

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

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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We'd love to hear from you!

St. James Lutheran Church

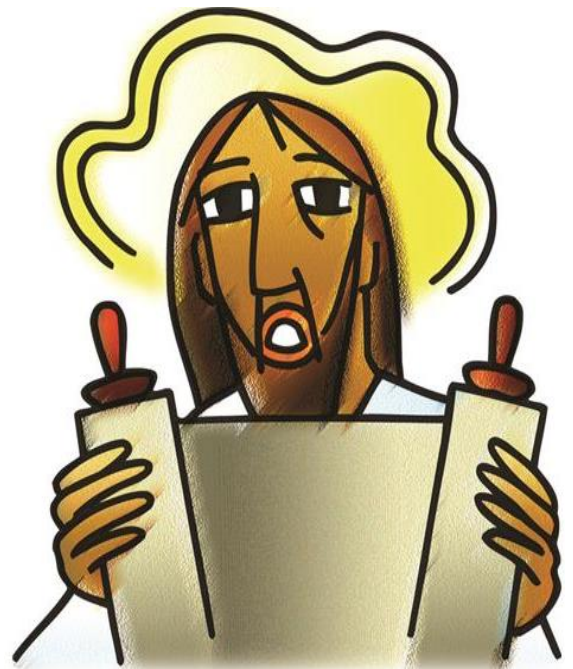
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*Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,
share our faith and serve with the love of God"*

**Sunday January 23rd, 2022 –
3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

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 all.....

.....and also be with you.

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

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, so we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: ELW #532 "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of the Day:

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, so, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Nehemiah: 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

Read Psalm 19 responsively by whole verse

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork. **²One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.** ³Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard, **⁴their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.** ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course. **⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.** ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. **⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.** ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. **¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.** ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. **¹²Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.** ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. **¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that

seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Please stand, as you are able, to welcome this Sunday's Gospel:

We sing the Gospel Acclamation:



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, we respond:



The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord, we respond:



Sermon: “Revealed in the Reading”

Reflection Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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

P: In Your Mercy, (C) sing:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing,

P: Amen. (C) sing:



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Passing of the Peaceand we say: **and also with you.**

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.

Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward.....

while we sing **The Offering Hymn: "As the Grains of Wheat"** (Refrain only)



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "We Place Upon Your Table Lord"

With - in these sim - ple things there lie the height and
depth of human life; our pain and tears, our
thoughts and toils, our hopes and fears, our joy and strife.

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:

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

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:

“Spirit of the Living God”

F F7 Gm/Bb D/A Gm F/C Bb/C C F Bb/C

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. —

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a quarter rest, followed by quarter notes for 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God,' and eighth notes for 'fall a - fresh on me.' The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines.

F F7 Gm D/A Gm7 F/C Bb/C C7 F F7

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. —

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has a quarter rest before 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God,' and eighth notes for 'fall a - fresh on me.' The bass line continues with chords and moving lines.

Bb Bbm/Eb F Dm G C^{sus} rit. C C7

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. —

The third system features a new vocal line with the lyrics 'Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.' The vocal line has quarter notes for 'Melt me. Mold me. Fill me.' and eighth notes for 'Use me.' The bass line continues with chords and moving lines. A 'rit.' (ritardando) marking is placed above the 'C^{sus}' chord.

F *a tempo* F7 Gm D/A Gm7 F/C Bb/C C7 F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a quarter rest before 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God,' and eighth notes for 'fall a - fresh on me.' The bass line continues with chords and moving lines. The tempo marking '*a tempo*' is placed above the first measure.

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

B \flat B \circ F7

1. Like the wom - an at the well I was seek - ing _____ For
 2. There are mil - lions in this world who are crav - ing _____ The
 3. So my broth - er, if the things this world gave you _____ Leaves

B \flat B \flat 7

things that could not sat - is - fy. And then I heard my Sav - ior
 please - ure earth - ly things af - ford. But none can match the won - drous
 hun - gers that won't pass a - way. My bless - ed Lord will come and

speaking: "Draw from my well that nev - er shall run dry."
 treas - ure _____ That I find in Je - sus Christ, my Lord.
 save you _____ If you kneel to Him and hum - bly pray.

F9 Chorus B \flat F7 Cm F7 B \flat

Fill my cup, Lord, - I lift it up, Lord, - Come and quench this thirst - ing of my soul.

F7 B \flat B \flat 7 E \flat B \flat /D Cm7 F7 ten. B \flat

Bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

“Feed Us Now”

E G#m Bm7 Amaj7

1. Feed us now, Bread of life, In this ho - ly meal;
 2. Piece of bread, glass of wine: Lord, this food is good!
 3. God is here, O so near; Near - er than our thoughts.

