



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



Ring Out - Week of April 6, 2025

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Introduction to Sunday's Worship

Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins. 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!

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

Sunday, April 6

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

Monday, April 7

10:30 am Quilting
6:30 pm Scouts

Tuesday, April 8

Noon Lively Leisures
6:00 pm Congregation
Council

Wednesday, April 9

6:30 pm Final Wednesdays in

SUNDAY

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

April 6 Kim Haberman
April 13 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION

ASSISTANT

April 6 Margaret Garrison
April 13 Samantha Hillegass

ACOLYTES

April 6
April 13 Joshua Rinker

GREETERS

April 6 Laura Overby
April 13 Theresa Steele

Lent †

Thursday, April 10

5:30 pm Handbells

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, April 11

7:00 pm Youth Friday Night

@ The Movies ☐

Sunday, April 13

☐ **Palm Sunday**

9:00 am Adult SS

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's SS

10:00 am Worship

4:00 pm Youth Gathering

VIDEOGRAPHER

April 6

April 13

APRIL USHERS

Chip Popovici, Jimmy Harris,

Jeff Jones, Jeff Gilbert, Phil

Tesh

APRIL BUILDING

SUPERVISORS

Jeff Gilbert & Chip Popovici

ALTAR FLOWERS

April 6

April 13 (palms) Ann &

Chip Blackwelder

[Online Calendar](#)



Happy Birthday!

6 April - David Clary, Mark Murphy

9 April - Myers Jones

11 April - Alison Monk

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

Holy Week Worship

Sunday, April 13 - Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

Congregation gathers inside in the pews (not outside)

10am

Thursday, April 17 - Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion

Noon - Spoken Liturgy (in-person)

7pm - Worship Service (in-person and streamed)

Friday, April 18 - Good Friday

The Death of Our Lord

Noon - Worship Service (in-person and streamed)

Sunday, April 20 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Prelude Music with Instrumentalists

9:45am

Holy Communion

10am

**Music for Lent &
Holy Week**

**Honor a Loved One
this Easter**

**Volunteer for
Worship**



Join us for a musical journey!

The St. James Music Ministry has prepared special selections to uplift your spirit and deepen your worship experience during this sacred season.

Check out the full schedule of music and performances at sjnc.net/choirs and join us as we worship through song.

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:
April 13, 2025

Cost:
\$20 each

Place your order online or by completing the insert in Sunday's bulletin.

Thank you to our Evangelism Committee, especially Ashley and Jeff, for getting our Holy Week banner up on the lawn!

We still have a couple of worship volunteer opportunities to fill for Holy Week services.

If you are interested in volunteering, [click here](#) to view openings and sign up.

Lively Leisures

Please join us **Tuesday, April 8 at noon** for our Lively Leisures program. This month's program will include a tour of the new Novi Apartments in Downtown Concord!



Friday Night @ The Movies

Join us for a fun movie night at St. James in the Flex Room **Friday, April 11 from 7:00 – 9:15 p.m.** We'll have pizza, games, and screen a movie (movie TBA). Bring a friend, kick back, and enjoy the evening!



Please RSVP to assist us with planning!

Apply Now! - John & Alma Cook Memorial Scholarship is Open for Applicants

Attention Students!

In 1968, John M. Cook, Jr. established an endowment to assist college and graduate students who are members of St. James Lutheran Church by helping with their tuition expenses.

The Cook Trust Fund Committee is now accepting applications for the 2025/2026 academic school year.

Interested applicants can email holly@sjnc.net for an application. Please confirm if you are a first-time or returning applicant so you will receive the appropriate forms.

****Earlier deadline this year!****

APPLICATIONS DUE BY MAY 11, 2025



Lesson Summary

Christ Dies and Rises to New Life - Matthew 24:39-40,45-54

This Sunday, we will talk about the greatest event in the history of the Universe: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ! I know this is premature, but we will not meet on Easter morning, and I wanted to make sure we thoroughly cover this extremely important event. The miracle of the Resurrection is covered in all four Gospels, and today, we will look at St. Matthew's recounting of these events. Imagine the shock, joy, fear, and awe the women who first discovered the empty tomb must have felt. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ opens the way for us to go to the Heavenly Father and be with Him for Eternity in spite of our sinfulness!

Memorials & Honorariums from March



MARCH 2025

Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor of:

In Honor Of:

Nancy Faggart

Given by:
Will Quinn

In Memory Of:

Micahel Black

Given by:
Al Brown

Jo Eng

Given by:
Mary Magdalene Circle
Lex & Laura Patterson

Keith Fink

Given by:
Lex & Laura Patterson

Terry Fleck

Given by:
Mary Magdalene Circle

Tony Mosley

Given by:
Will & Ann Gillon
Bob & Pat Lowrance
Lex & Laura Patterson

Ann Ridenhour

Given by:
Lex & Laura Patterson
Mary Magdalene Circle

Eric Wright

Given by:
Terry & Sandy Brummeyer

In case you missed it...

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.



Reminders

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.

Upcoming Events

FRIDAY NIGHT @ THE MOVIES!

**MOVIE
TBD**

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN
CHURCH FLEX ROOM

**APRIL 11
7:00PM**

PIZZA, GAMES, MOVIE

**SAVE
THE DATE**

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH WELCOME!



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)

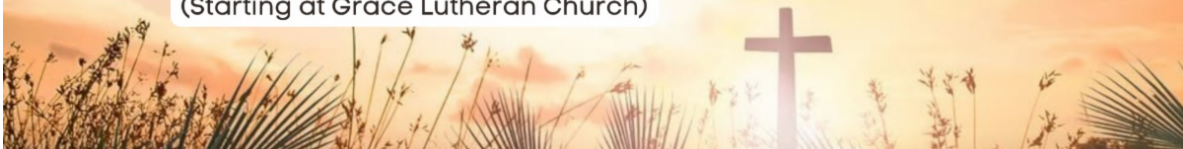
3:30 PM Stations of the Cross
(Starting at Grace Lutheran Church)

Saturday, April 19

2:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, April 20

10:00 AM Worship Service
Resurrection of
our Lord





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)
Phyllis Harward
(Mother-in-law of Kim Harward)
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

St. James Staff

Rev. Bill Ridenhour, *Pastor* [Email](#)

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