

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



THIS WEEK- MAY 10



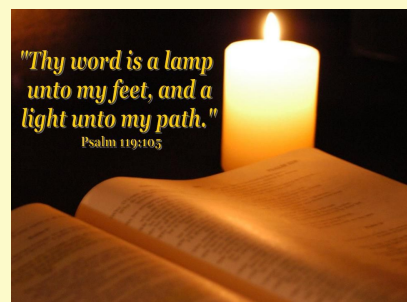
Worship Bulletin - May 10

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Acts 7:55-60
Psalm Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel John 14:1-14





Online Worship for Sunday, May 10 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.



**St. James YouTube
Channel**



**St. James Facebook
Page**

SYNOD WORSHIP
for May 10
Pastor Athena Thomasson-
Bless, preaching



The bishop's staff will provide a **video recording** for worship this

coming Sunday which can be accessed from the **synod's YouTube channel** by the end of this week.

The staff will also offer **live worship this coming Sunday at 10 a.m.** with Pastor Athena Thomasson-Bless preaching. This worship is available by Zoom for online or call-in connection. **CLICK THIS Zoom link to join.** [Meeting ID: 997 5636 6561 Password: none Join by phone: +1 646 876 9923]

NC Synod Worship Service



CONGREGATIONS RE-GATHERING

Bishop Tim Smith

Bless your hearts, and mine, too! A friend of mine insists that southern cliché is more mannerly code for "You're pitiful!" Jeff Foxworthy used this example: "I do believe that is the ugliest baby I have ever seen...bless his heart." In all seriousness, we might not be pitiful, but most of us have had our share of valid pity parties of late. This whole virus and what it's precipitated on almost every level around the globe simply stinks. This virus is pitiful...and I won't even honor it with a "bless its heart!"

Read the Bishop's Full Reflection



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY MUSIC

I encourage you to listen to these three pieces, because:

1. The entire recording is relatively short, and
2. You know the hymn melodies, for real

The hymn melodies are primarily associated with the 23rd Psalm, and that's why they pop up on Good Shepherd Sunday (St. Columba was included in this morning's worship). It's also fun to hear the Wright and Leighton settings back-to-back, because they both start in the same place (even the same key), but quickly diverge.

If you've been joining us for Sunday worship, you know I've been pairing Gregorian chant (Gerald Near's pieces with Latin titles) and Easter hymn settings by Sebastian Bach. While both beautiful and utterly appropriate for worship (the chants, in fact, are appointed specifically for the day you hear them), they likely are unfamiliar to you. I hope today's Scooby Snack will offer music with which you'll be able to hum along. - **Rob**

[Listen on Soundcloud](#)

CHURCH NEWS



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 10

9:30 am Online Worship Service

Monday, May 11

2:00 pm Confirmation Zoom

Tuesday, May 12

6:00 pm Youth Zoom Meeting

6:30 pm Zoom Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 13

6:00 pm Youth Zoom Meeting

Sunday, May 17

9:30 am Online Worship Service

10:00 - Noon Drive-In Food Drive

11:30 am Pre-Confirmation Zoom

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

11-May Hollis Miller

14-May Lisa Folino



St. James Lutheran Church

Drive-In Food Drive

Sunday, May 17 10:00 am - Noon

On Sunday, May 17, simply enter the church back parking lot and stop near the portico at the back entrance to the church. A volunteer will remove your donations from your car and take them to the truck provided by CCM. For more details and items needed, click below.

Food Drive Information



WALK CABARRUS

We are challenging the entire community to "Walk Cabarrus" and reach our #1BillionSteps goal!

Walk Cabarrus is a community-wide walking campaign focused on creating a healthier community. This initiative was born out of the **ChildrenWIN** Steering

Committee's goals and is an invitation encouraging people to get out and walk more. It is a campaign to get children walking, to have families walk together, neighbors, co-workers... everyone!

The Walk Cabarrus campaign is also an invitation encouraging people to get out and walk throughout our communities in Cabarrus County and all the places they can participate in active living.

Once you've registered, join the **Bell Tower Trotters** and invite your friends, family, and co-workers to join you in the county-wide challenge. Log your steps online to count towards this amazing step goal.

Register for Walk Cabarrus

COOK SCHOLARSHIPS

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church to help pay their tuition. The



Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the fall and spring semesters of the school year 2020/2021. Please contact the church office by phone or email keith@sjnc.net to receive a first time or returning application. The deadline to return the application will be **June 1st, 2020** to be considered for a scholarship this fall.

Please contact Kenny Propst with any questions that you may have regarding the application process at 704-467-2300 or fcpinc@vnet.net.



Lively Leisures

LIVELY LEISURES

The Lively Leisure luncheon and program has been cancelled for May 19. The summer break this year will include June, July and August. The next

Lively Leisure luncheon and program will be on September 15, 2020 at St. James. Wishing everyone a good summer.

Stay safe and well, Sylvia

YOUTH NEWS

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

I have checked Google, Yahoo and have asked Siri, it's confirmed that the Class of 2020 is a very unique class in that they, as far as can be found, are the only, nation-wide class that will not have a traditional graduation ceremony. This graduating class is a class of strength, acceptance, adjustment, compliance and sacrifice and has given up more than probably any high school class has ever done. They have missed their final competitions, final championships, final playoffs, their prom, their only senior day, honors and awards recognition, their final goodbyes to their friends and their final day of class came and went and they didn't know it happened until it was over.



In recognition of their success, contribution and their graduation from high school, we, the St. James and Calvary Youth Ministry would like to honor them with a Baccalaureate Service. In order to make this a

success we are inviting you to take part in creating the positive memory they deserve.

[Read Mike's Full Article](#)



ONLINE YOUTH MEETINGS

All in-person Youth meetings and activities are currently cancelled. Online Zoom meeting will be held

Sunday, May 10 at 6:00 Code 375 225 931

Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 Code: 468 883 755

INFORMATION

FACEBOOK PAGE

Want to see photos, events, news items on Facebook? Follow St. James on Facebook. Go to www.facebook.com and search for:

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YOUTUBE CHANNEL

**St. James Lutheran Church
Concord NC**

Go to the YouTube website. www.youtube.com then search for **St. James Lutheran Church Concord NC** Subscribe to St. James' YouTube channel where service videos and other videos from time to time will be uploaded. Once you subscribe, turn on Notifications so you will know when a new video is uploaded.

INSTAGRAM

Do you like photos and videos? Then follow [stjamesnc](#) on Instagram. Download the

Instagram app on your smartphone or tablet, create an account and then search for St. James.



WEBSITE

Check out St. James website, www.sjnc.net. There you will find links to Church News, Events, Publications including bulletins, newsletters, and online worship services, and lots more.

Visit our website

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.



The need for your giving and support continues, even though we have had to cancel gathering and corporate worship services.

Give Now

ST. JAMES STAFF

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- **Mike Holt**, Youth and Family [Email](#)
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