



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



Ring Out - Week of May 19, 2024

Day of Pentecost

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate

that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

Download Bulletin



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

On the Calendar...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, May 19

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

Monday, May 20

10:30 am Quilting Group

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

May 19 Barbara Albright
May 26

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

May 19 Samantha Hillegass
May 26 Christine Ruff

6:30 pm Scouts
6:30 pm Bible Study

Wednesday, May 22

6:00 pm Bella Voce
7:00 pm Parish Choir

Thursday, May 23

10:00 am - Drive Thru
Graduation for Bilingual
Preschool (back lot)
6:00 pm Handbells

Sunday, May 26

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

ACOLYTES

May 19

May 26

GREETERS

May 19 Barbara Albright

May 26 Maureen Hollmeyer

VIDEOGRAPHER

May 19 LeAnn Miller

May 26 Laura Patterson

MAY USHERS

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Pat McDonough

ALTAR FLOWERS

May 19 Gretchen Walker

May 26 Joyce Smith

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

19 May - Nick Lovelace

20 May - Karen Benson, Greg Hartman, Rich Rezza, Louise Walker

21-May - Beverly Heilig, Emma Parks, Ethan Patterson

22 May - Wayne King

23 May - Grayson Downs, Mason Overby

Volunteer!

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



Lector



Communion
Assistant



Videographer

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](#)

This week:



Please join us after worship this Sunday, May 19 at 11:15am in the Fellowship Hall as we recognize our graduates!

Thomas Baker - graduating from Davidson College

Noah Pittard - graduating from JM Robinson High School

Lauren Irvin - graduating from a Pediatric Residency at Brown University

Hudson Davis - graduating from Cannon School

Hayden Burroughs - graduating from Northwest Cabarrus High School

Anna Grace Craver - graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School

Caroline Bestler - graduating from Appalachian State University

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 **this 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 prays for the Disciples in His Final Hours with them. This is followed by Jesus' Arrest and Trials before the Jewish Authorities, and Pontius Pilate, Peter's Denial of Jesus, and Jesus is sentenced to death.

Click below for Sunday's outline.

[Lesson outline for 5/19/24](#)

Sundays @ 9:00am in the Flex Room

Back Lot Occupied Thursday -

A friendly notice - our partners at the Bilingual Preschool will be hosting a drive-thru graduation on **Thursday, May 23 from 10am - noon** utilizing the parking lot at the portico entrance. The garden lot is

recommended for anyone coming in during that time.



May Council Summary Available



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN
CHURCH
GROWING IN CHRIST
EST. 1843

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

[May Council Meeting Summary](#)

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 for an application. Please confirm if you are a first-time or returning applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms.

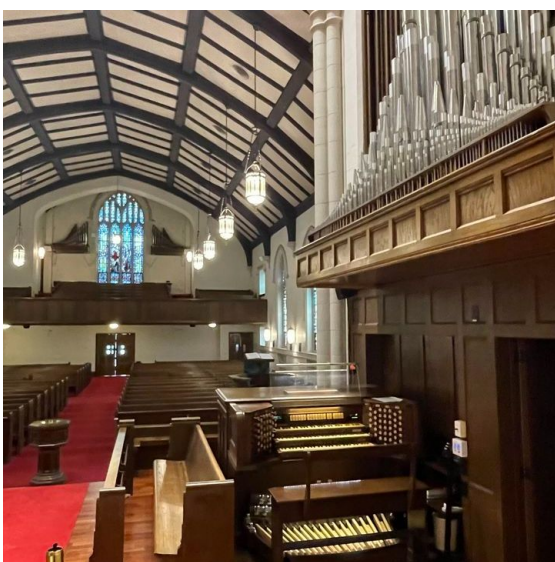
Deadline to return application is June 1, 2024.

**JOHN & ALMA COOK
MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP**

Registration Open

Deadline to Apply:
June 1, 2024

info@sjnc.net sjnc.net



Let the Grand Pipes Play - A Sunday Afternoon Organ Concert

Save the date for **Sunday, June 9 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!

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! **Contact Scott Foppiano for information.**



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.
info@sjnc.net | 704-786-0166

More...



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 or call 704-933-8278 for info!

IN OUR PRAYERS



Tom Grady

Tom Ridenhour

Noah Clifton

Angie Buchanan

Linda & Paul Jones

(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)

Susan Tadlock

(Friend of Deb Black)

Mary Dorothy White

(Friend of Patsy Black)



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Ways to Give

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



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