

# Saint James Lutheran Church

April 19, 2026

## Third Sunday of Easter



*Recognizing Jesus in the breaking of bread*

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	<b>April 19 Third Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>April 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### WORSHIP VOLUNTARY

*We stand*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN** *As We Gather At Your Table* ELW 522



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - umphant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together.

**O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*We sit.*

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

*Following Children's Time, children are invited to go downstairs for an adult supervised activity time. They will return to the sanctuary during the Hymn of The Day.*

### PSALM Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O Lord,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God's people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the Lord's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

### SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Setting 8)



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

## GOSPEL The Holy Gospel according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Luke 24:13-35**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

**SERMON**

Pastor John


*We stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *Day of Arising*


ELW 374



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

**APOSTLES CREED**

We join with the Great Communion of Saints in confessing our faith, using the words of the Apostles Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*(Names of those on the congregation's prayer list are listed in the back of the bulletin)*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of God be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

*We share this peace as a sign of our baptismal unity as children of God. The "exchange of peace" (also commonly called "sharing the peace" or "passing the peace") is an act of reconciliation that serves as a transition point between the Word and Meal portions of the liturgy.*

*We sit.*

## **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*



Support of the ministries of St. James, as well as the wider church, is appreciated. To donate with cash or check use an envelope from the back of the pew or scan the QR code to donate digitally. Thank you for your generosity.



## **OFFERTORY / ANTHEM**

*We stand.*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

#### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

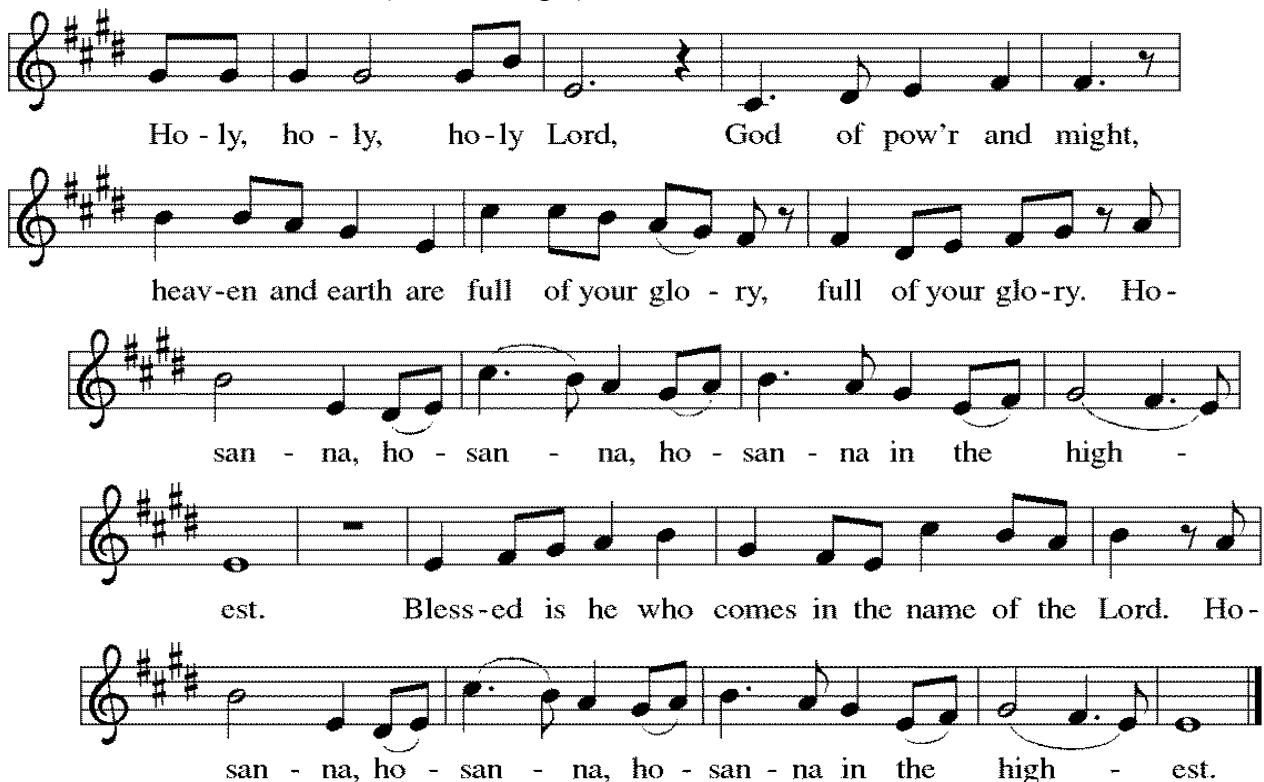
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

#### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW setting 8)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER *(Modern Version)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**  
**and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power,**  
**and the glory are yours,**  
**now and forever. Amen.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

*All are welcome at Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that Jesus' real presence is in, under, and through the bread and wine. The sacrament is effective in either bread or wine, so if you have an issue with either bread or wine, you may commune with one element. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available for those who prefer. We will distribute bread and wine by individual cup. Children and others not communing may fold arms across their chest, and they will receive a blessing from the communion minister.*

