



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

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## Week of May 10, 2026

*The Sixth Sunday of Easter*

### **Introduction to Worship**

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

**Watch the Live Stream:**



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## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, May 10

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

### Monday, May 11

10:30 am Quilting

### Tuesday, May 12

Noon Spring Lively Leisures 🌸  
6:00 pm Congregation Council

### Thursday, May 14

6:30 pm Choir Practice

### Saturday, May 16

*Leah's Hope Trailer*

### Sunday, May 17

***Cook Scholarship Applications Due***

9:00 am Adult Sunday School  
9:00 am Choir  
9:30 am Children's Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
11:00am **Join us!** - Honoring our  
Graduates 🎓

[Church Calendar](#)

## Sunday Ministries

### LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

**May 10** Margaret Garrison  
**May 17** Barbara Albright

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

**May 10** Kim Haberman  
**May 17** Samantha Hillegass

### ACOLYTE

**May 10** Langdon & Calen MacFarlane  
**May 17** Noah Pittard

### GREETER

### VIDEOGRAPHER

**May 10** Jeff Gilbert  
**May 17**

### MAY USHERS

Wendell Overby, Frank Irvin, Tony  
Folino, Nick Lovelace, Jason Pittard

### MAY BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Wendell Overby

### ALTAR FLOWER

**May 10** Anonymous

May 10 Samantha Hillegass  
May 17 Jean Beasley

May 17 Anita Jones

**Sign Up to Volunteer**

Lector

Communion  
Assistant

Acolyte

Videographer

Altar Flowers

## Happy Birthday! 🎈

May 10 - Joshua Rinker

May 11 - Hollis Miller

May 14 - Lisa Folino, CoCo Hoekstra

## Announcements



*American Guild of*  
**ORGANISTS**

### Parish Choir Performing at American Guild of Organists Concert

The St. James Lutheran Parish Choir will be performing as part of a concert presented by the American Guild of Organists on **Saturday, June 14, at 4:00pm** at Providence United Methodist Church (Charlotte). Please make plans to attend this special afternoon of beautiful choral and organ music, and support our choir in this exciting performance!

*Lilly*

### Lively Leisures - This Tuesday

Join us this **Tuesday, May 12** for our final Lively Leisures of the spring, featuring presenter Kippi Laws from Eli Lilly.

Lively Leisures will pause for the summer and resume in September.

🎓 **Reminder: Cook Scholarship Deadline - Sunday, May 17** 🎓



  
**JOHN & ALMA COOK  
MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP**  
**Registration Open**  
Deadline to Apply:  
May 17, 2026

  [info@sjnc.net](mailto:info@sjnc.net)  [sjnc.net](http://sjnc.net)

The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2026/27 academic school year.

Open to St. James members of all ages (college and graduate students).

Pick up an application in the church office or email: [holly@sjnc.net](mailto:holly@sjnc.net).

**DEADLINE: MAY 17, 2026**

## In case you missed it...

Honoring Our Graduates - Sunday, May 17



  
**2026**  
MAY 17 | 11:00 AM

**HONORING  
OUR GRADUATES**

Join us as we celebrate our high school graduates and their accomplishments!

King Fellowship Hall  
Light refreshments provided

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

*Join Us!*

 ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
GROWING IN GRACE  
EST. 1843

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

This week's lesson...

Wow, how appropriate is it that our lesson subject on Mother's Day weekend is: Mary, the Mother of Jesus!

Luke's Gospel provides many details about Mary and her experiences - more than any other Gospel. Luke records the angel Gabriel's visit, Mary's miraculous conception, and details of Jesus' birth. The text from John's Gospel focuses on the two times that Mary is mentioned: 1) the wedding at Cana, and 2) at Jesus' crucifixion. Mary experienced joy beyond measure at times, and at others, excruciating pain as she watched the unfolding of God's perfect plan: the salvation of the world through Jesus Christ, our Lord! Mary was a model disciple. She knew the significance of Jesus' life and trusted that he could make a difference in times of need. Jesus was a model son. He did all could to provide care and support for his mother. Through it all, Mary didn't waiver in her belief, and her love and loyalty were rewarded by continued care and belonging in God's family!

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## Memorials from April



APRIL 2026  
**Memorials & Honorariums**  
*The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.*  
In Memory of:  
**Rev. Dr. Tom Ridenhour**  
Given by:  
Ginny Aull  
Fuller & Jean Beasley  
Joseph & Christine Beasley  
Libby Brewington  
Al Brown  
Will & Ann Gillon  
Kim Haberman  
Dee & Anne Hodges  
Maureen Hollmeyer  
Jerry & Nancy Hopkins  
Jill Herold & Joe Stanewick  
Emil & Penny Johnson  
Fred & Dianne Lambert  
Bobby & Carol Mawyer  
Jim & Laurie Miller  
Susan Miller  
Lex, Laura, & John Patterson  
Bob & Melissa Phillips  
Clenda Poole  
Patty Propst  
Joshua Rhodes  
Todd & Gretchen Walker  
Cheryl Webb



APRIL 2026  
**Memorials & Honorariums**  
*The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.*  
In Memory of:  
**Bill Fisher**  
Given by:  
Fred & Dianne Lambert  
**George Patterson**  
Given by:  
Ralph Barnhardt  
David & Teresa Chuber  
Dee & Anne Hodges

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## Partner News



ROTARY SQUARE  
**FARMERS Market**  
10 AM - 1 PM 111 UNION STREET SOUTH 5 MAY - 6 OCT  
EVERY TUESDAY

### Farmers Market Open for the Season

The Piedmont Farmers' Market is open now through October 6 every Tuesday from 10am - 1pm in Rotary Square (across the street).

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## Reminders

# SAVE THE DATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 26 - 28, 2026

All volunteers will be required to have a current Safe Gatherings background check. Contact the church office to volunteer.



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Amazing Grace  
Advocacy

## Amazing Grace Blessing Box Initiative

Amazing Grace Advocacy's *Life Skills Lab* helps keep the **Blessing Box** stocked every Tuesday & Thursday with support from ICAN. Donate non-perishable food or hygiene items in the **red collection bin** on the Portico Counter.





# Altar Flowers



*Consider providing altar flowers for a Sunday.*

Honor a loved one, celebrate an occasion, or mark a special date.

Any remaining flowers after worship are shared with the homebound members of our congregation.



[Click here to see available dates and to sign up.](#)

Please be sure to fill in the details of how you want the bulletin to read.

## 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)

**Phyllis Freeman**

(Mother of Fonda Shumate)

**Ed Frost** (Friends of the Marlow's)

**Ginger Gibbs**

(Friend of Deedee & Jeff Gilbert)

**Jeff Gilbert**

**Tom Grady**

**Nancy Haney** (Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

**Ryan Hardister**

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

**Maureen Hollmeyer**

**Hunter Huss**

**Family of Dale Johnson** (Friend of Dale Merrell)

**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)

**Buddy McEachern**

**Barbara Merrell**

**Deb & Roger Myers**

(Friends of Deb Black)

**Dave Olsen** (Friend of Patsy Black)

**Mason Overby**

**Stan Parnell**

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

**Becky Phillips**

**Al Pieschel**

**Lori Pittard**

**Lori Ruff**

(Mother of Christine Ruff)

**Jessica Seeley**

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

**Ruby Tyer**

(Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)



## 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.

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## 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

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# 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 also available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

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