



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



Ring Out - Week of Mar. 30, 2025

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake.

Rejoice!

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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

Sunday, 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

Monday, March 31

- 10:30 am Quilting
- 6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 1

- 10:30 am Mary Magdalene
- 6:00 pm Executive Council

Wednesday, April 2

- 6:30 pm Wednesdays in Lent †



Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

- March 30** Christine Ruff
- April 6** Kim Haberman

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

- March 30** Elizabeth Hurley
- April 6** Margaret Garrison

ACOLYTES

- March 30**
- April 6**

GREETERS

- March 30** Laura Patterson
- April 6** Laura Overby

VIDEOGRAPHER

- March 30** Annette Propst
- April 6**

Thursday, April 3

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 4

7:00 pm Youth Friday Night

@ The Movies □

Sunday, April 6

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

MARCH USHERS

Mike Downs, Al Brown Jr.,

Sid Hughes, Bill Hardister,

Hunter Huss

APRIL USHERS

Chip Popovici, Jimmy Harris,

Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Chip

Popovici, Phil Tesh

MARCH BUILDING

SUPERVISORS

Kim Haberman & Hunter

Huss

APRIL BUILDING

SUPERVISORS

Jeff Gilbert & Chip Popovici

ALTAR FLOWERS

March 30

April 6

[Online Calendar](#)



Happy Birthday!

30 March - Anne Hodges, Joe Propst, Jr.

1 April - Jeff Gilbert

4 April - Kathryn Craver, Austin Hoadley

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

Save the Dates - Vacation Bible School 2025

Children and Volunteers!

Please save the dates for this year's Vacation Bible School **July 20 - 22, 2025**. All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Please contact holly@sjnc.net to receive instructions on how to complete this process.



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.



Lesson Summary

Christ, the Atoning Sacrifice - 1 John 2:1-6; 4:9-17

The letters of the Apostle, John, states over and over what believers can know with certainty as it relates to Jesus Christ and His ministry to us. That Jesus was the Atoning Sacrifice, made once for all, He died, was resurrected, ascended into Heaven and now intercedes for us with God the Father! Through this Gospel, we have new life, and that new life enables us to keep His commands and show love for others. Glory to God for this certainty that He gives us, and the power to live our lives so that others can receive His love as well.

Join us for Holy Week

A graphic with a sunset background and a large cross silhouette. It lists the schedule for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. A scallop shell icon with a cross is in the top right corner.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY

Palm (Passion) Sunday, April 13
10:00 AM Worship & Palm Procession

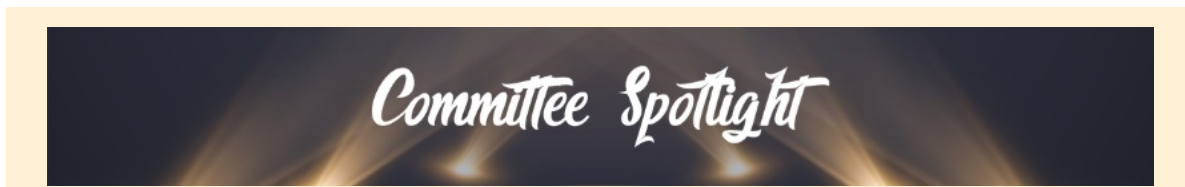
Maundy Thursday, April 17
Noon & 7:00 PM Worship - Laying on of Hands & Holy Communion

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

In Case You Missed It...



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!



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.



Upcoming Events



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

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!

Prayer List

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)

Online Giving

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.



Ways to Give

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