



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



Ring Out - Week of Nov. 3, 2024

All Saints Sunday

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that

God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Download Bulletin



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

Saturday, November 2
[7:00 pm A Concert of Celebration!](#)

Sunday, November 3
9:00 am Adult SS
9:00 am Choir
9:30 am Children's SS
10:00 am Worship

Monday, November 4
10:30 am Quilting

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR
Nov. 3 Frank Irvin
Nov. 10 Margaret Garrison

COMMUNION ASSISTANT
Nov. 3 Elizabeth Hurley
Nov. 10 Kim Haberman

GREETERS
Nov. 3 Cheryl Webb
Nov. 10 Samantha Hillegass

6:30 pm Bible Study
6:30 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Esther Circle

Tuesday, November 5

10:30 am Mary Magdalene
5:00 pm Executive Committee

Wednesday, November 6

5:30 pm Handbells
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 10

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

VIDEOGRAPHER

Nov. 3 Jean Beasley
Nov. 10 Open

USHERS

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

BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Elizabeth Hurley

ALTAR FLOWERS

Nov. 3 Elizabeth Hurley
Nov. 10 Dale Merrell

Online Calendar



Happy Birthday!

3 Nov. - Kerri Kiker
4 Nov. - David Klein
5 Nov. - Debbie Wilkinson
6 Nov. - Ed Ballard Sr.
7 Nov. - Brittany Wilson
8 Nov. - Shannon Nesbit
9 Nov. - Chip Harward

Volunteer!

Please consider volunteering for a Sunday ministry or special event!



Lectors

Communion
Assistants

Videographers



Altar Flowers

Special
Events

Acolytes

Announcements

**Join Us Tomorrow Evening for
A Concert of Celebration!**



A CONCERT OF CELEBRATION!

featuring

The St. James Parish Choir and Orchestra
under the new leadership of conductor
Dr. Kevin Estes, Director of Music

Alex Wilborn, trumpet

Kristin Olson, oboe d'amore

Keith McNabb, organ

Music of J. S. Bach and Handel, including the
Orchestral Suite No. 3,
individual concertos for trumpet, oboe d'amore and organ,
and featuring Cantata No. 129, *Gelobet sei der Herr*

November 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm

St James Lutheran Church
104 Union Street South
Concord, NC 28025

A freewill offering will be collected



Council Nominees & Congregational Meeting



Congregation Meeting

Sunday, November 24 after Worship
Budget & Council Elections; Potluck lunch

The Nominating Committee reports that at least five voting members of St. James Lutheran Church will stand for election to a three-year term of

service on Church Council. In alphabetical order they are:

Jeff Gilbert
Bill Hardister
Travis Nesbit
Lori Pittard
Cheryl Webb

Four seats will be elected. In addition to these five nominees, any voting member may nominate any voting member to stand for election. Please complete the form available from the office or in the narthex and return it to the office. You may also email info@sjnc.net. Please do not nominate an individual without securing their permission. Nominations close at the end of worship on November 10th.

Debbie Davis, Frank Irvin, Elizabeth Hurley and Dee Pieschel will conclude their term of service on Church Council.

AND NOW FOR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT:

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 24th following worship, not prior to worship. We will gather for a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. Yep, a Potluck. We eat what we bring. During lunch we will pause to conduct two items of business. They are (1) to act upon the recommended 2025 budget and (2) to conduct the church council election. A budget informational Q&A will be held at 9am on November 17th in either the Fellowship Hall or Flex Room.

[Click here the 2025 proposed budget.](#)

[Click here to download the Church Council Election Nomination Form.](#)



St. James: A Place of Vibrant Rest and Respite

Where do you go for help navigating this chaotic world that drains your energy and enthusiasm? St. James strives to be a place of respite and renewal where God's people help one another navigate these strange times.

Imagine St. James as a place of vibrant education and fellowship for all ages. Imagine our children gathered under the guidance of caring adults hearing the stories that build their faith foundations. Imagine our adults engaged in lively disagreement over how scripture influences a contemporary issue and not becoming disagreeable about it. Imagine our parents of young children enjoying their own coffee machine and the unique chance to sit for a moment and breathe with other parents just trying to breathe.

Imagine our middle and high school youth using their developing faith to help each other navigate the stress of being a teenager in this difficult world. Under the guidance of a dynamic youth and education leader, imagine our youth learning, laughing, serving and questioning in a safe space they prioritize on their calendars.

Imagine larger groups of the Saints at St. James impacting our community by serving together off property on a regular basis.

A new staff member trained in educational and youth ministries is vital to this vision and is the focus of stewardship at St. James for 2025. Please see mailing that was sent earlier this week or the bulletin insert on November 3.

Save the date! - Tree Lighting Dec. 1st



Ministries

Adult Sunday School

Confidence in God's Shepherding - Psalm 23

How appropriate that on this All Saints Sunday, we discuss THE Psalm that everyone knows, and has heard many times over! It is a Psalm of comfort and assurance that God is with us at all times in this life and promises that we will enjoy eternal peace with Him after we leave this valley of sorrow. We will discuss Psalm 23 in depth, and look at how it can impact our daily lives. Hope to see you then!



2025 Sign-Ups Available!

Volunteer opportunities



Please consider signing up for an upcoming Sunday ministry. Dates for 2025 are now available! Refer to the Volunteer section of this email or, [visit the website](#).

