



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

Week of Aug. 23, 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction to Worship

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, Aug. 23

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Stewardship Luncheon 🌱

Monday, Aug. 24

10:30 am Quilting

Thursday, Aug. 27

6:30 pm Choir

Sunday, Aug. 30

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

Coming Up

Sept. 13 - God's Work. Our Hands.

Oct. 25 - Trunk or Treat

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

Aug. 23 Barbara Albright

Aug. 30 Christine Ruff

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

Aug. 23 Kim Haberman

Aug. 30 Dianne Lambert

ACOLYTES

Aug. 23 [Volunteer](#)

Aug. 30

GREETER

Aug. 23 [Volunteer](#)

Aug. 30

VIDEOGRAPHER

Aug. 23 Jason Pittard

Aug. 30 Jason Pittard

USHERS

Al Brown, Jr., Amy Griffith,

Bill Hardister, Eric Olsen

BUILDING SUPERVISORS

Kim Haberman

ALTAR FLOWER

Aug. 23

Aug. 30

[Sign Up to Volunteer](#)

Happy Birthday! 🎂

Aug. 23 - Brittany Eaton

Aug. 24 - Lisa Burke

Aug. 25 - Audrey Baker, Scott Benson, Will King

Aug. 26 - Noah Hardister

Aug. 27 - Abigail Bestler, Lily Kartheiser

Aug. 29 - Finn Hinson, Eva Horton, Marcia Klauss

Announcements



Stewardship Luncheon this Sunday

Friendly reminder that our Stewardship Luncheon is this Sunday, Aug. 23 after worship.



St. James Quilters Recognized by Lutheran World Relief

The quilters of St. James recently welcomed Anne Spaulding, a volunteer with Lutheran World Relief, and Marie White, a Lutheran World Relief employee, for a special visit and time of fellowship.

Anne shared her gratitude for the quilters' dedication, skill, and generosity, highlighting the meaningful impact their work has through Lutheran World Relief. She also shared more about Lutheran World Relief's mission and the journey the quilts take once they leave St. James.

As a special thank-you, each quilter received an affinity pin symbolizing the work they do as God's hands in the world.

In Case You Missed It...



God's work. Our hands - September 13

Join us **Sunday, September 13, after worship** in the Fellowship Hall for a day of service! We'll assemble Lutheran World Relief kits, create Mission Quilts, and write encouragement cards for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

A bagged lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited to participate!

👉 ([CLICK TO RSVP](#)).

T-shirts will be available after worship on September 6 and on September 13 for those who need one.

As a reminder, we are still collecting items for our kit-packing. [Click here for the list of needed supplies.](#)



Interested in Carols by Candlelight?

If you missed the Carols by Candlelight Preview, it's not too late to join the St. James Choir!

If you or someone you know would enjoy being part of Carols by Candlelight, we'd love to have you join us.

Rehearsals Begin: Sept. 17 at 7:30pm

Dress Rehearsals: Dec. 7 & 9

Performance Dates: Dec. 11 & 12

For more information contact [Kevin Estes](#).

Reminders



God's work. Our hands. Supply Drive

Help us prepare for *God's Work. Our Hands.* by donating supplies for Lutheran World Relief Kits that will support people in need around the world.

Social Ministry Committee is collecting supplies for:

- School Kits
- Personal Care Kits
- Baby Care Kits
- Fabric Kits

The Christian Education Committee is partnering with Social Ministry by focusing its annual collection on School Kit supplies in place of their traditional pencil drive.

Collection Dates: August 2 – September 6

Assembly Day:

Sunday, September 13, following worship

Donations:

Please place donations in the designated collection bins at the Portico Entrance.

Please consider donating supplies, [packing kits](#), or both to help serve our neighbors around the world.

[See flyer for complete list of needed supplies.](#)

In Our Prayers

Cecil Berry (Friend of Gretchen Walker)

Family of Michael Black

(Nephew of Patsy Black)

Patsy Black

Patrick Bryn

(Son of Kirby & Sondra Bryn)

Angie Buchanan

Mike & Debbie Cagle

(Friends of Robert & Debbie Davis)

Jay Clemmer

Noah Clifton

Karey Conrad (Friend of Dee Pieschel)

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

Nancy Haney

(Loved one of Betsy Ballard)

Ryan Hardister

(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

Maureen Hollmeyer

Hunter Huss

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

Jason Matthews

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(Friends of Deb Black)

Dave Olsen

(Friend of Patsy Black)

Mason Overby

Stan Parnell

(Friend of Rob & Debbie Davis)

Al Pieschel

Corinne Robbins

Lori Ruff (Mother of Christine Ruff)

Jessica Seeley

(Cousin of Christine Ruff)

Ruby Tyer (Niece of Beth Huss' Friend)

John Walker

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

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 available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up for flowers [online](#), on the sign-up sheet in the portico, or call the office at 704-786-0166.

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

St. James Staff

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