

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

Below are the suggested recommendations for our process of Worship each Sunday.....

- The wearing of a mask is now considered “optional” or “your choice”.
**Please respect the decision of others, as they choose to wear or not to wear a mask.
- You continue to have the opportunity to watch FB Live or YouTube Live on our Website, if you still do not feel comfortable to attend in person.

We ask you to, if you wish.....

PRINT THE ATTACHED BULLETIN...to follow along with Sunday's Service.
As you are worshipping from home, you are invited to set aside a sacred space for worship.
Light a candle and set out your bread and wine.

Worship Service - Streaming live @ 9:30am or watch later!



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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

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St. James Lutheran Church

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**Sunday July 11th, 2021 –
7th Sunday after Pentecost**

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

*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

Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God,
joining us by watching the live/recorded service or in spirit and prayer.

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

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

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness:

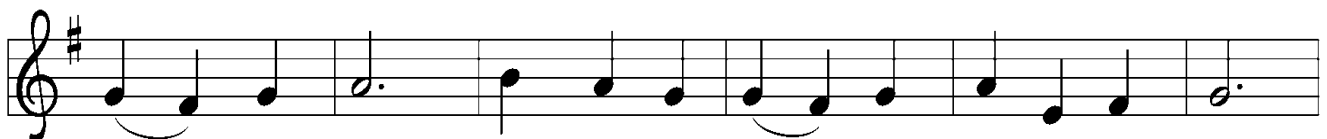
God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Prayer of the Day:

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also, that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what the Lord GOD showed me: The Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

Read Psalm 85: 8-13 responsively by whole verse:

⁸I will listen to what the LORD^l God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. ⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, so your glory may dwell in our land.** ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. ¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.** ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

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

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

Jesus became so well-known that Herod the ruler heard about him. Some people thought he was John the Baptist, who had come back to life with the power to work miracles. Others thought he was Elijah or some other prophet who had lived long ago. But when Herod heard about Jesus, he said, "This must be John! I had his head cut off, and now he has come back to life." Herod had earlier married Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip. But John had told him, "It isn't right for you to take your brother's wife!" So, in order to please Herodias, Herod arrested John and put him in prison. Herodias had a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she could not do it because Herod was afraid of John and protected him. He knew that John was a good and holy man. Even though Herod was confused by what John said, he was glad to listen to him. And he often did. Finally, Herodias got her chance when Herod gave a great birthday celebration for himself and invited his officials, his army officers, and the leaders of Galilee. The daughter of Herodias came in and danced for Herod and his guests. She pleased them so much that Herod said, "Ask for anything, and it's yours! I swear I will give you as much as half of my kingdom, if you want it." The girl left and asked her mother, "What do you think I should ask for?" Her mother answered, "The head of John the Baptist!" The girl hurried back and told Herod, "Right now on a platter I want the head of John the Baptist!" The king was very sorry for what he had said. But he did not want to break the promise he had made in front of his guests. At once he ordered a guard to cut off John's head there in prison. The guard put the head on a platter and took it to the girl. Then she gave it to her mother. When John's followers learned he had been killed, they took his body and put it in a tomb.

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

Sermon: "Plumb Lines and Plenty"

Hymn for Reflection: "Let Justice Flow like Streams"



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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

.....and also with you.

MEAL

....we thank you for your faithful generosity to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings which allows us to do God's work with our hands.

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

The Table is Set Hymn: "Let Us Go Now To the Banquet" (Refrain only & NO REPEAT)

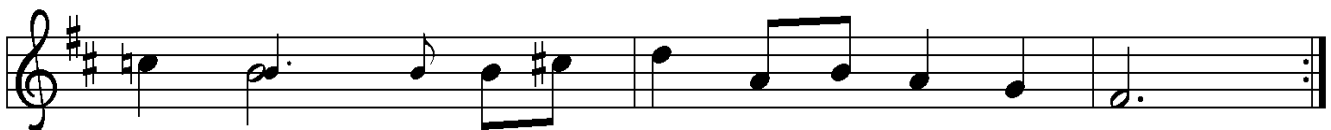
Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Invitation to Communion

In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

“One Bread, One Body”



