April 2026

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175 Years & Beyond

WORSHIP
Sundays
10 am
Live & via Zoom
&
Wednesday
7pm

Share the welcome.

Invite a friend.

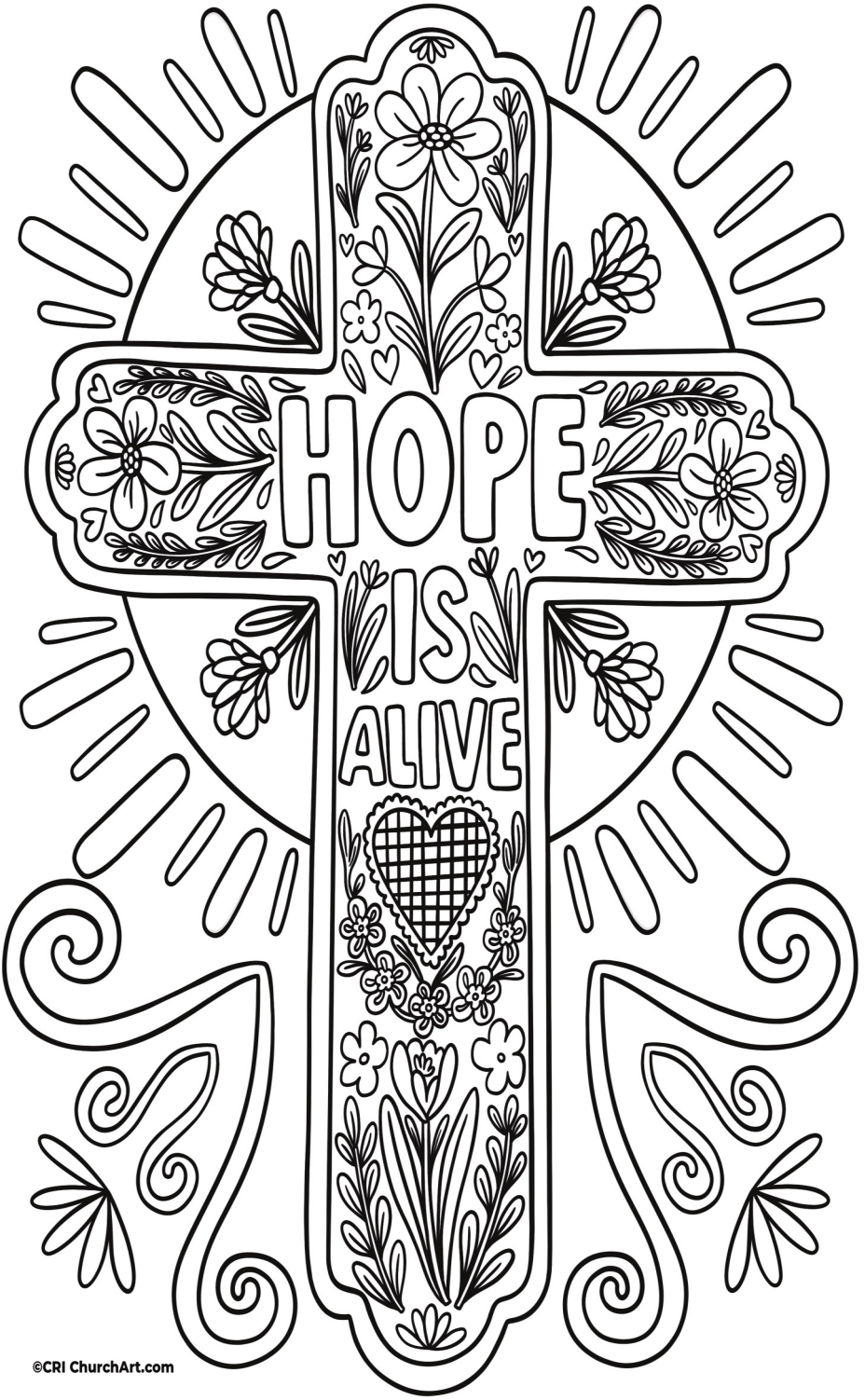
Use below to connect to Zoom Link

The Voice of St. James

Thoughts from our Pastor

EASTER
A time to celebrate
Love made real
An Empty tomb
A Risen Lord
God's promise shown
In death, now life
Death no longer holds
We triumph
Because he triumphed
We are free
Because he is free

God love shines
Alleluias are raised
As we celebrate
The Risen Lord
Who gives us life. PJW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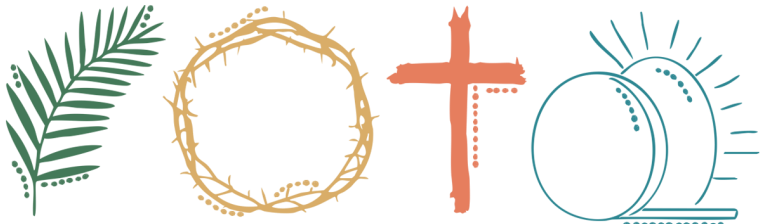
HOLY WEEK

