



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

Week of Feb. 8, 2026

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

Introduction to Worship

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Feb. 8

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

Monday, Feb. 9

10:30 am Quilting

Tuesday, Feb. 10

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

Thursday, Feb. 12

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Feb. 15

9:00 am Adult Sunday School
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Congregational Meeting

COMING UP

Feb. 15 - Congregational Meeting (Potluck Lunch) after worship 

Feb. 18 - Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes/Holy Communion
Noon - Spoken Liturgy
7pm

Feb. 21 - Meal Packing with Lifeline Christian Mission

Feb. 22 - Preparing for Lent Luncheon after worship 

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Feb. 8 Christine Ruff
Feb. 15 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Feb. 8 Kim Haberman
Feb. 15 Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

Feb. 8 [Volunteer](#)
Feb. 15 [Volunteer](#)

FEBRUARY USHERS

Michael Rinker, Ashley Cline, Jeff Koenig, Barbara Albright

ACOLYTE**Feb. 8****Feb. 15****GREETER****Feb. 8** Laura Patterson**Feb. 15** [Volunteer](#)**FEBRUARY BUILDING SUPERVISOR**

Mike Rinker

ALTAR FLOWERS**Feb. 8** Joseph Beasley**Feb. 15** Rob & Debbie Davis[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)[Lector](#)[Communion Assistant](#)[Acolyte](#)[Videographer](#)[Altar Flowers](#)

Happy Birthday!

**Feb. 8 - Doris Smith****Feb. 10 - John King****Feb. 12 - Jean Beasley****Feb. 13 - Wade Bestler, Jeff Carpenter, Jacob Rinker**

Announcements



Volunteers needed! - Meal packing with Lifeline Christian Mission

Join us on **Saturday, February 21st, at 10:00am** at Gibson Mill for a morning of service with Lifeline Christian Mission.

We're looking for **60 volunteers** to help pack meals at various stations. The event will run from 10:00am to noon and all supplies including hairnets, gloves, and guidance will be provided.

With your help, we expect to pack 10,800 meals for those in need!

[Click here to sign up!](#)

Greeters Wanted



We are looking for Sunday greeters! Greeters are often the first friendly faces worshipers see when they arrive. They assist as needed alongside the ushers, help answer questions, and help identify new faces.

[If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please sign up on the Greeter Signup page.](#)

Reminders



Congregational Meeting - Feb. 15

The annual congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, February 15, following worship**, with a potluck lunch (bring a dish to share). The purpose of this meeting is the reception of the 2025 Annual Report and the election of Nominating Committee members.



Ash Wednesday - Feb. 18

Join us as we enter the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday services at **12pm** (spoken liturgy) and **7pm** on February 18. Services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.



This week's lesson...

Baptism and the Lord's Supper - Matthew 3:13-17; Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

Today, we are covering two very central doctrines of the Christian Church, and key to the teachings of the Lutheran Church! Different denominations have different beliefs about these things, and we'll discuss them. John the Baptist called the people to repent but Jesus will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire! The Lord's Supper is foreshadowed by the Passover meal first practiced in Egypt before God freed the people of Israel from slavery. The Lord's Supper we practice was instituted by Jesus Himself for us to eat and to drink! In this sacrament, we have forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation; where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation! God be praised for these precious gifts to us!

Volunteer



Assisting in Worship

Our 2026 **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 also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

Partner News



Amazing Grace Advocacy Spaghetti Fundraiser

We're excited to support [Amazing Grace Advocacy](#) and invite you to attend their Spaghetti Fundraiser on **Thursday, February 26**.

Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., with dinner from 4:00–7:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious meal while supporting an important mission. Proceeds benefit life and job skills programs for youth with disabilities.

[RSVP to assist with planning.](#)

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Caroline Bost

Patrick Bryn

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Noah Clifton

Karey Conrad

(Friend of Dee Pieschel)

Jennifer Cook

(Friend of Fonda Shumate)

Catherine Durst

(Daughter of Anne & Dee Hodges)

Nadine Filipak

(Friend of Al & Dee Pieschel)

Ed Frost (Friends of the Marlow's)

Jeff Gilbert

Tom Grady

Harriett Huss Hodge

Maureen Hollmeyer

Mary Frances Johnson

(Cousin of Francie Davis)

Karen Johnston

(Friend of Judy Benz)

Ruth Lawler

(Friend of Dee & Al Pieschel)

John Ledford (Brother of Deb Black)

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Dave Olsen (Friend of Patsy Black)

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Becky Phillips

Al Pieschel

Lori Pittard

Tom Ridenhour



Meal Train Opportunity

The Meal Train for St. James member Jay Clemmer is ongoing. Volunteers are invited to [sign up for dates](#) that work best for them.

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.



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