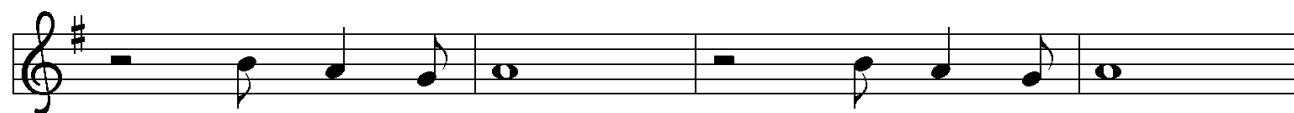
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



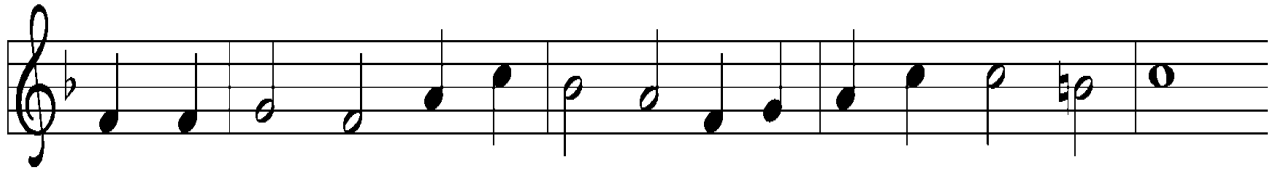
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

Refrain

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”



- 1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the wine which you have poured,
- 2 By this prom - ise that you love us, by your gift of peace re - stored,
- 3 With the saints who now a - dore you, seat-ed at the heav'n - ly board,
- 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward;



for the words which you have spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
by your call to heav'n a - bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
may the church still wait - ing for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
in the world to which you send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

“Eat This Bread”

Refrain

A system of musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the accompaniment.

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

A system of musical notation for the second system of the hymn. It consists of a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff, both in a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff contains the accompaniment.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Let Streams of Living Justice Flow"



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free-dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ, **sent to reflect the Light of Christ.**



Mission Offering for July 2021 benefits...

Stillwater Youth Center

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

July 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

July 2021 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sydne Wanner and Bob & Toni Rouane

July 2021 Reader: Donna Zeigler

July 2021 Usher(s): **Any volunteers?**

July 2021 Communion Helper(s): **Any volunteers?**

July Gate Keepers: *Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan,*

Larry & Joy Goehner, Brian & Sheri Luepke, Chris Fluery & Judy Bjorkman

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*

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer continued prayers for:

Pastor's Step Mother, Sharon, who was in an car accident Friday, July 2. Pray for recovery from her wounds, she was pretty banged up. God was with her. It could have been a lot worse for her. Also, Pastor Tonia's sister in laws family - Harry Peck who in now in Hospice. Harry has Alzheimers and has suffered a stroke. Lorrie Peck who in now living with cancer and her cousin's sister, Aracelii Enano who's cancer has metastasized.

Our dry land. We pray for cooler weather and rain to restore it - and the people who live upon - to health. We lift up those fighting fires and preparing for more fires. We also pray for those affected by the collapse of the condo in Surfside. For strength for the first responders, for miracles, and comfort for those who grieve.

Your continued healing Lord for Liz Cox's mother, Dorcas Atzbach; Patty Sundberg's mother, Joan Elser; Mina's parents, Jean & Gary; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

We lift up those living with cancer: Jenny Hansen Cheff; Barb Potzman; 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.