Am7 E F#m7 B7sus4 B7

Let us know your love a - new; We hun - ger _ for you.
 Love and mer - cy come to us; Your prom - ise _ we trust.
 Stay with us where - 'er we go; Lord, help us _ to grow.

E G#m Bm7 Amaj7

Feed us now, Bread of life, Come and live with - in;
 Piece of bread, glass of wine; Who can un - der - stand
 God is here, O so near, In this heav - en's meal.

Am7 E F#m7 B7

Verses 1., 2.	Verse 3
E B7	E

Let your peace be ours to - day, Lord Je - sus, we pray.
 How His mer - cy works in these? Yet, Lord, we be - lieve.
 May we al - ways feed on you - On the bread that is true.

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

SENDING

Benediction..... and we say: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"



En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

Dismissal

*Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.*

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LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS:

The Christmas and Epiphany Season

Devotions for the Seasons of Christmas and Epiphany
written by rostered and lay leaders in the Montana Synod

~2021~



Click on the attachment to this email, for the daily devotions.

Note: I will be sure to attach this PDF to this email today, which I have neglected to do for the last few weeks. 😞

I hope you take the time to read these excerpts from our Montana leaders. It is very inspirational!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

January 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

January 2022 Cleaner(s): Mina Morse, Jean Voldseth, Betty Ames and Leslie Mullin

January 2022 Reader: Randy Shelton

January 2022 Usher(s): Steve Cowan

January 2022 Communion Helper(s): Thank you Kim & Maureen for helping last Sunday.

January 2022 Gate Keepers: Council members in attendance will serve.

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES THIS WEEK & BEYOND.....

- **Tuesday January 25th, 2022** Bible Study @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB **Wednesday January 26th** 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.
- **Sunday January 30th, 2022** Church Council Meeting for new & old members immediately after worship.

An opportunity to care for the Lord's Table....

Altar Guild is looking for new members..... The schedule has been arranged to be more flexible to meet your needs. A specific task list and personal instruction will be given to anyone who would like to be involved in this ministry. For more information, please contact:

Kim Behrent (406) 321-2535 or **Pastor Tonia** (406) 656-9557

"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).



Is there any member interested in assuming the ministry of Prayer Chain requests? A group email list of those who have been interested in receiving this information, will be provided to you. Church members will contact you with a prayer request, providing you with names (ask for sp. If unsure) and all pertinent and correct information. You will then email the request to the specified group. Please let Pastor Tonia or Betty Ames know if you'd be interested in this ministry.

In the meantime, continue to contact Pastor Tonia, either by text or email (see info top of page)



Happy January Birthday

*Con Lofing 1/3; Mikaela Koski 1/8; Anders Bjorkman 1/16;
Pam Carlson 1/21; Carter Short 1/23; Leanne Sekora 1/28;
Arlene Mitchell 1/28*



Happy January Anniversary

Larry & Joy Goehner 1/3

For new prayer requests, please contact **Pastor Tonia**. Text or call her at (406) 656-9557 or email her at toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.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:

Pastor Molly Sasser-Goehner, Larry and Joy's daughter in law, who fell Saturday, (1/15) and received a concussion. We pray for a quick and complete recovery.

Mary Ann Connors, a friend of Pastor Tonia's, who has been diagnosed with colon cancer. We pray for God's healing and for peace for Mary and her family at this time.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your comfort and peace for Brett and Chris Hollingsworth as they mourn the death of Brett's brother, Darren Cate and for Sandy Yoder as she mourns the death of her sister, Ann Pomeroy.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Steve Cowan; Zane Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Seymour.

Those living with cancer: Araceli Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; Barb Potzman; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

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



*Mission Offering for January 2022 benefits...
Project Hope's "Backpack Program"*

THIS MESSAGE AND REQUEST IS ON "OUR" FB PAGE!

If you follow St. James on FB and this shows up to you,

Please SHARE on your OWN PAGE, so your friends will see

we are still selling cookbooks and may possibly want to purchase one or two!

*"We have cookbooks left over from our 100th Anniversary Celebration FOR SALE!
Many, many great recipes from old & new members, pictures & more pictures and a brief history of St. James' hundred years!*

Email your request and we will reply with purchase details.

Blessings to you and Thank You!"



If anyone is interested and ask you, they should email:

st.jameschurch4u@yahoo.com and we will reply back with purchase details.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US DISTRIBUTE
OUR WONDERFUL COOKBOOKS TO THE COMMUNITY!**