

Ring Out

A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WORSHIP SERVICES THIS WEEK

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

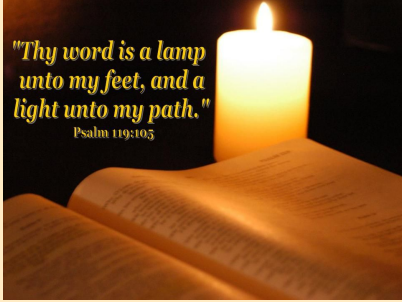
Sunday Service of Holy Communion
10:00 a.m.

[Worship Bulletin for February 9](#)

Wednesday Chapel
12:05 p.m.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR THE WEEK**

"Thy word is a lamp
unto my feet, and a
light unto my path."
Psalm 119:105



First Reading Isaiah 58:1-9a

Psalm Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

Gospel Matthew 5:13-20

[Lessons for February 9](#)

HYMNS FOR FEBRUARY 9

Lots of well-known melodies this week. If you run across one you don't yet know, however, I think you'll find these are the kind of melodies that quickly become familiar. The Communion and Sending Hymns in particular were composed intentionally in an accessible style.

One note outside the world of hymnody: this week your chancel choir is singing a setting of "This Little Light of Mine," and it is stunning. Hopefully you'll be there to hear it.

- Dearest Jesus, at Your Word (ELW 520)
- Break Now the Bread of Life (ELW 515)
- You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (ELW 484)
- Rise, Shine, You People! (ELW 665)

[Listen to the Hymns
for the Week](#)



EPIPHANY MUSICAL LITURGY

Since we're launching into the season of Epiphany this Sunday, here's our musical liturgy for the next few weeks. Two melodies from Schubert, two Lutheran chorales, and - for folks who enjoy the popular idiom - Marty Haugen's Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful.

- **Kyrie** - from Franz Schubert's Deutsche Messe
- **Gloria** - the Lutheran chorale Allein Gott in der Höh
- **Offertory Hymn** - Marty Haugen's Let the Vineyards
- **Sanctus** - from Franz Schubert's Deutsche Messe
- **Agnus Dei** - the Lutheran chorale Christe, du Lamm Gottes

[Listen to the Liturgy Music
for the Week](#)



GOD WITH US

Take a moment to listen to the still small voice of God within the bustle of the day which has begun. Find a quiet place where you can enjoy precious moments of peace in God's presence. Sit quietly and listen to the sounds of the world

around you, both outside and in the place where you are. Breathe slowly and rest in God's presence.....

Knowing you are with us in the ebbs and flows of our everyday lives, your Spirit's presence within our hearts, your gentle whisper guiding our steps, your warm embrace when times are hard, your hands held out each time we fall. Knowing you are with us in our everyday lives is blessing enough for today. Amen.

ON THE CALENDAR



SUNDAY Feb. 09

9:00 Sunday School
9:00 Choir Rehearsal
10:00 Worship
5:00 Jr. Youth
6:00 Sr. Youth

MONDAY Feb. 10

10:30 Quilting Group
6:30 Boy/Cub Scouts

WEDNESDAY Feb. 12

12:05 Chapel
1:00 Chair/Mat Yoga
5:30 Wednesdays Together
6:00 Handbells
7:00 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY Feb. 13

10:30 Singing Seniors at
Universal Health & Rehab

FRIDAY Feb. 14

7:00 Valentine's Dinner at
Calvary (Youth Fundraiser)

SATURDAY Feb. 15

10:00 Celebrating Sobriety

SUNDAY Feb. 16

9:00 Sunday School

TUESDAY Feb. 11

6:00 Congregation Council

9:00 Choir Rehearsal

10:00 Worship

11:15 Evangelism

11:30 Pre-Confirmation

2:00 Confirmation

5:00 Jr. Youth

6:00 Sr. Youth

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

09-Feb Jimmy Marlow, Sr.

10-Feb John King III

11-Feb Natalie Sheldon

12-Feb Jean Beasley

13-Feb Wade Bestler

13-Feb Jeff Carpenter

15-Feb Lori Pittard



CHURCH EVENTS



**February 12 at
5:30**

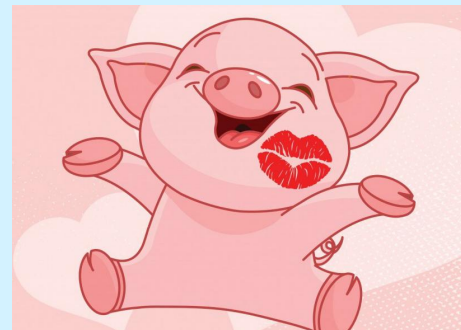
*Bible Study follows the
meal.*

February 12 Menu

Baked Chicken with Potatoes
Salad, Bread
Dessert

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

**Ready to share a smile with
someone special this
Valentine's Day?**



Give a fruit-tree seedling (\$10), honeybees (\$20) or a piglet (\$30) in honor of your valentine and help someone around the world overcome hunger and poverty. Each gift provides a sustainable source of food, income or both, to help a family

in need. This Valentine's Day, let us share the love of Christ far and wide!