APRIL 2 — **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
7:00 PM - SERVICE

APRIL 3 — **GOOD FRIDAY**
7:00 PM - SERVICE

APRIL 5 — **EASTER SUNDAY**
10:00 AM - WORSHIP
WITH ST. JAMES CHOIR



A lot can happen in *seven days.*

APRIL Anniversaries

28th - Joe & Sue Chille

APRIL Birthdays

4th - Jim Valenti
7th - Logan Dilks
22nd - Maria Doukhnai
23rd - Elizabeth Eby
25th - Laura Librizzi
27th - Jennifer Johnson
27th - Matt DiDonato
30th - Charles Eby

HANDPRINT BUTTERFLY OF NEW LIFE

The butterfly reminds us of new life and the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and brings us the hope of new beginnings. This simple craft helps children celebrate that joyful truth.

What you need:

- Light-colored construction paper
- Card stock
- Glue
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Paper towel or baby wipe

What you do:

- Cut out a butterfly body from the construction paper.
- Glue the butterfly body onto the card stock.
- Use a paintbrush to coat the palm of one hand with paint.
- Press your painted hand beside the butterfly body to create a wing.
- Repeat with your other hand to make the second wing.
- Clean your hands with a paper towel or baby wipe.
- Optional: Add Luke 24:5–6 (NIV) around the butterfly or on its body:

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

April Worship Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help support our in-person worship. We could not do it without your help! If you are willing and able, you can sign up in the narthex or let Pastor Pam or Amanda know.

LAY READERS

5th - Mario Triboletti
12th - Dolores Fiori
19th - Ed Volpa
26th - Mario Triboletti

ALTAR GUILD

5th - Betty Pollock & Rose Jones
12th - Betty Pollock & Rose Jones
19th - Betty Pollock & Rose Jones
26th - Betty Pollock & Rose Jones

Communion ASSISTANTS

5th - Volunteers Needed
12th - Volunteers Needed
19th - Volunteers Needed
26th - Volunteers Needed

Thanks to our Volunteers

April 11, 2026
3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

PULLING FOR VETS

PULLED PORK DINNER

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
1341 MAYS LANDING ROAD, FOLSOM

$12/TICKET

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

★ TAKE OUT ONLY ★ WALK-UPS WELCOME ★

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
LOCAL DISABLED VETERANS

For more information, you can contact
Diane Eby ★ 609-233-3128
Please leave a message

April

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6pm Soup and Study	2	3	4
5 9am Sunday School 10am Easter Sunday Worship w/ St. James Choir 11am Easter Egg Hunt	6	7	8 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm Evening Devotions	9	10	11 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm Pulling for Vets!
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Dine Out RSVP's Due!	13 7pm Pride in the Park Task Group	14	15 7pm Evening Devotions	16	17	18 5:30 pm Dine Out Night at Fieni's
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship	20 7pm Council	21 6pm Outreach	22 1pm God's Stitchers 7pm Evening Devotions	23	24 7pm Game Night	25
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Pentecost Flower Order Forms Due!	27	28	29 7pm Evening Devotions	30	**AA Groups** Tue - 7pm Wed - 7pm (Women only) Fri - 8 pm Sat - 6:30pm Sun - 7:30pm	

St. James Pulling for Vets

is quickly approaching!

If you would like to purchase a ticket, or grab a few to sell yourself, please let us know. Tickets are located in the office and can be picked up on Sunday Morning or, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:30 am - 1pm

Thank You Hank Rodio

We're grateful for Hank's year round care of our cemetery, landscaping, and parking lot. From routine upkeep and even the toughest challenges… snowstorms, winter weather, and everything in between. Hank's hard work keeps our grounds safe, welcoming, and beautifully well maintained.

We truly appreciate all he does for St. James.

GAME NIGHT

Have Fun With Family & Friends!

FREE

Friday, April 24th

Starts at 7:00 PM

Join us for a fun night of games with Family and Friends!

Bring a drink and snack to share if you'd like.

St. James is partnering with Prevent Child Abuse–NJ to host a Diaper Drive for families in Atlantic County.

As a church family, we are coming together to help keep local babies safe, clean, and cared for by collecting **new, sealed packages of diapers** in any brand and any size. Every donation, large or small, will directly support caregivers who are working hard to provide for their little ones during challenging times.

