

WELCOME TO:

St. James' Worship Service - 9:30am
Clap Your Hands as We Sing to the Lord!
Worship Service is now held in the Sanctuary.

We will 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”.....



Stillwater County News

As of Thursday October 1st FB Page

From the Stillwater Billings Clinic, the county's total case count is now 116 cases with **59 active.**

“WASH” and/or sanitize our hands

We ask you to, if you wish.....



**PRINT THIS BULLETIN..... to follow along with Sunday's
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!



St. James Lutheran Church

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October 11th, 2020 – 19th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Prelude

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Ps 122:1

Welcome

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.

Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

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

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

Faithful God, have mercy on us. We confess we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "We Are Called"

Vs1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain: We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Vs 2 Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and blindness will be no more.

Back to Refrain:

Vs 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love.

Back to Refrain:

Prayer of the Day:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. **Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

¹O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. ²For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. ³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. ⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, ⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was

stilled. ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Hear the Reading of Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake. ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel.

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

Hear the reading of the Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

Sermon: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

Hymn for Reflection: "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"

Refrain: Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe,
The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

Vs 1 I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me,
With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family.

Back to Refrain:

Vs 2 God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good
Where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food.

Back to Refrain:

Vs 3 May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love,
God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have.

Back to Refrain:

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

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: "You Are Holy"

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more
than we ever understand. You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here.

To your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

**You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!
Sing hosanna, in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God! Repeat:**

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 OPEN** our pre-packaged wafer & partake the body of Christ **with Pastor.**
We **WILL OPEN** our pre-packaged juice & partake the blood of Christ **with Pastor.**

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

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

Dismissal:

Remember the poor as you are sent to **reflect the love of God.**
Go in peace.

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Again, **Thank You**
Bev Kem for letting us
borrow your keyboard during
our summer worship!

****When I delivered the keyboard back to Bob & Bev's in late September, these beautiful flowers were still blooming! I just had to share God's beauty! betty**



Pastor Tonia Fisher



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

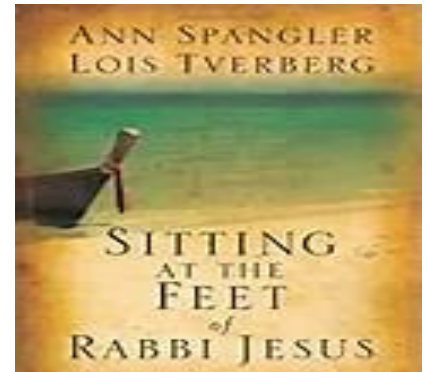
TODAY October 11th : Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship

Tuesday October 13th :

***Bible Study @ 2:00pm**

***B.Y.O.B.B. & B. - Bring your own Beverage, Bible & Book!**

We are reading and discussing the book, [*Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus*](#) by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg.



Wednesday October 14th:
Watch on St. James' FB Page –

****Click on the picture to be directed to the church FB Page.**

A “Word on Wednesday” – “Rejoice in the Lord”
Pastoral Letter from Pastor Tonia

Or read the full Pastoral Letter below!

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with - thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

(Phil 4:4-9)

I don't know about you, but I've not been able to think clearly this year. With what we each are facing in our own lives, we are forced to look at it all through the lens of Coronavirus. Quarantines, businesses closed, hospitals overfilled. People not gathering together, not shaking hands or hugging. Congregations not gathering together for worship. Meeting held on Zoom. Family visits by FaceTime. Hospitals over full, medical staff overworked, outbreaks, masks, fear.

Late summer we began to deal with winds and fires, storms and flooding. Homes, livelihoods, land and lives destroyed, lost. There are acts of injustice, riots, a lack of trust. We are consumed with fear, empathy, concern, anger. "You can't make me wear a mask." We place blame. We accuse. Our news is filled with stories – we can't image are even true. But you can't make this stuff up.

To us, here behind our masks, with our heads buried either in the sand or our source of news, we are told, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, Rejoice." But how can I. Look at the state of my life, my home, my family, my job, my community, this country, the world.

There are things over which we have no control. We can't control nature. We can't control the actions of others. But we can control our reaction. We can turn our thoughts to whatever is true, honorable, just, pure, pleasing, commendable. We can look for what is excellent, what is worthy of praise, and we can think on these things. We can be still and allow God to be God, for us, for our family, our community, our country, the world God so loves.

Think on God. Focus on knowing God better, holding God closer, hearing God's words of hope and joy in the midst of a Pandemic, during the storm, and through civil unrest. Even though we don't understand how, God wants us to allow God's peace, which surpasses all understanding, to guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

Let us pray.

Lord of compassion, help us to step back and keep on doing the things You have taught us. Help us to focus on what we have received and heard and seen in Christ. God, we pray Your peace will be with us - all. Amen

Sunday November 1st:

All Saints Sunday

**We will be honoring our departed loved ones on this day –
Please give Pastor Tonia their names to be included in our prayers.**

St. James' Opportunity to help our community the month of October, thru the God's Work, Our Hands Program!



BAKELESS BAKE SALE

God's Work, Our Hands

You are invited to **NOT** bake cookies or bars. You do **NOT** have to find the recipe. You do **NOT** have to shop for the ingredients. You do **NOT** have to mix. You do **NOT** have to cook. You do **NOT** have to cut. You do **NOT** have to wrap. You do **NOT** have to wash dishes. You do **NOT** have to clean up your kitchen. You do **NOT** have to deliver the baked product in the heat/cold/rain.

