

St. James Lutheran Church

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

Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



WORSHIP THIS WEEK - JUNE 21



Worship Bulletin June 21

3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

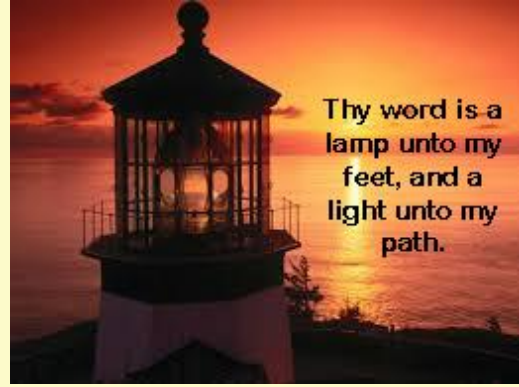
FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13

Psalm Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18

Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11

Gospel Matthew 10:24-39



Readings for June 21



Online Worship for Sunday, June 21 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**



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Page**

**"So do not be afraid;
you are of more value
than many sparrows."**

Matthew 10:31



Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. *Matthew 10:29-31*

CHURCH NEWS



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 21

9:30 am Online Worship Service

Wednesday, June 24

6:00 pm Youth Meeting - Zoom

Sunday, June 28

9:30 am Online Worship Service

11:00 am Pre-Confirmation

2:00 pm Confirmation

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

21-Jun Joann Bratton
22-Jun Fuller Beasley
23-Jun Samuel Haberman
25-Jun Bill Hardister
26-Jun Tony Mosley
26-Jun Bailey Peterman
26-Jun Wilson Propst, Jr.
27-Jun Phyllis Freeman
27-Jun Phyllis Harward



DRIVE-IN WORSHIP



We gathered together (apart) on Wednesday evening for our first drive-in worship service. What a joy to see each other again (from a distance)! Stay tuned for the date for our next drive-in.



WITNESSES TO THE TRANSCENDENT

June 5, 2020

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

An amazing thing happened in March. Churches were closed but more people came to church. Millions of us were complying with shelter-in-place and physical distancing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local officials to stop the spread of the coronavirus. In a matter of days our lives were completely disrupted. The places where we sheltered became our offices, classrooms, day care centers and recreational facilities. Traffic dissipated—I was tempted to leave my house and drive unimpeded up and down the Kennedy Expressway just because it was possible.

Measures to slow the spread of the disease work against in-person gatherings. Coming together for worship wasn't possible. Maintaining 6 feet of distance between people, refraining from touching and wearing face masks aren't conducive to corporate worship. I was in a CDC briefing that pointed out that singing was right up there with sneezing and coughing in spreading the virus. Conventional all-together-in-the-building church was out.

[Read the Full Article](#)

MOMENTS WITH MATTHEW!

It is that time of year again! Join us for the NC Synod summer online Bible study sponsored by the synod's Engage the Bible Task Group (a Book of Faith ministry). This summer's study—*Moments with Matthew*—begins **Sunday, July 5**.



You can participate by

- **Subscribing to receive the study daily in your inbox,**
- Watching daily posts on the **synod's Facebook page**
- Watching **the synod's website** for daily posts.

YOUTH NEWS

YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER 2020

Youth Ministry of St. James and Calvary will suspend all summer gatherings for our Youth and Children Ministries.

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Youth Ministry, Concord, NC

[Read the Full Article](#)



ONLINE YOUTH MEETINGS

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

Wednesday, June 24 at 6:00 Code: 468 883 755

THIS WEEK



God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it Dad

~Anonymous



CURRENT FOOD NEEDS - CCM

We continue to operate a drive-through pantry here at the Crisis Center, and almost all of our satellite pantries are back open, using a similar model. Food donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours.

Our current big needs are:

- Any kind of canned vegetables
- Any kind of canned beans
- Any kind of canned fruit
- Soup
- Rice
- Toilet paper and paper towels

As always, we especially seek:

- Low sodium items
- No-added-sugar items
- Whole grain items.

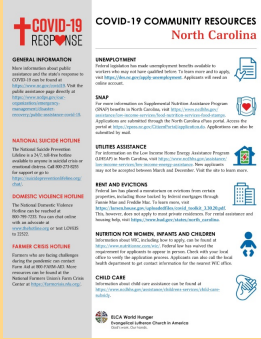
Right now, we have plenty of the following:

- Dried Beans
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Cereal
- Plastic Grocery bags

AMAZON SMILE

Father's Day is June 21 and many of you will be shopping for Dad on Amazon. Remember that by selecting Amazon Smile, a percentage of your purchases go to support Saint James Evangelical Lutheran Church. by shopping at smile.amazon.com.





COVID-19 RESOURCES

ELCA World Hunger offers a set of state-specific one-pagers designed for people to learn how to access things like SNAP, unemployment and other emergency assistance during the COVID-19 crisis.

Community Resources for NC



LUTHERANS AND NETFLIX

The ELCA has found itself in the Netflix spotlight recently. The Netflix series **Sweet Magnolias**, written by ELCA member Sheryl Anderson, began streaming May 19 and features a fictional ELCA congregation. The main characters turn to their church for the community, grace and support that Lutherans can count on. Meanwhile, the Rev. Noah Hepler of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Atonement appeared on season 5 of *Queer Eye*, with his congregation and his mindset getting a makeover from the Fab Five. Give these great Lutheran-



STREAM 'JUST MERCY' FOR FREE

From the New York Post: While the protests over George Floyd's death rage across the nation, Warner Bros. has reacted by making its 2019 film "**Just Mercy**" available to stream for free for the month of June on a number of platforms for racial justice education. The courtroom drama tells the true story of lawyer Bryan Stevenson (Michael B. Jordan), who appealed the 1988 murder conviction of an innocent black man, Walter McMillian (Jamie Foxx).

featuring shows a watch!

[Read the article from the NY Post.](#)

CHURCH RESOURCES

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.

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

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