This is a meaningful way for our congregation to help with compassion and community care. By sharing even a single pack of diapers, we're offering comfort, much needed help, and practical support to our youngest neighbors and the families who love them.

Thank you for giving generously and helping St. James and NJ-PAC, make a real difference in Atlantic County.

Looking ahead...

Blueberry Sale – End of May through June 21st; delivery on 28th

@ St James Church

Pride in the Park – June 20th (11 am –3 pm)

@ Lincoln Memorial Park –
5125 Harding Highway, Mays Landing

Dolores Fiori, Laura Librizzi, Claire Gilmore, Diane Eby, Winnie Ziegler, Hannah Bonchi, Margaret Rea, Jennifer Johnson, Rita Ricca, Mario Triboletti, Gillian Lee Phillips, Betty Haines, Dorcas Schellhas, Bette Jackson, Maggie Rider, Marlene Triggian, Ed Shine, Bob & Ellie Frietag, Christina Spahn, Bill Link, George Cappucio, Dan P., Tom Dixon, Arlene Calletta, Mike Fountas, Nick Pobletti, Sophie Stites, Arlene Deptula, Thomas Rose, Linda Slater, Chip Stewart, Octavia Marie, Lisa 'Ambrosia, Chenza Cerrato, Charlie Patton, Ed Marinelli, RoseAnn Lucca, Mia Arrison, Carol Ann Conner, Will Longtin, Patricia Dudley, Peggy Bucceri, Rita Sarro, Robert DelRoss, John Thame, Gaelen Houck, Rosie Ranier, Jen Drucis, Phil Fiori, Paul Morris, Alex McKee, Corenne Hickey, Walter Meinke, Chick Kisby, Tennile Limbaugh, Carol Kaplan, Emily Shemansky, Scott & Lisa, Sharon Rossiter, Justin Stewart.

and For the NJ SYNOD, Bishop Compton and staff, and ELCA Bishop Curry, and its ministries.

Altar Flowers

Our Altar Flower Memorial Program offers a meaningful way to honor loved ones while helping provide the flowers that brighten our altar each week.

If you'd like to donate altar flowers, please review the available dates below and place the completed form in the offering plate.

On Sundays when both vases are open, you may choose to sponsor one or both.

The following dates are still available:

Both Vases ($40):

- **April 12th**
- **June 14th**
- **August 23rd**
- **November 29th**
- **December 27th**

One Vase ($20):

- **April 19th**
- **April 26th**
- **May 3rd**
- **August 16th**

ALTAR FLOWER SIGNUP

Please note the available Sunday you would like to donate altar flowers.

Please see the list of available dates on the next page.

DATE: Sunday, _____

The Altar flowers should be dedicated as follows:

In Memory/Honor/Celebration/Thanksgiving of:

_____

_____

By_____

PLEASE CIRCLE BELOW IF YOU ARE DONATING ONE VASE AT $20 OR TWO VASES FOR $40.

The cost of the flowers is $20/vase, or $40 for both.

You will be billed at the time of your scheduled donation.

Please remit your check payable to: *St. James Lutheran Church, 1341 Mays Landing Road, Folsom, NJ 08037.*

Would you like to continue your donation for 2027?

___YES ___NO

If you checked yes, we will automatically add you to our schedule for 2027.

PENTECOST FLOWER ORDER FORM

Please complete this form and place it in the offering plate along with the money no later than Sunday, April 26th.

Three different flowers to choose from:

Red Begonias, Red Celosias, and Yellow Celosias.

Please make sure to mark which flower(s) you would like to receive for your dedication(s).

Attached is $_____ for (#)_____ flowers at $12.00 each.

Please make check payable to St. James Church.

_____ Red Begonia

_____Red Celosia _____Yellow Celosia

Please fill out dedications on the next page.

In Memory of: _____

_____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

_____

To The Glory of God:_____

_____

In Celebration of:_____

_____

Other:_____

_____

Your Name: _____

Flowers may be taken home after the Service you attend on Sunday, May 24th.

Fieni's

800 S Burnt Mill Road,
Voorhees, NJ 08043

www.ristorantefienis.com

April 18th

We will dine at 5:30 pm

Carpool from Church at 4:45 pm

Name:_____

Number of Guests:_____

Phone Number/Email:_____

_____

Please RSVP <u>no later than</u> April 12th!

CLERGY AND STAFF

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9:30 AM - 1:00 PM
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CHURCH COUNCIL

Jayne Carmen - President
Colleen Kase - Secretary
Bryan Stites
Judy May - Vice Pres.
Patti Zellers
Mario Triboletti

Worship - Sundays 10 am
Live and Via Zoom
Link on www.stjamesfolsom.org

Our Mission

Welcoming all people to abide in Christ,
to experience God's love, and
to do God's work in the world around us.

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