Acolytes Needed!

Please consider signing up to acolyte at an upcoming service.

All may serve - youth or adult! Just need to be able to carry the cross.

[Click here to sign up for an open date!](#)



Memorials & Honorariums

October Memorials & Honorariums

The following were given in memory or in honor of:

In Honor Of:
Katie's 36th Birthday
Given by: John & Connie King

In Memory Of:
Jack Cooper
Given by: Kathryn Radcliffe

Jo Eng
Given by:

- Julie Anne Autrey
- Ed & Besty Ballard
- Joseph Beasley
- Fuller & Jean Beasley
- Marion & Barbara Bost
- Keith & Rebecca Earnhardt
- Bernie & Catherine Edwards
- Della Ellis
- Margaret Garrison

Keith Fink
Given by:

- Robin & Barbara Hayes
- John & Fay Holmes
- Jeffery & Susan Lowdermill
- Buddy & Joan McEachern
- Glenda Poole
- Patty Propst
- Bill & Amy Rinker
- Louise Ripple
- Robert & Leigh Ann Ruehlem

Keith Fink
Given by:

- Julie Anne Autrey
- Ed & Betsy Ballard
- Fuller & Jean Beasley
- Joseph Beasley
- Al Brown
- Bradford Preparatory School
- Margaret Garrison
- Mary Ann Mills Graham
- Glenda Poole

Reminders:

A Message of Stewardship from Pastor Bill:

**BECAUSE GOD ACTS ...
Therefore We Grow in Faith and Love and Hope.**

[Click here for a message from Pastor Bill.](#)

Support Operation Christmas Child

Help bring joy to a child in need this holiday season by packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. Shoeboxes are available in the portico area, along with easy-to-follow instructions for packing and sponsoring a box.



Grab a box. Fill a box. Pray. Return by Nov 17.

GOOD NEWS. GREAT JOY.

Please remember to return your unsealed shoebox by **Sunday, November 17th**. Let's share God's love through this simple yet powerful act of giving!

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOV. 2 **A Concert of Celebration**
7pm; Choir and Orchestra Concert

NOV. 24 **Thanksgiving Worship**
6pm; Pie Party to Follow

NOV. 24 **Congregation Meeting**
After Worship (Budget & Council Elections)

DEC. 1 **Advent Tree Lighting**
5pm - Ornament Making
6pm - Lighting of the Christmas Tree

DEC. 8 **Bethlehem at the Farm**
4pm - 7pm
Volunteers Needed!

St. James Lutheran Church
sjnc.net | 704-786-0166

THANKS GIVING
Service

NOVEMBER 24
6PM

Join us for a special Thanksgiving Service at
6pm followed by a Pie Party
in the Fellowship Hall!

104 UNION ST. S.
CONCORD, NC
28025

704-786-0166

sjnc.net

Videographers Needed!

We need volunteers to assist with YouTube streaming for the remaining Sundays of 2024. It's simple—just a few steps at the laptop to start the stream, and you can control the zoom from your seat using a tablet (though zooming is optional). At the end of the service, you'll stop the recording and streaming and return the tablet.



If you're interested, we can arrange a time to walk you through the process, or you can shadow someone during an upcoming service. [Click here to sign up!](#)

This is a wonderful way to support our homebound members this holiday season!

Volunteers Needed!

Bethlehem at the Farm

Sunday, Dec. 8, 4pm – 7pm

In need of townspeople
Arrive at 3:30pm
Costume to be provided!

Scan QR Code

or visit: bit.ly/VolunteerBATF

Prayers & Considerations

IN OUR PRAYERS

Brad Baker
Joyce Beaty (*Friend of the Marlow's*)
Angie Buchanan
Mike & Debbie Cagle
(*Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis*)
Noah Clifton
Bruce Coffey (*Friend of Mark Murphy*)
Karey Conrad (*Friend of Dee Pieschel*)
Margaret Fink
Anne Fridlund
Ed Frost (*Friends of the Marlow's*)



Tim Gibson (*Friend of Deb Black*)
Tom Grady
Linda Jones
(*Family of Barbara & Dale Merrell*)
Annaleah, Michael, & Preston Morrow
(*Friends of Shannon Nesbit*)
Tom Ridenhour
Geoff & Pam Seige
(*Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis*)

Member Meal Train Opportunity

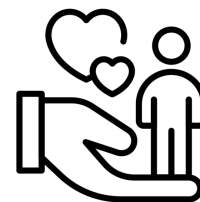
[Click here to support a meal train for Jay Clemmer.](#)



Meal Train®

Overnight Sitter Opportunity

Debbie Davis is looking for a sitter for the overnight hours for her mother. Paid position. Contact Debbie at 704-795-8743.



WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA RELIEF!

Make an offering to our neighbors in Western NC.

Gifts will be sent to the [NC Synod Disaster Fund](#) which assists our sister congregations with recovery needs.

Offerings received through **Sunday, Nov. 10** will be forwarded the following week.

Please note "HELENE RELIEF" on your gift.



ST. JAMES LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COURTESY OF CHRIST
EST. 1843



NC Synod

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

Keep in touch!



Follow St. James on [Instagram](#) & [Facebook](#)!

Be sure to tag [@stjamesnc](#) when posting so we may share!

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