

## Coming this week....

- Bible Study - Tuesday January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB January 20<sup>th</sup> and catch up on past letters you may have missed, in January's Newsletter.
- Watch for more information and an invitation to join Pastor Tonia's Zoom Social – Tonia's Fireside Chat @ 7pm. If you do not receive an invitation and would like to join, email Pastor Tonia [toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com](mailto:toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com) and she will send you the invite.

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US**

January 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

January 2021 Cleaner(s): Joe & Mina Morse, Jean Voldseth, Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

January Gate Keepers: *Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan and Larry & Joy Goehner*

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

For new prayer requests, please contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at [jdbjorkman@hotmail.com](mailto:jdbjorkman@hotmail.com)

### **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...**

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, and those battling cancer or other illnesses.

#### **We offer new prayers for:**

Barb Potzman, friend of KayDel & Randy Shelton, for hope she had a successful surgery Friday 1/15. Give her peace and spread comfort to her friends and loved ones and for Bill Fisher, Pastor Tonia's brother for hope that his blood filtering procedure also Friday 1/15 helped him fight Covid-19. We pray for peace for Bill and a complete healing as he fights the disease without his spleen.

Glen Perry, Cindy Smith's nephew, whose body is struggling with the acceptance of his new liver. Give wisdom and skill to his Drs, compassion to all who minister to him and comfort to his family.

#### **We offer continued prayers for:**

Your continued comfort and strength for the Bjorkman's as they mourn the death of Eric.

Your continued healing God for Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin; Rick Anderson, Sheri Luepke's brother-in-law; Glenn Perry, Cindy Smith's nephew; Bill Strickland; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

We lift up those living with cancer: Delbert Goehner; Dennis Gauthier; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson.

*All countries affected by the Coronavirus/Cofid-19 as they struggle to contain it and treat those who have contracted it. Please guide them; heal those who are afflicted with the virus; watch over their doctors, nurses and first responders; and halt its spread.*

**Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically and overseas,  
As well as their spouses and children at home.**



**Worship Service - Streaming live or watch later!**

**[FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana](#)**

**We appreciate hearing from all of you joining us online.**

**We would LOVE for you to share your insights or leave us a greeting.**

**We are blessed to count you among those who worship  
at St. James Lutheran Church each Sunday morning.**

## St. James Lutheran Church

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**January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**

*Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith, share our faith and serve with the love of God"*

Welcome to Worship!

We are glad you have joined us here at St. James Lutheran Church.

*I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Ps 122:1*

## Welcome

### Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

Let us stand, as you are able, and prepare our hearts for worship

## GATHERING

### Confession & Forgiveness

*Holy God, you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.*

### Assurance of God's Love

### Gathering Hymn: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

#### Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



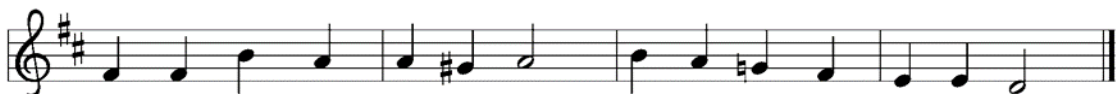
1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph-et, priest, and king su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak-ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;  
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,  
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God-head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell-ing all the dev - il's might;  
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:  
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang-ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring-ing good from ill:  
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed,  
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

## ***Prayer of the Day:***

Thanks be to you, **Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### ***Hear the 1st Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10***

<sup>1</sup>Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Word of Wisdom, Word of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD**

### ***Hear Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18***

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me. <sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.** <sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.** <sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.** <sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.** <sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.** <sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### ***Hear the Gospel: John 1: 43-51***

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup>And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

