

Ring Out

A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WEEK OF OCTOBER 11



Worship Bulletin Oct. 11

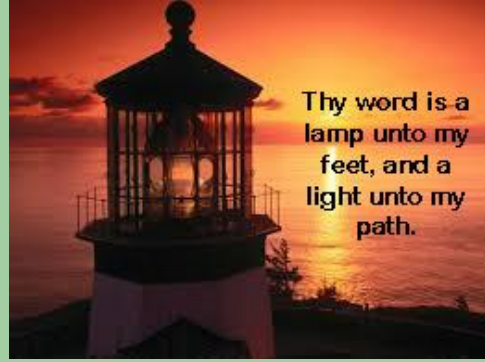
19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm Psalm 23

Second Reading Philippians 4:1-9
Gospel Matthew 22:1-14



Thy word is a
lamp unto my
feet, and a
light unto my
path.

Readings for October 11



Online Worship for Sunday, October 11 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.

CHURCH NEWS



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 11

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
1:30 pm Virtual CROP Walk
5:00 pm Zoom Youth Meeting

Tuesday, October 13

6:00 pm Congregational Council

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 pm Drive-In Worship/
Communion

Thursday, October 15

6:30 pm Bible Heroes Pre - 2
7:00 pm Bible Heroes 3 - 5

Saturday, October 17

6:30 pm Drive-In Movie @
Calvary

Sunday, October 18

9:30 am Online Worship Service
10:00 am Zoom Sunday School
5:00 pm In-Person Youth

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

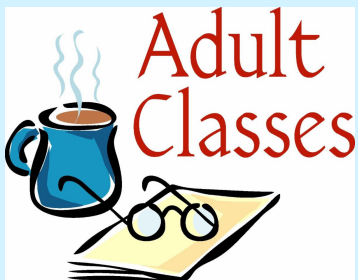
11-Oct Susan Miller

12-Oct Patsy Black

15-Oct Erin Everett

15-Oct Morgan Trott

17-Oct Isla Glatz



Adult Classes

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ZOOM

Do you miss your Sunday School Class? Do you miss the interaction of lively discussions over scripture and it's application to today?

Frank Irvin will be offering a Zoom Sunday School class on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited. Click on the link below to join in the discussion.

[This Week's Lesson- A New Beginning-Noah](#)

[Click to Join by Computer, Tablet or Cellphone](#)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Postponed Until Later



From the Pastor

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. (Philippians 4:4)

You may think that's easy for Paul to say...but not really. Paul writes these words from prison, facing an uncertain future. The same is true for the church in Philippi. There are those who have come preaching the necessity of circumcision and of following the laws of Judaism, and the church is in conflict.

So how can Paul, how can they, possibly rejoice? They can rejoice

because they are not alone: the Lord is near (4:5); the peace of God (which surpasses all understanding), will guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (4:7); and in prayer and thanksgiving and setting their mind on Christ, the peace of God will be with them (4:9). It is this truth, this promise that enables them to think about and be about whatever is honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable, worthy of praise...in other words, the work of Christ.

The same is true for us. In the middle of a pandemic, political turmoil, social distancing, economic uncertainty, not to mention it's been nearly seven months since we last gathered in person to worship... how can we possibly rejoice? Well, we are not alone, the Lord is near – guiding us, sustaining us, and through us continuing to proclaim the gospel through social media and feeding the hungry, and caring for the neighbor.

As for resuming worship, while Governor Cooper announced a transition to phase three, the recommended numbers for mass gatherings did not change (25 indoors; 50 outdoors). This, however, doesn't mean we are biding our time. The Health and Safety committee has presented a proposed regathering plan to the church council which will be approved in some form, this coming Tuesday (October 13). We will then make the plan available to the congregation, so you are familiar with the necessary safety procedures for regathering.

In addition, over the next several weeks we will be preparing the facilities, training ushers and greeters, and planning the changes that will be necessary for worship, so that after Governor Cooper's next update on October 23, and in consultation with the North Carolina Synod, we are ready to resume in-person worship.

