



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

Week of April 5, 2026

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

Introduction to Worship

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

Watch the Live Stream:



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The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday

(No Adult Sunday School)

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

9:45 am Prelude Music

10:00 am Easter Worship

Monday, April 6

Easter Monday - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7

Mary Magdalene will not meet in April

6:00 pm Executive Committee

Thursday, April 9

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, April 12

9:00 am Adult Sunday School

9:00 am Choir

9:30 am Children's Sunday School

10:00 am Worship

[Church Calendar](#)

Sunday Ministries

LECTOR/INTERCESSOR

April 5 Kim Haberman

April 12 Barbara Albright

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

April 5 Elizabeth Hurley, Kim

Haberman, Ann Blackwelder

April 12 Kim Haberman

ACOLYTE

April 5 Lauren Popovici, Ben & Ryan

Kuly

April 12 [Volunteer](#)

GREETER

April 5 Amy Griffith

April 12. Samantha Hillegass

VIDEOGRAPHER

April 5 Joseph Beasley

April 12 [Volunteer](#)

APRIL USHERS

Robert Davis, Samantha Hillegass,

Dale Merrell

APRIL BUILDING SUPERVISOR

Robert Davis

ALTAR FLOWERS

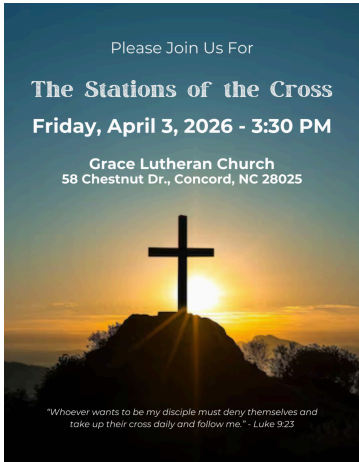
April 5 St. James Choir

April 12

Happy Birthday! 🎈

April 6 - David Clary, Amy Griffith, Mary Murphy
April 9 - Myers Jones
April 11 - Alison Monk

Announcements



Stations of the Cross - April 3

The Stations of the Cross are a series of reflections that walk through the final moments of Jesus' journey to the cross, inviting prayer, reflection, and remembrance. Each "station" marks a specific event, offering a chance to connect more deeply with the meaning of Holy Week.

As you visit each stop (including St. James), you're invited to pause, reflect, and experience this sacred story in a personal way.

The walk begins this **Friday, April 3 at 3:30pm** in front of Grace Lutheran Church and will travel through Downtown Concord, with St. James serving as the location for Stations 3 and 4.



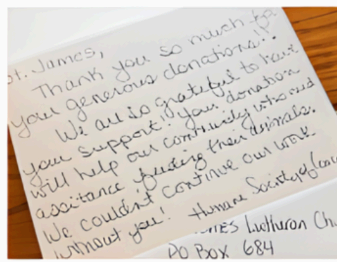
Easter Sunday - April 5

Join us for a special Easter Sunday worship! Arrive early at **9:45am** for a musical prelude featuring the St. James Choir and special guest musicians.



Lively Leisures - April 14

Save the date for April's Lively Leisures program! Join us on **Tuesday, April 14 at noon** for lunch and a program presented by St. James member Chris Miller.



March Supply Drive Success!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Humane Society and Sonshine Backpack item drives.

The Humane Society received a large number of needed items, which were greatly appreciated (see their thank-you note).

Our Sonshine Backpacks collection was one of the largest we've had. These items will go to St. John's for preparation and then be distributed to students in our community to ensure they have meals over the weekend.

Easter Gifts

St. James Lutheran

Barbara and Katie Adams
In Honor of LeeAnn Miller, and Beth & Hunter Huss

Malinda Allison
In Honor of Janet Patterson

Deb Black
In Honor of David & Kristen Black
In Memory of Lorene C. Ledford

Ashley Cline & Jeff Koenig
In Honor of Violeta Zadwarny, best friend in heaven
In Memory of those who passed and to all those in grief. May your heart find peace. Amen.

Kelley & Jeff Carpenter
In Memory of Don and Jo Eng and Grady and Isolee Carpenter

Sylvia H. Corl
In Honor of Brent, Michelle and Mason Corl
In Memory of Madge and Byron Harrison, Jake Whitaker, David Smith, Patsy Helms, and Marc Sloop

Margaret Garrison
In Honor of her daughter, Heather Burns

Ann & Will Gillon
In Memory of Elizabeth & Leonard Gillon and Mamie & Johnny Bullock

EASTER
gifts
2026



Tom Grady
In Memory of Carole H. Grady

Kim Haberman
In Honor of Pastor Bill Ridenhour, Dr. Kevin Estes, Parish Choir, and all worship leaders

Jennifer Hollick
In Memory of Jim & Doris Hollick, Ken Harman

Sally Hollick
In Memory of my parents, Ken & Ruby Harman

Frank & Jill Irvin
In Memory of Bill & Ernestine Irvin and Keith & Peggy Fink

The Kittel Family
In Memory of Robin Hallatschek

Mike & Cindy Korinko
In Memory of Mike & Cindy Korinko's parents

John, Meghan, Ben, Erin & Ryan Kuly
In Memory of John & Ruth Kuly and Harley & Miriam Caithamer

The MacFarlane Family
In Honor of Terry & Amy Splawn
In Memory of Ty & Phyllis Harward

EASTER gifts 2026

Joan & Patrick Mahoney
In Memory of Ethel, Robert and Phyllis Hertzell,
Vera, Phillip, and Peg Mahoney

Lois & Children
In Memory of Jimmy C. Marlow Sr.

