

# 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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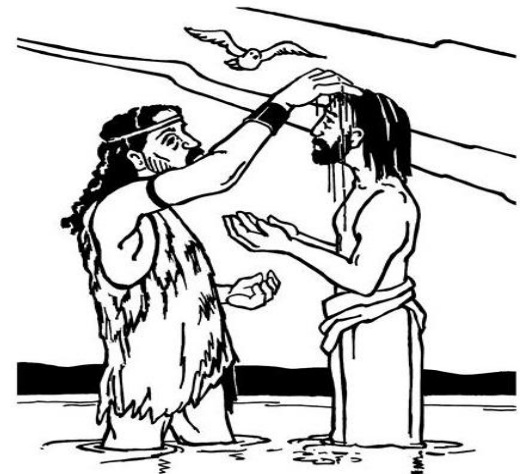
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*We'd love to hear from you!*

## 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 –  
Baptism of our Lord**



### **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

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy. We bless you, risen Christ, because your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams which revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers. Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear. Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life. Make us one, risen Christ. Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life. To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now & forever. Amen.*

### **Gathering Hymn: ELW #453 "Baptized and Set Free"**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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

*Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

# WORD

## **Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup>When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup>For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup>Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup>Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup>I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth" <sup>7</sup>everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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

## **Read Psalm 29 responsively by whole verse**

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.** <sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. <sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.** <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; <sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.** <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes. <sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.** <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" <sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.** <sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

## **Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 8:14-17**

<sup>14</sup>Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup>The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup>(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup>Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

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

## **We sing the Gospel Acclamation:**



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



## **Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with

unquenchable fire.”<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,<sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

*P: The Gospel of the Lord, we respond:*

Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon: “Come to the Water”**

**Reflection Hymn: “For Those Tears I Died”**

1. You said you'd come and share all my sor - rows;  
 2. Your good - ness so great I can't un - der - stand, And  
 3. Je - sus, I give you my heart and my soul. I

You said you'd be there for all my to - mor - rows.  
 dear Lord, I know that all this was planned.  
 know now with - out God I'd nev - er be whole.

I came so close to send - ing you a - way, But  
 I know you're here now and al - ways will be. Your  
 Sav - ior, you o - pened all the right doors, And I



## **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, listen to your children praying" after each petition*

*P: Amen. (C) sing entire hymn.....*



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 Peace** .....and 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.*

## **The 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:

# "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

speak - ing: "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.

# “Spirit of the Living God”

F F7 Gm/BbD/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, key of B-flat major. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. 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 piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving bass 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, followed by quarter notes for 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God,' and eighth notes for 'fall a - fresh on me.' The piano accompaniment continues with chords and bass lines.

Bb Bbm/Eb F Dm G Csus rit. C C7

Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. —

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The vocal line has quarter notes for 'Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me.' followed by a quarter rest. The piano accompaniment continues with chords and bass lines. The 'Csus rit.' chord is marked with a 'rit.' (ritardando) instruction.

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. It 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 piano accompaniment continues with chords and bass lines. The tempo is marked 'a tempo'.

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

## SENDING

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

# Sending Hymn: "Wade in the Water"

**\*\*NO leader - Congregation sing the entire 4 verses & back to refrain after each verse**

*Refrain*  
All



Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,



wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

Leader All



1 See that host all dressed in white,  
2 See that band all dressed in red, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the  
3 Look o - ver yon - der, what do I see?  
4 If you don't be-lieve I've been re - deemed,



wa - ter; the lead - er looks like the Is - ra - 'lite,  
looks like the band that . . Mo - ses led,  
the Ho - ly Ghost a - com-ing on me,  
just fol - low me down to . . . Jor - dan's stream,

All *Refrain*



God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

## Dismissal

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

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***2<sup>nd</sup> Official Notice (according to our By-laws)  
of our upcoming  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
for St. James – Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
immediately after our worship service.***

*This meeting will be available by Zoom for those of you at home.*

**\*\*Watch your email for an invitation to join & instructions for those of you not familiar to Zoom.**

**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.***

***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 & Chris 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022** Bible Study @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB **Wednesday January 12<sup>th</sup>** 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022** Annual Meeting immediately after worship – ZOOM available for those at-home wanting to attend.
- **Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](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).***



*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)***

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

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. Lord of comfort be with those who mourn. Give them Your peace as they face the loss of loved ones and as they seek to remember and honor them. Be with Brett and Chris and with Sandy now as they face the loss of their loved ones. Amen

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

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

Those living with cancer: Aracelii 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***



***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



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