

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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Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:
www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

****Scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube link"**

To our faithful followers at home or where ever you are, PLEASE let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name.
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 30th, 2022 –
4th Sunday after Epiphany
Morning Prayer**

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 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: "Christ Be Our Light"



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, ⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD." ⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

Read Psalm 71:1-6 responsively by whole verse

¹*In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.* ²**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.** ³*Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.* ⁴**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.** ⁵*For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.* ⁶**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

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

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

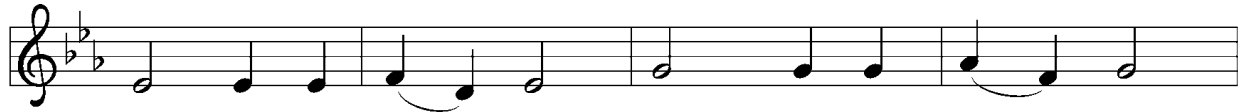
²¹Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town

was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

Sermon: "The Fickle Finger of Fate"

Reflection Hymn: "Beautiful Savior"



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
bright the spar - kling stars on high;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

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, **receive our prayer.**

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.

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.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Send Your Spirit of Truth, O God; Rekindle your gifts within us; renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to Your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Go My Children, with My Blessing"



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.

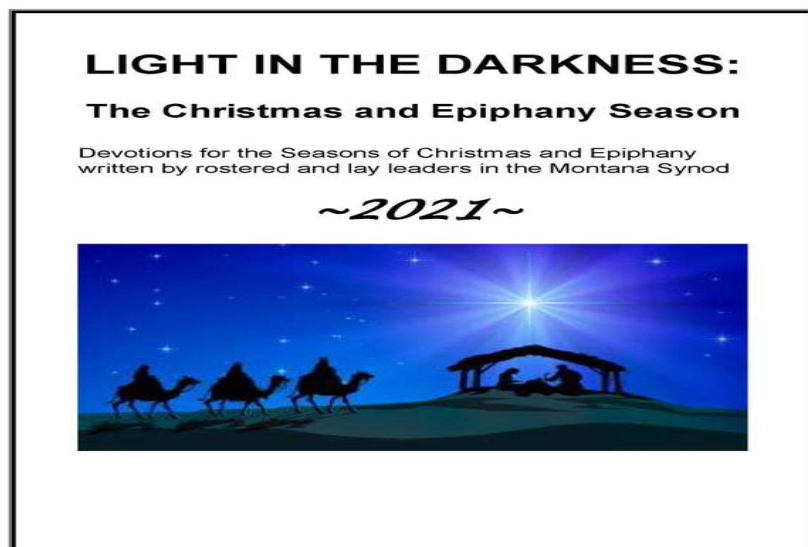


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Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
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Dismissal

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

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

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

February 2022 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

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

February 2022 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora, Pat Lofing and Merridy Gauthier

January 2022 Reader: Randy Shelton

February 2022 Reader: **Anyone wish to volunteer?**

Please sign up on "Opportunities to Serve" sheet on bulletin board.

January 2022 Usher(s): Steve Cowan

February 2022 Usher(s): **Anyone wish to volunteer?**

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

February 2022 Communion Helper(s): **Anyone wish to volunteer?**

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

February 6th, 2022 Gate Keepers: Chris Fleury & Joy Goehner

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

SUNDAY January 30th, 2022 Church Council Meeting for new & old members immediately after worship. ZOOM will be available for those members unable to attend worship service Sunday. ****Check council email for more information.....**

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

- **Tuesday February 1st, 2022** Bible Study @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB **Wednesday February 2nd** 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 February 13th, 2022** "Super Bowl Sunday" Mission Offering Fun and Installation of our Council Members and Commissioning of our Altar Guild.

After a long winter,
we're looking forward to spring!
Join us for an evening of

Tacos and Bingo

February 23, 2022

We'll eat at 5:30 and start bingo about 6.
Please bring a Spring themed gift in a closed
paper bag. (\$10 limit)



Happy Spring

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



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)



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

*"Super Bowl" Sunday's Mission Offering
for February 2022 benefits...
Project Hopes' "Food Bank"*

NOTE: *Join us for the Super Bowl Mission Offering!*

Sunday February 13th, 2022

After the final football play-off game,

we will create "buckets for the two winning football teams"

Bring you change or green and

place in your favorite teams' bucket!

We'll tally up the amount and announce the winner the following Sunday!



“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).

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:

Leslie and Roger Mullins as they grieve the loss of her father, Les Kercher, last Sunday, 1/23/22. Lord of Life, Les fought the good fight, finished the race, and kept the faith. We give thanks for his life and the lessons he left for others. Comfort Leslie and her mother, Renae as they mourn. Amen.

Evelyn Williams who fell Sunday, 1/23/22. Evelyn is doing well and will be home Monday. Lord of the dance, we thank You for Evelyn and pray for You to hold her in Your hands. Strengthen her physically as she works to strengthen her leg. Also be in prayers for her healing from Covid. Your healing is perfect and we thank you. Amen.

Zane Fleury as he recovers from a kidney transplant on Jan 26th. Lord of life, we pray for Zane’s body to accept the new kidney. May both Zane and his father, Brandon have a complete healing. Amen.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Pastor Molly Sasser-Goehner; Steve Cowan; Zane Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Seymour.

Those living with cancer: Mary Ann Connors; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; 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**

A WONDERFUL PROJECT FOR LENT



**The “PIGGY” Bank and “BARNYARD” Bank Program
will start again **March 6th, 2022!****

**Donna will begin handing them out to all, so you
can immediately start saving your change!**



**Note: Anyone who wants one sooner,
personally let Donna know or call her @ (406) 322-4452!**



**Thank you, Donna for starting this opportunity again
to help ELCA Good Gifts and
Thank you all for taking this challenge!**



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 February Birthday

Roger Mullin 2/2; Jennifer Gauthier 2/4; Nathan Rightmeir 2/4;
Heather Gauthier 2/10; Bill Strickland 2/10; Austin Rightmeir 2/13;
Cindy Smith 2/15; Kolson Evig 2/17; Jim Salte 2/18;
Brian Wanner 2/19; Raeli Evig 2/20; Jason Williams 2/23;



Happy January Anniversary

Larry & Joy Goehner 1/3

Happy February Anniversary

Gary & Pat Lofing 2/12; Jim & Barb Salte 2/19;
Jason & Holly Williams 2/29

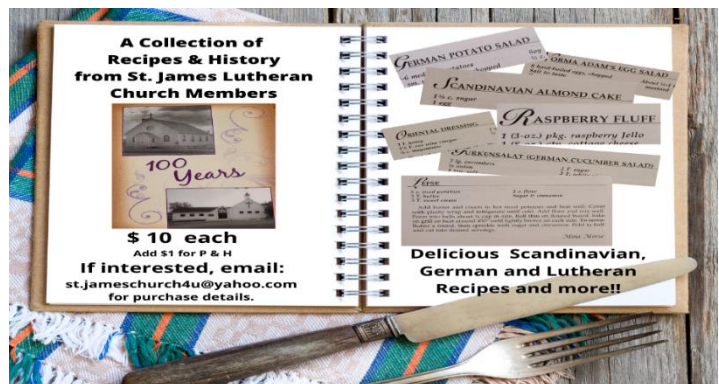
THIS MESSAGE AND REQUEST IS ON "OUR" FB PAGE!

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!**