

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”.
**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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Mission Offering for October 2021 benefits...

St. John's United

St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1st Ave. N. Columbus, MT 59019
Leader: Pastor Tonia Fisher (406) 656-9557
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Our Mission: “We worship together, grow in faith,
share our faith and serve with the love of
God”



Sunday October 10th, 2021 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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 comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Praise to the Lord"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them, you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, so you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

Read Psalm 90:12-17 responsively by whole verse

¹²So teach us to number our days so we may apply our hearts to wisdom. ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.** ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning; so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days. ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us and as many years as we suffered adversity.** ¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children. ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

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 10:17-31

¹⁷As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." ²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the

sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Sermon: “Mission Impossible”

Hymn for Reflection: “Take My Life, That I May Be”



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Nicene Creed ELW #104

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Lord in your mercy, receive 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

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Table Setting Hymn: "Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You"

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, we just want to [thank praise] you. Je - sus, we just want to [thank praise] you, Je - sus, we just want to [thank Praise] You, [thank Praise] You for be - ing so good. good." The score includes various chords such as F, F7, Bb, Gm, Bb, F/C, D7, D7+, D7, G9, Db7, C7, Bb, Gm, C, C7, and F. The piece concludes with a first ending (1. F) and a second ending (2. F) leading to a final chord (F) and the word "Fine".

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:

"Feed Us Now

Feed Us Now

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.

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.

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.

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.

Chords: E, G#m, Bm7, Amaj7, Am7, E, F#m7, B7sus4, B7, E, G#m, Bm7, Amaj7, Am7, E, F#m7, B7, E, B7, E.

"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

E \flat F7 B \flat

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 C m 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 C m7 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.

"For Those Tears I Died"

E C#m A B

1. 7 You said you'd come _____ and share all my sor - rows; 7
 2. Your good - ness so great _____ I can't un - der - stand, _____ And
 3. 7 Je - sus, I give you _____ my heart and my soul. _____ I

E C#m A B

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. _____

E B A B

I came so close _____ to send - ing you a - way, 7 But
 I know you're here now and al - ways will be. 7 Your
 Sav - ior, you o - pened _____ all _____ the right doors, And I

E C#m A

just as you prom - ised you came there to _____ stay, _____
 love loosed my chains _____ and in you I'm _____ free, _____
 thank you and praise you from earth's hum - ble _____ shores, _____

B7 E E7

I just had to pray. And Je - sus said,
 But Je - sus, why me? And Je - sus said,
 Take me, I'm yours. And Je - sus said,

A E B

"Come to the wa - ter, stand by my side. I know you are

E E7

thirst - y, you won't be de - nied. I felt ev - ery

A E

tear - drop when in dark - ness you cried, And I

B B7 E

strove to re - mind you that for those tears I died."

"Let Us Break Bread Together"



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"



1 Great is thy faith - ful-ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum-mer and win - ter and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, thine own dear



shad-ow of turn-ing with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com -
stars in their cours-es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres-ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

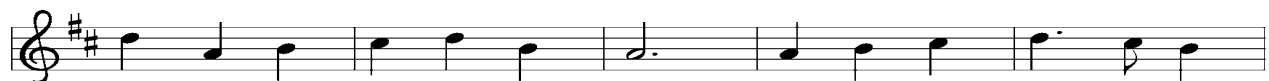


pas-sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit-ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by



morn-ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un - to me.

Dismissal:

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God.

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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

STILL SERCHING.....

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 you are 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.

Thank you for your consideration.

In the meantime, continue to contact Pastor Tonia with your requests, either by text (406) 656-9557 or email toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Leanne Sekora's mother, Joan Uhrich as she went into Hospice Wednesday, October 6. God of Comfort, be present with Joan, a baptized child of God. Give her Your peace. Be with her family as they journey this path with her. Let there be great memories, love, and comfort in you. Amen

We continue to pray for the friends and family of Dorcas Atzbach; Teri Alsup; Dennis Gauthier and Harry Peck as they continue to mourn their deaths.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Connie Bokma; Patty Sundberg's mother, Joan; Steve Cowan; Baby Quincy Davis; Bev Kem; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

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

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects, especially Vi's brother, Ron.

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

October 2021 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

October 2021 Cleaner(s): Patty & Lance Sundberg and Brian & Sheri Luepke

October 2021 Reader: Will you sign-up to help?

October 2021 Usher(s): Joy Goehner

October 2021 Communion Helper(s): Will you sign-up to help?

October 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

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 October Birthday

*Justin Lofing 10/3; Leslie Mullin 10/3; BJ Morse 10/5;
Toni Rouane 10/9; Brian Luepke 10/10; Joni Morse 10/20;
Pastor Tonia Fisher 10/23; Ken Hajek 10/24; Molly Adams 10/25;
Mary Hajek 10/26; Chris Hollingsworth 10/27*



Happy October Anniversary

Roger & Leslie Mullin 10/17

St. James wants to **CELEBRATE** this year - 2021!



**“Celebrate Good Times
Come On”**



What does the planning team
need us to do to make this happen in 2021?

**We need all 100th Committee members
available to attend the short meeting
immediately after worship.
Important decisions need to be made!**

Free Community Pipe Organ Concert

Featuring

“Music of the Reformation”

Master Organist, Marilyn Schempp

Sunday October 17 at 3:00pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Absarokee

****See attached poster for more information.**