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

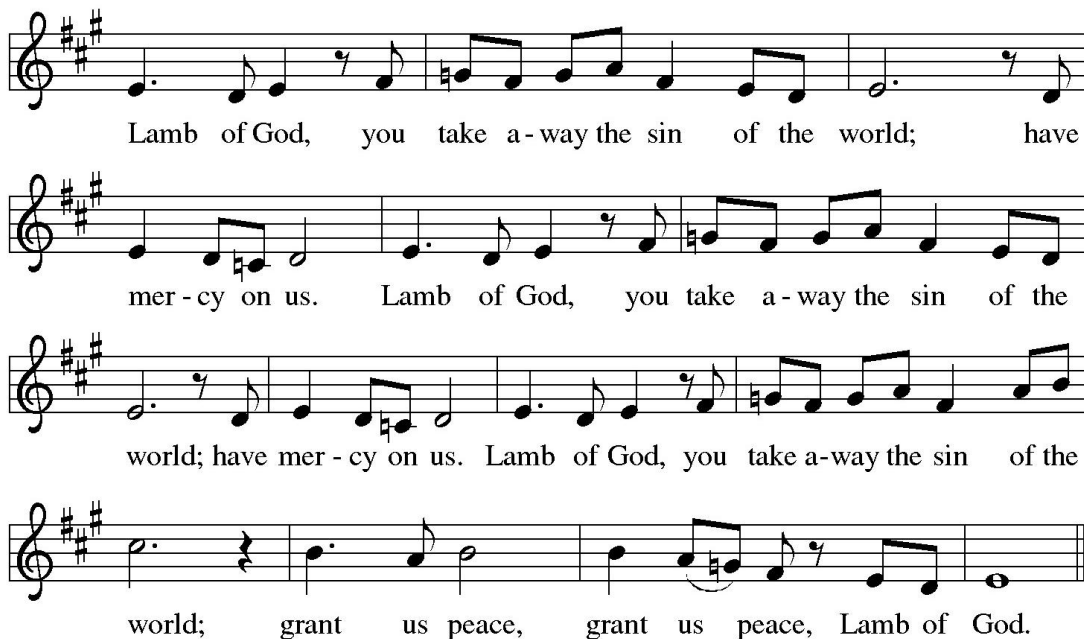
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

## COMMUNION SONGS

*Lamb of God (Setting 8)*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In Je - sus' pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y word,



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Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the king - dom,



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1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
*Refrain*  
"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the  
grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as  
ones I died to save."

*We remain seated.*

### TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace. Amen.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.  
Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*We stand.*

### BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**    *That Joyful Eastertide*    ELW 391

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE



## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS

April 19, 2026

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally, those names will be moved to the newsletter after 3 weeks. The newsletter has our long-term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

**Members**    · Beth Sessoms    · Stella San Miguel    · Larry Schiebe    · Avery Walker    · Philip Williams  
                  · Anna Lena Andersen    · Gary Eissinger    · Brenda Killett    · Betty Kern    · Cayla Chaplin

### Friends & Family

· Simone Ryan    · Diane Stultz    · Peter Lundell    · Chrissy Tyndall    · Gregg Nazario    · Sandy Pangle    · Stasha  
· Alan Carlson    · Katie Maxwell    · Darcey Beale    · Wes Davis    · Charlotte Choice and family  
· Sara Brown

**People at Home or in Care facilities:** · Charlotte Davis    · Brenda Killett    · Carolyn Uchtorff

### Our military members    (\*deployed)

· Earl Stockham    · Dan Gibson    · Joshua Trogdon\*    · Bella Fish    · Hochang Min  
· Alex Habermehl    · Robert James    · Matthew Porter\*    · Derek Carlson    · Howard Hogan\*  
· Justyce Crecelius\*

## Ministry at St. James ... April 19-26, 2026

**Sun. Apr 19**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Sunday School)  
10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am Choir Practice  
11:30 am Congregation Council

**Mon. Apr 20**

9:00 am Quilters (Annex Building)  
6:00 pm Cub Den Meeting

**Tue. Apr 21**

7:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop 747 Meeting  
7:00 pm Fellowship on Zoom

**Wed. Apr 22**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts Leader Meeting

**Fri. Apr 24-26**

One Year to Live Men's Retreat in Pinewood, SC (see brochure insert)

**Sat. Apr 25**

8:30 am Church Women United (closed meeting)  
Fayetteville Beautiful Community Clean up (see back page for more)

**Sun. Apr 26**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

9:00 am Sunday Morning Faith Formation (Sunday School)  
10:00 am Worship  
11:30 am Choir Practice

Kiwanis Club of Hope Mills appreciates any financial donations for this event. All proceeds for this event goes to support local youth programs.

Checks can be written payable to: Kiwanis Club of Hope Mills, and in the Memo line, write BBQ  
Erin, Glenn, Delores and I are members of the Kiwanis Club of Hope Mills.

Thank you for your support.  
Lindsey Smith



**Kiwanis Club  
of Hope Mills  
BBQ FUNDRAISER**

**Pulled Pork, Bun, Baked Beans, & Cole Slaw**

**\$12.00**

**\*Friday, April 24th---10:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
5788 Rockfish Rd Hope Mills NC (Fire Department)  
**\*POC: Dwayne Jacobs**  
910-850-8403  
**\*Minimum 10 plate order for delivery**

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**Fayetteville Beautiful** is a city sponsored program dedicated to encouraging others to take greater responsibility for improving their environment through litter abatement, waste reduction, and beautification programs. The City of Fayetteville Public Services Department and Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Recreation are supporters of these efforts.

**Core Issues:** Litter Prevention, Beautification, Waste Reduction

- Use reusable containers when possible
- Recycle bottles, cans, paper, and plastics
- Use trash containers with tightly fitting lids
- Adopt a street/site and keep it clean
- Discourage family and friends from littering
- Provide adequate trash and recycling containers, place conspicuously and empty often
- Encourage public officials to enforce the litter laws
- Report litter violations
- Support Fayetteville Beautiful with your donations or volunteer for one of our many projects



- **Cleanup Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026**
- **Meet at the Church parking lot at 9 am.**

Supplies and assigned areas will be provided and discussed then along with a safety briefing/instructions.

**Supplies Distributed:**

- Litter bags
- Gloves
- Water and snacks