

# St. James Lutheran Church

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

## Ring Out A Weekly Newsletter



## WORSHIP THIS WEEK - JUNE 7



Worship Bulletin June 7

### HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.

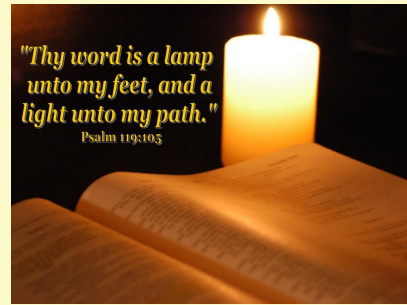
# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**First Reading** Genesis 1:1--2:4a

**Psalm** Psalm 8

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

**Gospel** Matthew 28:16-20



Readings for June 7



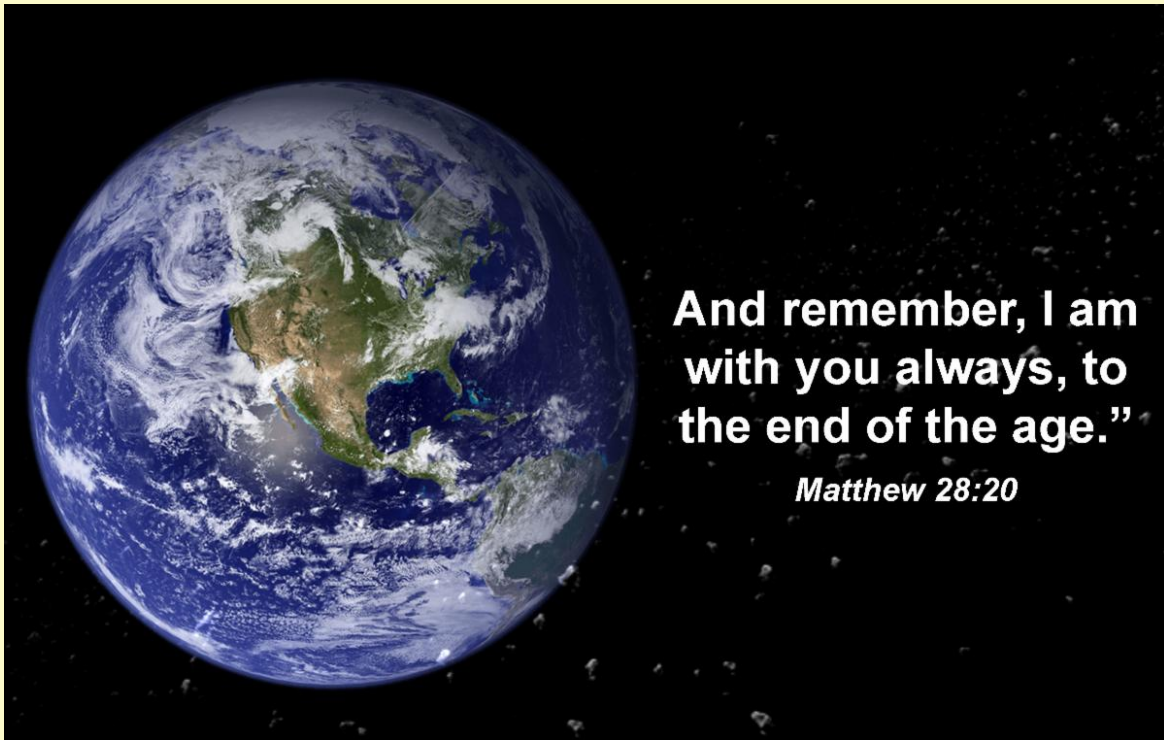
Online Worship for Sunday, June 7 will be available on Facebook and YouTube at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. An email with links will be sent when the online worship service is posted. You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.