Donate now and you can mail, print or email one of our **limited-edition cards** to let your valentine know about your gift. All card options are available after checkout.

[Shop Now](#)



YOUTH VALENTINE'S DINNER FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
7:00 PM**

This is one of the largest fundraisers the youth ministry has for the year and because of that, all youth are asked to participate in this event.

Please invite your friends and family members to join us for this special event in the fellowship hall at Calvary Lutheran. There is not a set cost but we ask for your generous donations. Deadline for reservations is Noon on February 12.

[Make Your Reservation Now](#)

The February Lively Leisure luncheon will be in the church fellowship hall on Tuesday, **February 18 at 1200 p.m.** The Phoenix Readers will present the program. For more information, contact Sylvia Corl.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



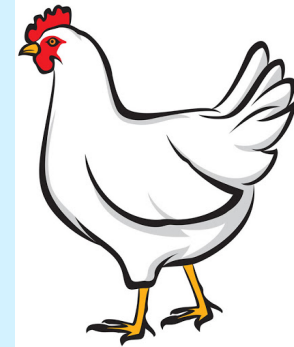
NATIONAL LUTHERAN CHOIR TOUR

The award-winning National Lutheran Choir, based in Minneapolis, will be touring the Southeastern U.S. with three FREE concerts in North Carolina. The 60-voice choir, led by Artistic Director,

David Cherwien, will perform a wide-ranging program celebrating the depth and breadth of the Lutheran choral tradition. You can hear them on **February 20** in Hickory, on **February 21** in Raleigh, or on **February 22** in Charlotte. There will be a group from St. James going to the concert. If you are interested contact Rob Keene. rob@sjnc.net

[Find the details here](#)

HOMEMADE CHICKEN NOODLE / CHICKEN DUMPLING SUPPER



Saturday, February 15 beginning at 4:00 p.m.
Mount Olive Lutheran Church,
9400 Gold Hill Road, Mt. Pleasant.

Chicken Noodles / Chicken Dumplings, Slaw, Tea, Coffee, Homemade Desserts Freewill donation, suggested \$7/plate.

Proceeds support Mt. Olive Women of the ELCA Outreach Projects.



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN 275TH ANNIVERSARY

This year St. John's celebrates the anniversary of the church's inception. For 275 years our church has led members and visitors into a relationship with our one God and his son Jesus Christ. Join us throughout this year for our many events, services and celebrations.

[Schedule for 2020](#)

CHURCH NEWS



TIME AND TALENT

Over the next several weeks you will be completing your Time and Talent sheet for 2020. In it, you will find a number of opportunities to use your gifts to grow in love and trust of God and be about the work of Christ. You may wonder how one person's gifts can make a difference...but small changes, small commitments, small acts of mercy in the hands of a great God will accomplish far more than we

can ever imagine in ourselves, our families, our community, and the world.

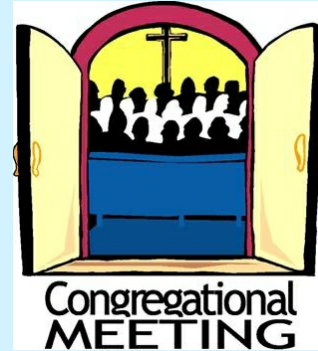
So prayerfully consider completing a form and returning it to the church office.

[Complete Online](#)

[Download and Print Form](#)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting at the beginning of worship on Sunday, February 23. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive the annual reports. Thank you to everyone who has submitted the information included.



Cabarrus
Bilingual Preschool

at St. James

BILINGUAL PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool Enrollment for 2020 – 2021 begins February 1st. Email office@familiesfirstcc.org or call Aurora Swain at 864-379-9603 and or the main office 704-786-5613.

OUR STEWARDSHIP

**Contributions and Receipts
for February 2, 2020
\$38,784.91**

(\$8,414.00 needed per week)



ONLINE GIVING

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](#)

DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

The new devotional books, Our Daily Bread are now available in the narthex and also in the book rack outside the office. This devotional has daily readings, short meditations and prayers for each day. This issue is March, April and May.



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