

# WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

We are having in-church worship service this  
Sunday January 31<sup>st</sup> @ 9:30am.

We continue to be honoring the 3 W's.....

**“WATCH”** our physical distancing –

We have designated every-other pew open in the sanctuary for us to sit in to make sure we are still distanced properly.



**“WEAR”** masks for the **“Love of One Another”** .....

We want you to wear your mask **PROPERLY** during the entire worship service. This will allow us to sing quietly & safely.

**“WASH”** and/or sanitize our hands

*Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God, joining us by watching the FB Live service or in spirit and prayer.*

**Please, if you do not feel comfortable to attend in person, you have the opportunity to watch FB Live or a recorded version later in the day.**

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 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.

## Coming this week....

- Bible Study - Tuesday February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB February 3<sup>rd</sup> or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the January weekly preparing for worship email.
- Watch for more information and an invitation to join Pastor Tonia's Wednesday 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.

## St. James Lutheran Church

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**January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 –  
Fourth 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**

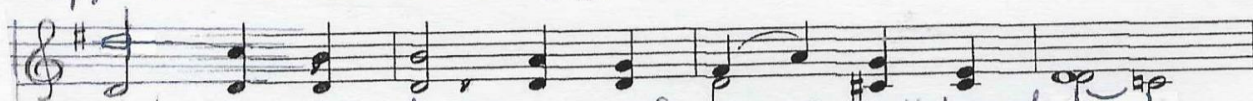
## Gathering Hymn: "O God of Light"

(I chose a better tune for this hymn – sorry for the chicken-scratch. The words are perfect.)

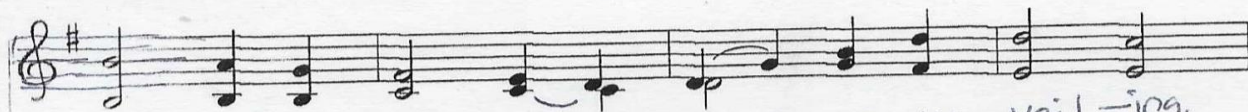
### - O God of Light -



1. O God of Light, yo-ur word a Lamp un-fail-ing,
2. From days of old, through blind & will-ful a-ges,
3. Un-dimmed by time, those words are still re-veal-ing,
4. To all the world yo-ur sum-mons you are send-ing,



Shall pierce the dark-ness of ou-r earth bound way -  
Though we re-belled, yo-u gently sought a-gain.  
To sin-ful hearts, yo-ur jus-tice & your grace,  
Thru all the earth, to-ev'-ry Land & race,



And show your grace, yo-ur plan for us un-vail-ing,  
And spoke thru saints, a post-les, pro-phets, sa-ges,  
And ques-ting spir-its - Lon-ging for your heal-ing,  
That myr-riad tongues, in - one great an-them blend-ing,



And guide our foot-steps to the-per-fect day,  
Who wrote with ea-ger or re-luc-tant pen-  
See your com-pas-sion - in the Sau-ior's face.  
May praise & cel-e-brate yo-ur gift of grace.

### Prayer of the Day:

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## WORD

### **Hear the 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

Moses said: <sup>15</sup>The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. <sup>16</sup>This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." <sup>17</sup>Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. <sup>18</sup>I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. <sup>19</sup>Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. <sup>20</sup>But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

### **Hear Psalm 111**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation. <sup>2</sup>Great are your works, O LORD, pondered by all who delight in them. <sup>3</sup>Majesty and splendor mark your deeds, and your righteousness endures forever. <sup>4</sup>You cause your wonders to be remembered; you are gracious and full of compassion. <sup>5</sup>You give food to those who fear you, remembering forever your covenant. <sup>6</sup>You have shown your people the power of your works in giving them the lands of the nations. <sup>7</sup>The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice; all of your precepts are sure. <sup>8</sup>They stand fast forever and ever, because they are done in truth and equity. <sup>9</sup>You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name. <sup>10</sup>The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

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

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

### **Hear the Gospel: Mark 1:21-28**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. <sup>22</sup>They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, <sup>24</sup>and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

### **Sermon: "Surviving"**

#### **Hymn for Reflection: "Light Shone in the Darkness"**



1 Light shone in dark - ness at the world's cre - a - tion,  
2 Light shone in dark - ness at the new cre - a - tion;  
3 Light shines in dark - ness till the full cre - a - tion;



bath - ing in beau - ty na - ture's rev - e - la - tion. All that has be - ing,  
Christ rose in glo - ry, won for us sal - va - tion. Sing, earth and heav - en,  
Christ's bod - y, groan - ing, suf - fers trib - u - la - tion, longs for God's jus - tice,



cry in ad - o - ra - tion, "Praise for the light. A - men!"  
hymns of ju - bi - la - tion, praise for the light. A - men!  
glob - al trans - for - ma - tion, prays for the light. A - men!

## ***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: "Shine Jesus Shine"**

*Refrain*

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;  
blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;  
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -  
dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, light of the world, shine up - on us,  
play your like - ness, ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,  
set us free - by the truth you now bring us.  
mir - rored - here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

*Refrain*

Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, shine on me:

### **Dismissal:**

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

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Worship Service recorded by Permission, CSPL #168651*

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

January 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

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

February 2021 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora, Pat Lofing, Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

February 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:***

We pray for healing for Leslie's parents, Les and Renae Kercher, who just tested positive for Covid. Sheri Todd as she recovers from surgery on her ankle.

Lord, we bring Sheri, Les and Renae before You and give thanks for their healing.

The family and friends of Glenn Perry, nephew of Cindy Smith as they mourn his passing.

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

Please continue to pray for Randy & KayDel Shelton. Bring peace and complete healing from Covid.

Your continued healing God for Bill Fisher, Pastor Tonia's brother; Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin; Bill Strickland; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

We lift up those living with cancer: 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.**

## ***Mission Offering for January 2021 benefits... Project Hopes' "Backpack Program"***



**"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](https://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).*