**St. James YouTube  
Channel**



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**And remember, I am  
with you always, to  
the end of the age.”**

*Matthew 28:20*

## CHURCH NEWS



### ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

#### **Sunday, June 7**

9:30 am Online Worship Service  
6:00 pm Youth Zoom Meeting

#### **Wednesday, June 10**

6:00 pm Youth Zoom Meeting

#### **Sunday, June 14**

9:30 am Online Worship Service  
6:00 pm Youth Zoom Meeting

### BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**07-Jun** Marvene Rose

**09-Jun** Don Eng

**09-Jun** Gunter Klauss

**09-Jun** Grant Weisel

**10-Jun** Linda Hartgen

**10-Jun** Michael Strahl

**11-Jun** Rachel Larkin





## A NEW LOGO FOR THE NC SYNOD

Over the last two years the North Carolina Synod has been clarifying our purpose. Quite simply we **exist for the sake of the world** so that all may know the grace and love of Jesus Christ. With this purpose comes a new logo—a visual

representation of this call: a call to be first centered in Jesus Christ and sealed with the cross of Christ forever AND a call to open ourselves, our doors, our scriptures to engage, radically welcome, and love God's diverse creation.



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## TAKE A DEEP BREATH

*Bishop Tim Smith*

"I can't breathe." So it was for lumps of clay at creation that God called human beings. So God breathed breath into them, animating them, empowering them—in short, giving them life. But not only life like all of the other plants and creatures. No, these creatures were special, made in the very image of God, and thus entrusted with moral deliberation and choices that would have implications for their perfect relationship with God, with each other, and with the creation itself. Recently we marked well over 100,000 deaths in the U.S. alone due to COVID-19. We're also witnessing a boiling point, or as **Dr. Shanitria Cuthbertson in her Pentecost sermon** described it on so many levels, a "lament within a lament." Racial injustice and tension have passed a *kairos* tipping point due to the systemic racism that treats black lives at best as sadly expendable and at worst blatantly deplorable.

How ironic that the simple and desperate statement is the same for those who have succumbed to COVID-19 and those whose black and brown lives have been snuffed out in public view in an endless litany... Ahmaud. Breonna. George..."I can't breathe." Even worse is that only now are many white people beginning to have even a glimpse into what our image-of-God sisters and brothers have long endured. It's so easy to look the other way when it's not me or my

relatives. Privilege quietly and even subconsciously relishes having the upper hand and then numbs itself to any narrative other than the status quo. Actor Will Smith's 2018 quote rings all the more true today. "Racism is not getting worse. It's getting filmed."

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**To Register Please Call  
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**[tinyurl.com/VirtualOfferingsWNC](https://tinyurl.com/VirtualOfferingsWNC)**

**Virtual Classes Offered**

## YOUTH NEWS



### ONLINE YOUTH MEETINGS

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

**Sunday, June 7 at 6:00** Code 375 225 931

## YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER 2020



Greetings to you all!

I hope this finds everyone doing well and staying healthy. There have been a lot of questions asked about this coming summer's Youth Ministry Adventures and up until this point, it's been a wait and see, and then a few more updates would come in and then a little more time to wait and see.

A lot of work, time, study, keeping up with updates and then making changes and adjustments, have been put into making a safe as possible summer for our Youth Ministry. While we were working and planning, a synod task force was doing the same, with the purpose of finding the best and the safest recommendations possible. The task force will be proposing their recommendations to the NC Synod Council that met last Saturday. Included in the proposal to the Synod Council was a recommendation that there not be any children and youth gatherings from now through, as it stands currently, September 1, 2020.

Wednesday evening the Youth Committee met and after a very long conversation, the committee felt it best for the health and safety of everyone, that our Youth Ministry respectfully accept and follow the No Gathering of Children and Youth proposal presented to the Synod Council.

**So, it is with a very heavy heart that we announce the Youth Ministry of St. James and Calvary will suspend all summer gatherings for our Youth and Children Ministries.**

However, the good news is, THAT FALL IS COMING! Plans are being made as we speak to provide a safe as possible environment for our up and coming Fall season. These plans include a lock in, mini End Zones, a brand new game that can be played inside as well as outside. We are also excited for our new car magnets that are coming soon, as well as our new van magnets and there is even more in the works. We will also continue to gather online through the summer by using Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 and we will be looking for mini opportunities to make a difference to others.

Please, let's not waste this time and count it out. Summer is still coming, it's just that our plans for the summer have been adjusted.



This does give us the opportunity to think way outside of the box, to make adjustments and to dream about how our Youth Ministry will look when we are able to gather again.

I look forward to the day we can see each other in person and throw high fives with great enthusiasm. Thank you all for your support and please stay safe and well.

Peace, Mike

## INFORMATION

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**St. James Lutheran Church  
Concord NC**

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

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