In the meantime, we will continue to offer weekly worship using social media, and on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month we will offer a Drive-In Holy Communion service on the top floor of the parking deck beside the church. It is a beautiful setting, and we invite you to join us.

Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity and patience. And remember, we really do have a lot to rejoice and to give thanks for...for the Lord is near and faithful.

Pastor Tony

PUMPKIN / POPCORN SALE

Saturday, October 10

Our Boy Scout Troop is selling pumpkins and popcorn at the church this Saturday to help offset the cost of Scouting. Popcorn and pumpkin prices range for \$10 to \$15 each . We will be in the portico parking lot from 9:00 am until Noon. Pull up, make your selection and we will deliver to your car. Social Distancing will be practiced. We accept cash, checks and credit cards.



DRIVE-IN WORSHIP Communion Wednesday, October 14

Join us on October 14 at 7:00 pm for Drive-In Worship with Communion on the top level of the parking deck beside the church. More information and the bulletin will be sent out the first of next week. Plan now to join together, safely distanced and worship with your St. James' family.

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

Seminary Snapshot Day

Join us on **Wednesday, October 21**, for an online snapshot of Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary life! We'll begin our day talking about discernment and God's call to ministry.



We'll attend chapel together, and you'll have the opportunity to sit in on a class. We promise lots of breaks and opportunities for conversation. Because you would normally take time out of your usual schedule to come in person to our campus, we hope you will carve out the day to spend with a sense of retreat. Create a comfortable space to dwell for the day, a place conducive to deep conversation and listening to what God is saying about your life and your call.

[Register today for LTSS Snapshot.](#)

SOCIAL MINISTRY

2020 CABARRUS COUNTY

CROP Hunger “Virtual” Walk

Sunday, October 11



Q: What is a virtual walk?

A: It's an actual walking activity, but for reasons of safety and social distancing, participants will commit to walking on their own or in small groups in their neighborhoods, parks, or trails on walk day. We won't be gathering in one large group this year and the time and length of the walk is flexible.

Q: What's the date and time of the walk?

A: Sunday, October 11th at 1:30 PM. (Although, the time is very flexible.)

[FAQs about the Virtual Walk](#)

[Register to Walk](#)

*Thank
you*



Dear Friends at St. James Lutheran Church:

I was so excited when we received your check for \$500 to help our local child care providers with cleaning supplies and personal protection supplies. I want to thank everyone for your support and for remembering the child care providers in Cabarrus County. You guys are amazing!

We know there are many charitable causes in our community, but we are so honored that you are supporting our child care providers and their families. Thank you again for your generosity.

Fondly, Ann Benfield, Executive Director

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

**FAMILY MOVIE
NIGHT**

SHOWING
NATIONAL



TREASURE

SATURDAY NIGHT,
OCTOBER 17 6:30 –
9:30

Upon arrival at Calvary, you will be given a parking

spot along with a slip of paper. The slip of paper will have a Bible Story on it. Your task is to draw your given Bible Story in your assigned parking slot. At the end, we will have a drone shot taken of all the art. Around 7:15 ish, we will start the movie. Come and enjoy our time together. Chalk will be provided.

Please bring:

- Your own chairs and/or blanket to sit on.
- Mask are to be worn at all times.
- Bring your own snacks and drinks.
- Bug spray for your family.

Social Distancing is always practiced. There is a maximum limit of 50 people. If we have more than 50 people, the last in will be asked to sit in their car and listen through the radio.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT OUR FIRST FAMILY
DRIVE IN MOVIE NIGHT!**

YOUTH REGATHERING

We were able to gather in person in March and that was the last time we were able to meet in person, up until NOW! The Synod Guidelines have change and now Youth and Children may gather together within these guidelines:

- · Outside only
 - · Wear masks
 - · Practice social distancing
 - · Have no more than 25 people total
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- **October 11** All Youth through Zoom
 - **October 18** In-Person All Youth 5:00—6:00.
 - **October 25** TBA



CHURCH RESOURCES



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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