



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

Week of Sept. 6, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept. 6

*Supply Drive Deadline for God's work.
Our hands.*

9:00 am Choir
10:00 am Worship

Monday, Sept. 7

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 8

12:00 pm Lively Leisures
6:00 pm Congregation Council

Thursday, Sept. 3

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Sept. 13

9:00 am Choir
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am God's work. Our hands.

Coming Up

Sonshine Backpacks September Drive
Sept. 21 & 22 - My Father's House Shelter Ministry
Oct. 11 - CROP Walk
Oct. 17 - Meals on Mission Meal Packing
Oct. 25 - Trunk or Treat 🎃

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Sept. 6 Barbara Albright
Sept. 13 Kim Haberman

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Sept. 6 Elizabeth Hurley
Sept 13 Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTES

Sept. 6 [Volunteer](#)
Sept. 13

GREETER

VIDEOGRAPHER

Sept. 6 Anthony DePaulis
Sept. 13 [Volunteer](#)

SEPTEMBER USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Michael Rinker

ALTAR FLOWER

Sept. 6 Kim Haberman

Sept. 6 Volunteer
Sept. 13

Sept. 13 Open

Sign Up to Volunteer

Lector

Communion
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

Happy Birthday! 🎂

Sept 6 - Sophie Horton, Trey Horton, Dylan Urso

Sept. 8 - Laura Overby, Edith Propst

Sept. 9 - Dianne Lambert

Sept. 10 - Ryan Patterson, Alisa Wickliff, Libby Williams

Sept. 11 - Riece Pittard

Announcements



Help Provide Food for *My Father's House*

St. James Lutheran Church will provide meals for *My Father's House Shelter Ministry* on Monday, September 21, and Tuesday, September 22. We're looking for volunteers to help provide side dishes and snacks for the families staying at the shelter.

Monday: Ham meal

Tuesday: Chicken strips

Suggested side dishes:

Mac & cheese • Bob Evans mashed potatoes • Baked beans
• Green beans • Corn • Noodle/pasta dishes • Vegetable casseroles • Fruit

Desserts: Think kid-friendly! Cookies, cupcakes, or any homemade treat are always welcome. 😊

The children especially enjoy having snacks during their after-school homework sessions.

Snacks: Lance crackers • Goldfish crackers • Juice boxes/Capri Sun • Fresh fruit

If you can help, please contact Martha Matthews at 704-787-2180. Martha will help you with a headcount.



Sonshine Backpack September Supply Drive

Help provide weekend food for local children in need through our partnership with Sonshine Backpacks.

Requested items include: shelf-stable milk, cereal, mac & cheese, canned goods, granola bars, juice, popcorn, and pudding.

Please place donations on the back kitchen counter by **Sept. 27**.

Questions? Contact Sylvia Corl or Gretchen Walker.



God's work. Our hands. - RSVP!

Help us prepare for *God's Work. Our Hands.* by donating supplies for Lutheran World Relief Kits that will support people in need around the world.

Supplies are need for:

- School Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Baby Care Kits
- Fabric Kits

Collection Dates: August 2 – September 6

Assembly Day: Sunday, September 13, following worship

If you plan to join us for the *God's work. Our hands.* Day of Service on Sept. 13th, please RSVP.

 ([CLICK TO RSVP](#)).

 T-shirts will be available after worship on September 6 and on September 13 for those who need one.

Donations:

Please place donations in the designated collection bins at the Portico Entrance.

Please consider donating supplies, [packing kits](#), or both to help serve our neighbors around the world.

[See flyer for complete list of needed supplies.](#)

Memorials & Honorariums

AUGUST 2026

Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Memory of:

Lee David Ballard

Given by:

Ed & Betsy Ballard

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Faggart

Given by:

Carolyn Miller

Thomas Myers Grady

Given by:

Eileen Beall
Ralph Barnhardt

In Case You Missed It...



Lively Leisures Returns

Lively Leisures returns **Tuesday, Sept. 8, at noon** with guest speaker Dr. Doug Kelling. The program is entitled *The Holocaust, The Bad, The Ugly, The Good and "I Don't Know."* Dr. Kelling's father, an Army doctor, was among the first doctors to enter the Dachau concentration camp at the end of World War II.



Bethlehem at the Farm - Volunteers Needed!

Step back in time to the night Jesus was born at Bethlehem at the Farm on **Sunday, December 6, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.** at the farm of Anita and Jeff Jones, just a few miles from St. James off Old Salisbury Road.

Together, we'll bring Bethlehem to life with a bustling marketplace, townspeople gathered around the fire, shepherds following the star, Mary and Joseph with the Christ Child, census takers, live animals, and more. Around 200 people from our community experience this special event.

But we need your help to make it possible! We're looking for about 50 volunteers from our congregation to help create this immersive Christmas experience. Volunteers are needed for just 3-4 hours, and there are a variety of roles available.

Please consider being part of this meaningful St. James tradition. [Sign up to volunteer through the form on our website.](#) Together, we can help our community experience the story of Christ's birth.

Reminders



Carols by Candlelight

If you or someone you know would enjoy being part of Carols by Candlelight, we'd love to have you join us.

Rehearsals Begin: Sept. 17 at 7:30pm

Dress Rehearsals: Dec. 7 & 9

Performance Dates: Dec. 11 & 12

For more information contact [Kevin Estes](#).

Volunteers Needed! Bethlehem at the Farm

Sunday, Dec. 6, 3pm – 5pm

In need of townspeople

Arrive at 2:30pm

Costume provided!



Scan QR Code
or sign up on the website!



In Our Prayers

Chip Allman

(Friend of the Marlow Family)

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Patrick Bryn

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Jay Clemmer

Noah Clifton

Karey Conrad

(Friend of Dee Pieschel)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Hunter Huss

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston

(Friend of Judy Benz)

Mary Anne Lanahan

(Aunt of Francie Davis)

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Ron Lee (neighbor of Kathryn Radcliffe)

Buddy McEachern

Jason Matthews

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Ruthie O'Brien

Nadine Filipak
(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)
Phyllis Freeman
(Mother of Fonda Shumate)
Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)
Ginger Gibbs
(Friend of Deedee & Jeff Gilbert)
Jeff Gilbert
Nancy Haney
(Loved one of Betsy Ballard)
Ryan Hardister
(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)
Linda Hartsell
Maureen Hollmeyer

(Friend of the Marlow Family)
Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)
Mason Overby
Stan Parnell
(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)
Al Pieschel
Corinne Robbins
Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)
Jessica Seeley
(Cousin of Christine Ruff)
Doris Smith
Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)
John Walker
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Weisel

Secure Online Giving

Supporting your church is just a few clicks away! With [online giving](#), you can make a one-time gift, set up automatic recurring donations on the date you choose, and view your complete giving history.

Automated recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide our church with much-needed consistent support throughout the year. Thank you for your faithful generosity.



Ways to Give

Volunteer!

Assisting in Worship

[Sunday Worship Volunteer Opportunities](#) are now open! We're looking for Ushers, Greeters, Communion Assistants, Lectors, Acolytes, and Videographers to help on Sundays.

Altar flower dates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up for flowers [online](#), on the sign-up sheet in the portico, or call the office at 704-786-0166.

Not sure where to start? Email us at info@sjnc.net for more information, training, or to connect with a volunteer team leader.

St. James Staff

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, Pastor [Email](#)
Jill Irvin, Financial Administrator [Email](#)
Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music Ministries & Organist [Email](#)
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