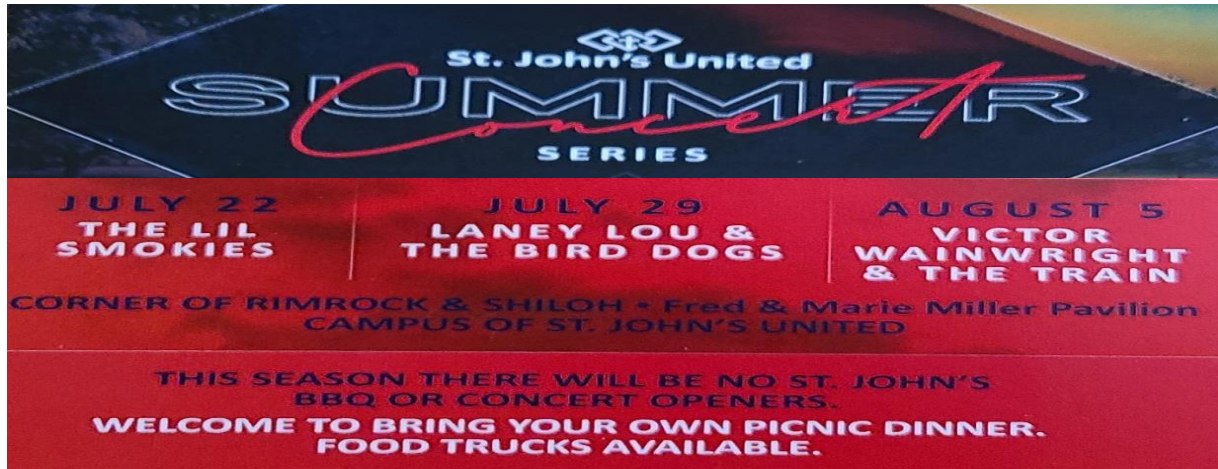
Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically and overseas, As well as their spouses and children at home.

Reminders.....

Coming this week....

- Bible Study -Tuesday July 13th @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB July 14th or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to an email or can be found on our Website.

- The fourth St. John's 2021 Summer Concert Series will be Thursday July 15th 7pm @ the St. John's United Campus featuring the "Drum Brothers"



St. James has INTERNET!

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE, PHONE or IPad/TABLET,

CLICK ON - **St. James**

Then, USE THIS PASSWORD: **95theses1517**



Take a few minutes to visit our St. James' Website.

Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org **

**Bookmark this page for your own future use

"Your faith in God's mission for St. James is unshakeable."

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

1. Mail your offering to the church at St. James Lutheran Church, PO Box 356, Columbus, MT, 59019
2. Take your envelope offering to Pastor Tonia's parsonage and put in the designated box on her front porch.
3. Stop in at your bank and arrange a monthly auto pay transaction.
4. Give online through **Tithe.ly**, a giving app endorsed by the ELCA. Each transaction carries a small fee. Your gift is safe / secure and goes directly to our church or ministry. Plus, you'll be able to track all your gifts, setup recurring, and more!

Tithe.ly (click on this blue "Tithe.ly" link – takes you directly to St. James' account to sign-up)

Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).



Happy July Birthday

Vi Ekle 7/4; Alex Tangen 7/5; Chris Fleury 7/7;
Karen McDonald 7/17; Lindsey Adams 7/17; Jim Dickey 7/21;
Betty Ames 7/22; Gloria Brown 7/22; Lanita Maurer 7/22;
Ken Hegg 7/23; Sally Bisch 7/23; Evelyn Williams 7/25;
Pat Lashley 7/28; Denise Cowan 7/29; Judy Martin 7/30



Happy July Anniversary

Ian & Joni Morse 7/6; Brian & Sydne Wanner 7/18;
Ken & Pete Hegg 7/23; Bill & RaeEllen Strickland 7/24

NOW.....SUMMER has arrived, and the trees & plants,
and green grass **CONTINUE** to **GROW**, and **GROW** and **GROW!** So, we
continue to be in need of volunteers to mow our church lawn!!!!

If anyone would be willing to help during the summer months, please let a
Council Member or Pastor Tonia know. We can come up with a
schedule. **Thank you!**

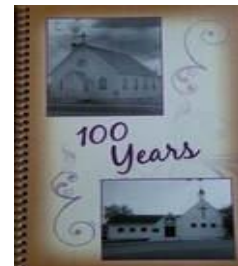


STILL AVAILABLE.....

Get your cookbooks!!

Get your 100th Anniversary etched mugs

And/or wine glasses!!



They are all for sale **NOW!** **\$10 each**

Pick yours up at church on Sunday or get in touch with Pastor Tonia, Denise or Betty
and we will make sure you get a copy or two or three. ☺

Simple Reminders.....

A GREAT ATTITUDE
becomes a great mood.
A great mood becomes a great day.
A great day becomes a great year.
A great year becomes a great life.