



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



Ring Out - Week of Mar. 23, 2025

The Third Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

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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...

THIS WEEK

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 23

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

Monday, March 24

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Scouts

Wednesday, March 26

6:30 pm Wednesdays in Lent †

Thursday, March 27

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 28

7:00 pm Youth Friday Night
@ The Movies ☐

Sunday, March 30

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

March 23 Margaret Garrison

March 30 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

March 23 Kim Haberman

March 30 Elizabeth Hurley

ACOLYTES

March 23 Samantha Hillegass

March 30

GREETERS

March 23 Sylvia Corl

March 30 Laura Patterson

VIDEOGRAPHER

March 23 Annette Propst

March 30

9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Confirmation
Planning Meeting ☐
4:00 pm Youth Gathering

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

**MARCH BUILDING
SUPERVISORS**
Kim Haberman & Hunter
Huss

ALTAR FLOWERS
March 23
March 30

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

- 23 Mar. - Chip Blackwelder, Tanner Poplin, Landon Trott**
- 24 Mar. - Elliot Horton, Charlie Pittard**
- 25 Mar. - Madeline DeGrace, Audrey Glatz, Jill Strahl**
- 28 Mar. - Frank Irvin, Timothy Propst**
- 29 Mar. - Jerry Hopkins**

Volunteer

Videographers



Communion Assistants



Acolytes



Lectors



Altar Flowers



Events/Ministries



Member Meal Train Opportunity

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



Announcements

Honor Your Loved Ones This Easter

Celebrate Easter by honoring your loved ones while helping to adorn our sanctuary with beautiful decorations. Tribute names will be listed in the Ring Out newsletter and in the Easter Sunday bulletin.



Order Deadline: Sunday, April 13, 2025

Cost: \$20 each

Payments can be mailed to the church (PO Box 684, Concord, NC 28026), dropped off at the church office, or made online.

[Place your order online](#) or by completing the insert in Sunday's bulletin.

Committee Spotlight

Social Ministry Committee

The Social Ministry Committee seeks to glorify God by uplifting our community through service and partnerships.

Some Ongoing Efforts:

Meal Packing: Volunteers packed 10,800 meals at Lifeline Charlotte and aim for annual events.

Blessing Box: Stocked two months out of the year with food and hygiene items in Rotary Square.

God's Work Our Hands: Annual September service day supporting various community projects.

Salvation Army & CVAN Meals: Providing meals for shelters throughout the year.

2025 Goals:

Grow the committee with new members.

Expand partnerships and service opportunities.

Continue supporting organizations within our church.

See this Sunday's bulletin insert for more detailed information!



Friday Night @ The Movies - March 28

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!](#)



The 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!

Save the Dates!

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY



Palm (Passion) Sunday, April 13

10:00 AM Worship & Palm Procession

Maundy Thursday, April 17

Noon & 7:00 PM Worship - Laying on of Hands & Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 18

12:00 PM The Death of our Lord
(Good Friday Service)

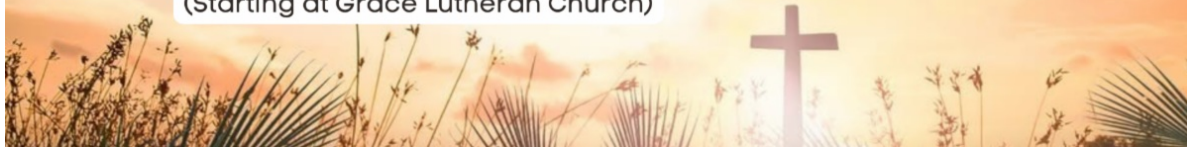
3:30 PM Stations of the Cross
(Starting at Grace Lutheran Church)

Saturday, April 19

2:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 20

10:00 AM Worship Service
Resurrection of
our Lord



Reminders

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!



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



The banner features a light blue background with a string of colorful bunting flags (green, red, yellow, blue) at the top. In the center is the logo for St. James Lutheran Church, which includes a cross and a dove, with the text "ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH GROWING IN CHRIST EST. 1843". Below the logo, the title "EASTER EGG HUNT" is written in large, bold, green letters. A pink rounded rectangle contains the date and time: "SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH | 2:00PM". To the left of this rectangle, the words "Snacks", "Stories", and "Candy" are listed in green. To the right, the text "Bring your basket!" is written in green. At the bottom, several colorful Easter eggs (blue, green, pink, yellow) are shown in a grassy field.

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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