

Ring Out

A Weekly Newsletter



St. James Lutheran Church

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

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8



Worship Bulletin Nov. 8

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

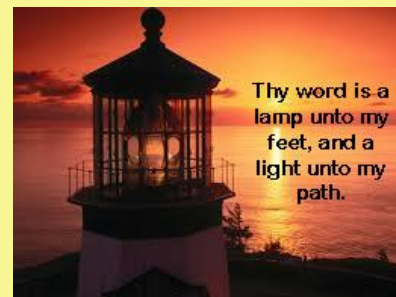
SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading Amos 5:18-24

Psalm Psalm 70

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Matthew 25:1-13



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

Readings for November 8



ONLINE WORSHIP

Online Worship for Sunday, November 8 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.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

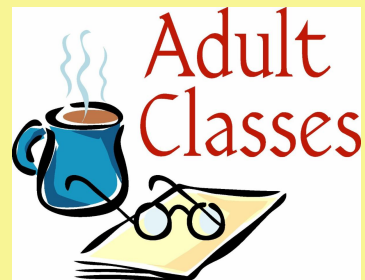
In-person worship will resume on November 15 at St. James. Social distancing, distanced seating, masks, and temperature checks will be required. Congregational singing will not be an option indoors, but we will have music and other means of congregational participation. We understand that not everyone will be comfortable returning to the building so the recorded service will still be available on-line.

[Plan for Returning to Worship](#)

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. Please have a Bible or Bible App ready because we're going to look outside the texts listed in the lesson. Click on the link below to join in the discussion.



[Study Guide- Abramham and Isaac](#)

[Join Zoom Class](#)

CHURCH NEWS



ON THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 8

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

Tuesday, November 10

6:00 pm Congregation Council

Wednesday, November 11

7:00 pm Drive-In Communion
9:30 pm College Online

Thursday, November 12

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

Friday, November 13

7:00 pm Youth Drive-In Movie

Sunday, November 15

10:00 am In-Person Worship Service
5:00 pm Youth In-Person Meeting

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

- 08-Nov. Deb Bradshaw
- 09-Nov. Chip Harward
- 10-Nov. Edith Gonynor
- 10-Nov. Orietta Grady
- 10-Nov. Bradley Propst
- 11-Nov. Jazmin Harward
- 11-Nov. Ben Kuly
- 11-Nov. Erin Kuly
- 11-Nov. Tom Ridenhour
- 14-Nov. Kim Johnson



COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

A reminder that all nominations for Congregation Council must be received in the church office by **November 8**. If you are nominating someone, please be sure that they are willing to serve. You can access the nomination form at:

<https://forms.gle/ziZnrG1BZzhzKEDn8>



ANNUAL MEETING

November 22

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22 to vote on the proposed budget and elect our Church Council members for 2021. For those who choose not to attend this meeting in person, ballots will be received by mail and electronically from November 16-22. Ballots (both paper and electronic) will be provided by November 16.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

CUDDLE UP COAT DRIVE

The Cabarrus Partnership for Children kicked off its 14th annual Cuddle Up Coat Drive on October 1st. This winter, more than ever, we need your help to ensure all of our community's children are warm.



In an effort to keep our families, children, and staff safe, we will not be accepting coats, socks, underwear, mittens or hats this year. Instead we are asking for checks (written to St. James Lutheran Church, note Coat Drive in the memo line), so that the Partnership staff can purchase the coats and winter items that local children need.



CCM FOOD PANTRY

Donations can be dropped by the church during office hours. Pull up under the Portico and call the office. 704-786-0166

Our current big needs are:

- Canned Green Beans
- Canned Corn
- Baked Beans (Pork & Beans)
- Other canned beans except for Pinto (black, kidney, chili, etc.)
- Any dried beans
- Rice
- Pasta Sauce
- Canned pasta w/ meat (spaghetti w/ meatballs, ravioli, etc.)

As always, we especially seek low sodium items, no-added-sugar items, and whole grain items.

Right now, **we have plenty** of the following:

- Canned chicken and tuna
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Pinto Beans
- Canned fruit
- Spaghetti noodles
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Toilet Paper

CHURCH-WIDE NEWS

NC Women of the ELCA: *The Bulletin*



NC Women of the ELCA are busy during these pandemic days! Take a look at some of the things they are doing by reading their November newsletter: *The Bulletin*. Among other things, you'll find a story of Girl Scouts cleaning up the NC Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

[Read the NC Women of the ELCA's "The Bulletin Nov. 2020"](#)



HOSPICE / PALATIVE CARE

For more than 35 years, Hospice & Palliative Care of Cabarrus County has been providing expert, personalized and compassionate care for those nearing the end of their life due to an illness or a disease for which there is no cure.

Hospice care focuses on helping the patient feel as comfortable as possible, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

For the past 10 years, Hospice has partnered with Carolina Memorial Park on a project that gives families an opportunity to memorialize a loved one and raises awareness for the work that HPCCC is doing in the community. For a minimum \$3 donation, you can purchase an ornament that will be inscribed with your loved one's name with all proceeds benefiting Hospice. During the holidays, the ornaments will

be displayed on lighted trees at Carolina Memorial Park, 601 Mt. Olivet Rd. in Kannapolis.

Thank you in advance for your support. For questions, call 704-403-5277 or email Kristen.Kitchen@atriumhealth.org.

Order Form

YOUTH & FAMILY NEWS

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

- **November 8** Youth Zoom
- **November 13** Youth Drive-In Movie
- **November 15** Youth In-Person
- **November 22** Youth Zoom
- **November 29** No Youth



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](#)

ST. JAMES STAFF

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- **Jill Irvin**, *Financial Administrator* [Email](#)
- **Keith Sutton**, *Parish Administrator* [Email](#)
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