Martha & Dan Matthews
In Memory of J.W. (Mickey) McGee, Helen L. McGee, &
Jake McGee

Dale & Barbara Merrell
In Honor of Bobby, Suzanne, David, Gretchen

Mitchell Myers
In Honor of Congregation at Mt. Olivet
In Memory of Beth McClain

Brian & Sydney Mostek
In Honor of Emma (our niece) for her baptism!

Eric & Lindsey Olsen
In Memory of Kenneth & Angela Olsen;
Michael & Debby Landers

Lex, Laura, and John Patterson
In Memory of Mr. and Mrs. Alex M. Patterson &
Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Patterson

Al & Dee Pieschel
In Honor of Our Risen Lord

Lori & Charlie Pittard
In Honor of Kim and Betty Miller
In Memory of JB and Nancy Pittard, Our Grandparents

Kenny and Annette Propst
In Memory of Kenny's parents, Earl & Frances Propst, his
brother David Propst
In Memory of Annette's parents, Wilbur and Veda Shifley, her
sisters Darlene Beatley and Brenda Shifley

Kathryn Radcliffe
In Honor of My Little Lambs in the Nursery
In Memory of Alice Radcliffe

Sis
In Memory of Mom & Pop

Michael Strahl - Husband
In Memory of Jill Elizabeth Strahl

Deb Walker
In Memory of Derwood & Gail Bost,
and Caleb Harding

Gretchen and Todd Walker
In Memory of Gene Walker and Susan Murray

Cheryl Webb
In Honor of Shelley Henderson's Birthday
In Memory of June Stinson
In Memory of Austin Hatcher



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Independent Study for Holy Week

Seven Penitential Psalms - Sunday April 5, 2026

The Seven Penitential Psalms are a traditional group of seven psalms used in both Jewish and Christian liturgies to express sorrow for sin and a desire for repentance, particularly during the season of Lent. The specific psalms are Psalm 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, and 143.

- **Psalm 6:** A plea for mercy and healing amidst suffering and distress.
- **Psalm 32:** A celebration of the joy and relief found in the forgiveness of sins.
- **Psalm 38:** A lament over the physical and emotional consequences of personal sin.
- **Psalm 51:** A profound expression of repentance attributed to David after his sin with Bathsheba, asking for a clean heart.
- **Psalm 102:** A prayer of an afflicted person overwhelmed by trouble, combining personal lament with hope in God's eternity.
- **Psalm 130 (De Profundis):** A cry from the depths of despair seeking God's mercy and redemption.
- **Psalm 143:** A plea for deliverance from enemies and a request for guidance and teaching.

We rejoice at the Resurrection but it's important to remember why Jesus had to do this and how unworthy we are of what was done for us! Maybe use this as an independent study for this Holy Week to leap for joy that our sins have been forgiven! Glory to you, O Christ!

Memorials & Honorariums for March

MARCH 2026

Memorials & Honorariums

The following memorials & honorariums were given in memory or in honor.

In Memory of:

Bill Fisher

Given by:

Judy Wilhelm

Bill & Gloria Fisher

Given by:

Nancy Faggart

George Patterson

Given by:

Fuller & Jean Beasley

Al Brown

Lex & Laura Patterson

Toby & Betty Jean Prewitt

Mary Shropshire

The Jim Marlow Family

Jill Strahl

Given by:

Fuller & Jean Beasley

Lex & Laura Patterson

Don Matkins

Given by:

Al Brown

Eric Wright

Given by:

Terry & Sandy Brummeyer

Reminders



Amazing Grace Blessing Box

Amazing Grace's Life Skills Lab program continues to keep the Blessing Box stocked every Tuesday and Thursday in partnership with the 1CAN Organization. You can join in this ongoing effort by donating non-perishable food or hygiene items. The red Blessing Box collection bin will remain on the Portico Counter and serve as a year-round ministry opportunity.

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

Maureen Hollmeyer

Hunter Huss

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

Family of Don Matkins

(Brother-in-law of Margaret Garrison)

Barbara Merrell

Deb & Roger Myers

(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)
Jeff Gilbert
Tom Grady
Ryan Hardister
(Son of Bill & Reggie Hardister)

(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
Tom Ridenhour
Lori Ruff (Mother 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.

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

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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