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

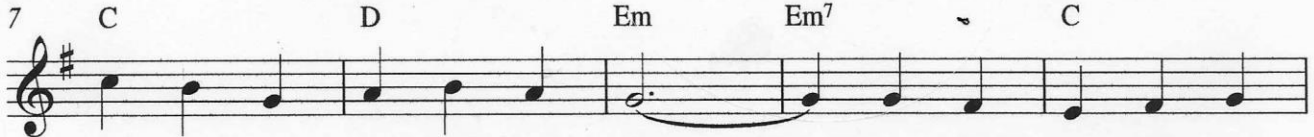
## ***Sermon: "We Are Called"***

**Hymn for Reflection: "We Are Called"**

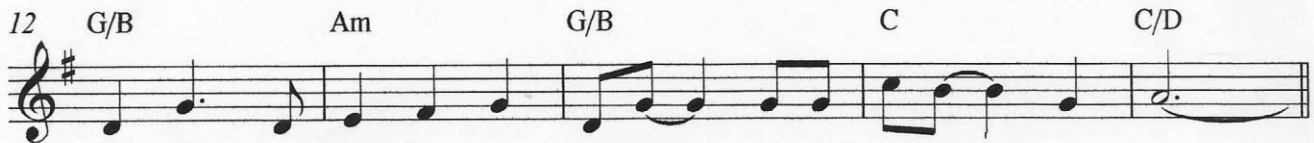
# We Are Called



1. Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the  
 2. Come! O - pen your heart! Show your ner - cy to  
 3. Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when



love of the Lord! We are called to be light for the  
 all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the  
 all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each

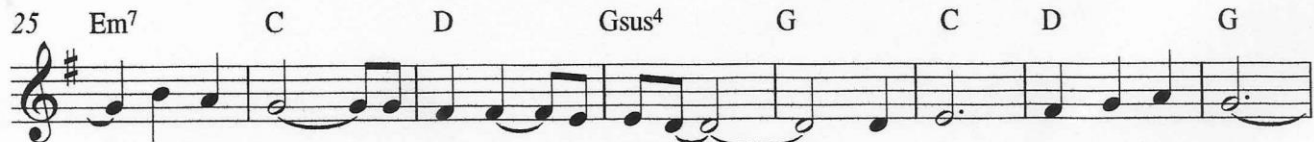


king-dom, to live in the free-dom of the cit - y of God!  
 hope-less so ha - tred and blind-ness will be no more!  
 oth - er as sis - ters and bro - thers u - ni - ted in love!

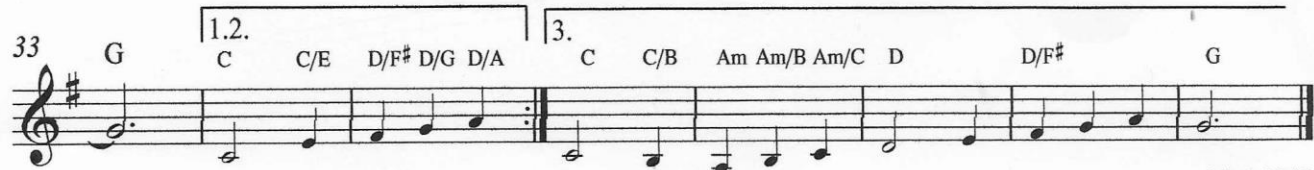
**Refrain**



— We are called to act with jus-tice, we are called to love ten-der - ly,



— we are called to serve one an - oth - er; to walk hum-bly with God!



## ***Apostle's 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 the People:***

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

## ***Passing of the Peace***

## **MEAL**

*....we thank you for your faithfulness to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings and allowing us to do God's work with our hands.*

## ***Offering Prayer***

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. Amen.

## ***Great Thanksgiving***

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 ...**

*we join their unending hymn:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## ***Words of Institution***

Mystery of our Faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

## ***The Lord's Prayer***

## ***Invitation to Communion***

*Communion will look a little different during our season of Covid-19.*

*It will still be the Lord's supper.*

We will partake the body of Christ **with Pastor.**

We will partake the blood of Christ **with Pastor.**

***Prayer after Communion.....*** and we say: **Amen**

## **SENDING**

***Blessing.....*** and we say: **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn: "This Little Light of Mine"**

### This Little Light of Mine



1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;



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let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### **Dismissal:**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ **as we go out to reflect the love of God.**

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