for follower – akolouthos. It used to be that only boys and young men could be acolytes. Today, being an acolyte is open to all – men and women – young and old.

As an acolyte you are part of the worship team – the Clergy, choir and musicians, Holy Communion assistants, Lector Intercessors – who together with the entire congregation join in worshipping God. With your role comes responsibility. You participate and help lead worship in a manner far more important to the reverence and order of our liturgy. Your role adds beauty, grace and solemnity.

The church that establishes a good acolyte program will discover, with the passage of time, that it not only renders a better service to its congregation but it is also laying a foundation so that those who are serving as acolytes may have a closer relationship with their church and their God both now and throughout their lives.

Please give prayerful consideration to becoming a servant-leader as a St. James Acolyte. Training will be provided and you will be a most welcome addition. And remember: it's not just for children – all may serve!

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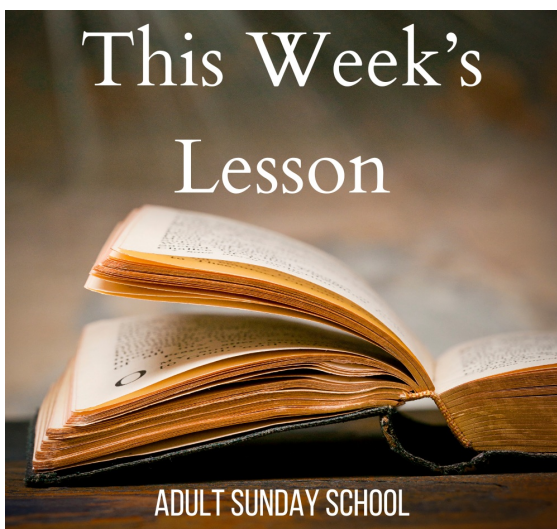
## High School & College Graduates -

Are you about to celebrate your commencement from High School or College or Graduate School? Would you please remind us by calling or emailing the office? As is tradition at St. James, we are planning a time to recognize and celebrate your accomplishments. [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net) | 704-786-0166

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## An Invitation for Middle & High School Youth

Mike Holt and Pastor Bill invite you to a time when we can listen to you. Please come on **Sunday, May 19th at 4pm** and help us, help you. What does a youth ministry that you want to be a part of look like for you? Join us Sunday the 19th and help us learn from you.



## Adult Sunday School

### Summary for Sunday -

Jesus continues to emphasize the Interconnection between Himself and God the Father. He warns the disciples that the World will hate them as it has hated Jesus, but not to fear because they have victory over the World thru Jesus and His Helper, the Holy Spirit.

Click below for Sunday's outline.

[Lesson outline for 5/12/24](#)

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Sundays @ 9:00am in the Flex Room

## In Case You Missed It!



### Monthly Council Summary

The St. James Congregation Council meets the second Tuesday of each month. Click below for a summary of last month's meeting.

#### [April Council Meeting Summary](#)

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### Reminders:

#### John and Alma Cook Memorial Scholarship

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 2024/2025 academic school year.

Interested applicants can email [holly@sjnc.net](mailto:holly@sjnc.net) for an application. Please confirm if you are a first-time or returning applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms.

**Deadline to return application is June 1, 2024.**

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**JOHN & ALMA COOK  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP**

Registration Open

Deadline to Apply:  
June 1, 2024

info@sjnc.net sjnc.net

**BIBLE  
STUDY  
Returns!**

Mondays @ 6:30pm  
Fellowship Hall

#### Spring Bible Study

Bible Study has returned for the Spring. Join us in the Fellowship Hall **every Monday at 6:30pm** through May 20 for the Year of Mark (Cycle B in the lectionary).

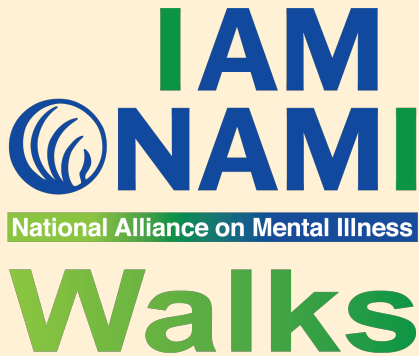
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#### Vacation Bible School

Please save the dates **July 28-30, 2024** for Vacation Bible School. All volunteers will be required to have a current *Safe Gatherings* background check. Please contact the church office to receive instructions as to how to complete this process.  
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## More...



## National Alliance for Mental Illness

NAMIWalks powers the life-changing work of NAMI Cabarrus, And NAMI Cabarrus powers “Mental Health for All.” Join NAMIWalks Cabarrus on **May 18, 2024 at 9am** at Frank Liske Park.

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

**Registration is live** | Vendor opportunities available. -NAMI Cabarrus Super Team ([namiwalks.org](http://namiwalks.org))



## Free Cabarrus County Pre-K!

Do you live in Cabarrus County?  
Will your child turn 4 years old on or before August 31?  
Would you like to know if you qualify for an upcoming preschool program?

Visit [www.cabarruspartnership.org](http://www.cabarruspartnership.org) or call 704-933-8278 for info!



# IN OUR PRAYERS



Tom Grady  
Tom Ridenhour  
Noah Clifton  
Linda & Paul Jones  
*(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)*  
Susan Tadlock  
*(Friend of Deb Black)*  
Mary Dorothy White  
*(Friend of Patsy Black)*



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.

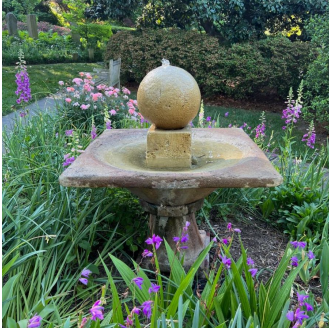
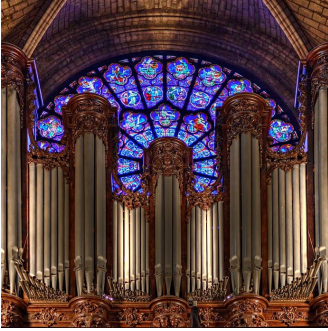


Ways to Give

**Keep in touch!**

Follow St. James on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)!

Be sure to tag [@stjamesnc](#) when posting so we may share!



*The LORD is near to all  
who call on him,  
to all who call on him in  
truth.*

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### **St. James Staff**

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