



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



Ring Out - Week of Mar. 16, 2025

The Second Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

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Sunday Worship will be live-streamed on YouTube beginning at 9:45 on Sunday morning. An email with the link will be sent on Sunday morning. You can also watch a recorded version later by visiting our [YouTube Page](#).

You can open or print the bulletin and follow along with the service.



[Watch the Live Stream](#)

On the Calendar...



The Week Ahead

*My Father's House Meal
Ministry Week*

Sunday, March 16

9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

Monday, March 17

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, March 19

6:30 pm Wednesdays in
Lent†

Thursday, March 20

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 23

9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Choir



Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

March 16 Barbara Albright
March 23 Margaret
Garrison

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

March 16 Samantha
Hillegass
March 23 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTES

March 16 Joshua Rinker
March 23 Samantha
Hillegass

GREETERS

March 16 Barbara Albright
March 23 Sylvia Corl

VIDEOGRAPHER

March 16

9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

March 23 Annette Propst

MARCH USHERS

Mike Downs, Al Brown Jr.,
Sid Hughes, Bill Hardister,
Hunter Huss

**MARCH BUILDING
SUPERVISORS**

Kim Haberman & Hunter
Huss

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 16
March 23

Online Calendar

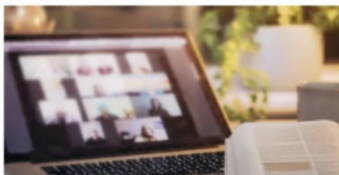


Happy Birthday!

16 Mar. - Tony Eury, Dee Pieschel
20 Mar. - Ann Gillon, John Marlow

Volunteer

Videographers



Communion Assistants



Acolytes



Lectors



Altar Flowers



Events/Ministries



Member Meal Train Opportunity

[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



Meal Train®

Announcements

My Father's House Ministry - Final Call for Meal Items

St. James and St. John's Lutheran will provide meals for My Father's House Ministry March 17-19. There are 4 adults and 8 children in the ministry. If you can help provide items for a dinner meal for **March 17 or March 18**, please contact Martha Matthews: 704-787-2180 or Sylvia Corl: 704-425-8621.



Friday Night @ The Movies

Attention: Middle and High School Youth!

Join us for a fun movie night at St. James in the Flex Room on **Friday, March 28th from 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.** We'll have pizza, games, and screen the movie: *The Astronaut Farmer*! Bring a friend, kick back, and enjoy the evening! [Please RSVP to assist us with planning!](#)



Egg Hunt Items Request: Plastic Eggs & Wrapped Candy

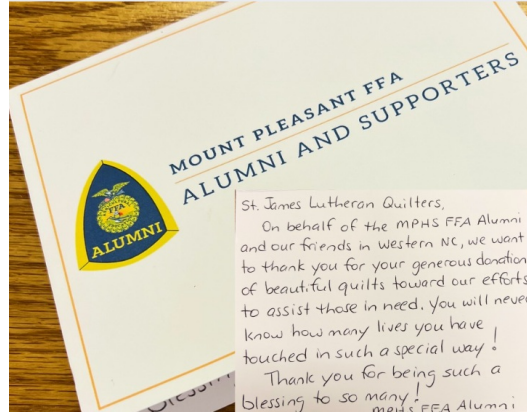
We are collecting plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy for our April 19th Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to contribute, please drop off your donations in the box by the Portico Door by **April 7**. Thank you!



Thank You Quilters!

This week, our Quilting Ministry received special appreciation from the organizers at Mount Pleasant FFA, who helped coordinate aid for Western NC following Hurricane Helene last fall. Thanks to our Quilters, 34 quilts were donated on behalf of St. James to those in need in Avery

County.



This Week's Lesson

Christ's Once-for-All Sacrifice - Hebrews 9:23-28; Hebrews 10:1-25

The book of Hebrews clarifies the relationship between the Old and New Covenants. Hebrews demonstrates how the regulations of the Law of Moses pointed to Christ and His Work. It's common in our culture now to paint God as distant, and that His silence is evidence He doesn't care; however, that is a false belief when we consider the actions of Jesus, who is now our great High Priest. He put on flesh and came to Earth to offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins! The Trinity that we worship are very actively involved in our lives and we praise them for it!

Reminders

Wednesdays in Lent

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9 - 6:30pm

Join us for a meaningful Lenten tradition of gathering on Wednesdays for prayer and study. On March 12, 19, 26, and April 2 and 9, we will come together at 6:30pm for approximately an hour of reflection. Each evening will include a prayer office and a study of the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday.



Confirmation Meeting - March 30

Parents and students of confirmation age are encouraged to join the Christian Education Committee and Pastor Bill on **Sunday, March 30th, after worship** for a Confirmation Planning Meeting.



We'll discuss the confirmation schedule and other details for the upcoming program. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
GROWING IN CHRIST
EST. 1843

EASTER EGG HUNT

Snacks
Stories
Candy

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH | 2:00PM

104 Union St. S. Concord, NC 28025

Bring your basket!

Prayers & Considerations

IN OUR PRAYERS

Joyce Beaty
(Friend of the Marlows)

Family of Michael Black
(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle
(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton

Bruce Coffey *(Friend of Mark Murphy)*

Karey Conrad *(Friend of Dee Pieschel)*

Catherine Durst
(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak
(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Anne Fridlund

Ed Frost *(Friends of the Marlows)*

Tim Gibson *(Friend of Deb Black)*



Tom Grady
Scott Harrington 
(Friend of Glenda Poole)

Linda Jones
(Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell)

Ruth Lawler
(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

Patricia Mahoney
(Sister-in-law of Joan Mahoney)

Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow
(Friends of Shannon Nesbit)

Jan Phillips
(Family of Brownie Brown)

Al Pieschel

Tom Ridenhour

Stan Parnell
(Friend of Robert Davis)

Geoff & Pam Seige
(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

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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.



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