Instead, you can write a check and give to or send to:

***St. James Lutheran Church PO Box 356
Columbus, MT 59019,***

for what you might have spent and stay home & enjoy doing something for yourself or with your family!



Money from our
Bakeless Bake Sale
will go to support
Project Hope
& the
Columbus Senior Center.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

October 2020 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

October 2020 Cleaner(s): Lance & Patty Sundberg and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

*October 2020 Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Brian & Sheri Luepke, Larry & Joy Goehner
and Steve & Denise Cowan*

October Song Leaders at Worship: Brian & Sheri Luepke and Larry & Joy Goehner

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames



Happy October Anniversary

Roger & Leslie Mullin 10/17

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 10/23; Ken Hajek 10/24; Eric Bjorkman 10/24;

Molly Adams 10/25; Mary Hajek 10/26; Chris Hollingsworth 10/27



For new prayer requests, please contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at jdbjorkman@hotmail.com

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer continued prayers for:

God's peace, timing and comfort for the family and friends of Deloris Etchart.

God's loving presence to surround the residents & staff at Meadowlark Assisted Living.

God's healing for Roger Mullin, Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

We lift up those living with cancer: 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.**

"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 your 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).

How exciting!

Cookbooks have arrived!!

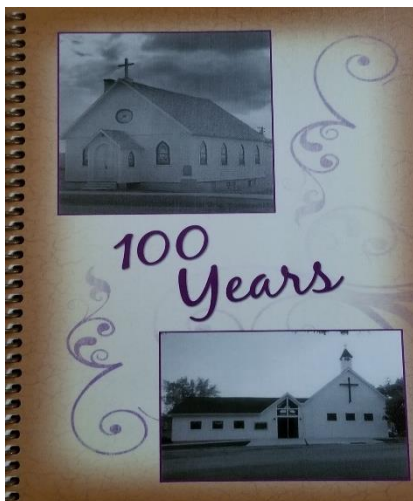
They are for sale NOW!

\$10 each

**A Collection of Recipes, History and Pictures
of St. James Lutheran Church!**

ALSO.....

**100th Anniversary etched mugs
and wine glasses have arrived!!**



*They are on display at the church!
They are also for sale **NOW!***

\$10 each

Pick yours up at church on Sunday, doors are open for Bible Study on Tuesday's 2pm-3pm or get in touch with Pastor Tonia, Karen, Denise or Betty and we will make sure you get a copy/mug/glass or two or three of each! 😊

***Please designate on your check memo or envelope the purpose of your money.*

*Mission Offering for October benefits...
St. John's United*



Montana Synod

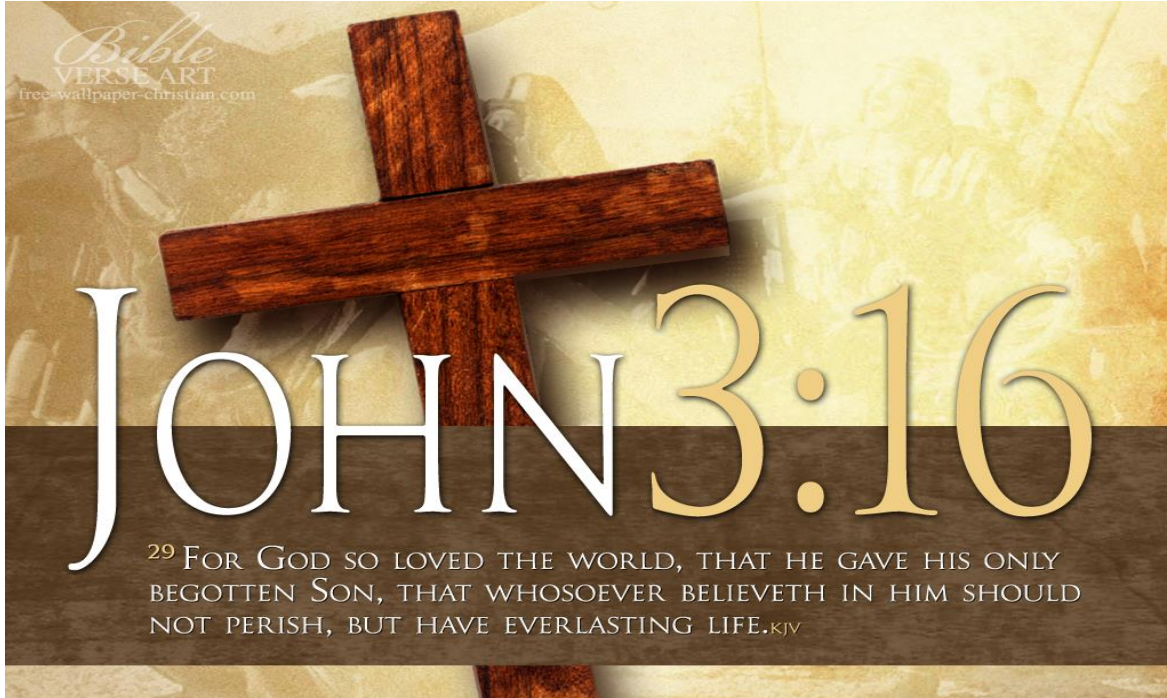
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God's work. Our hands.



Bishop Jungling's Vimeo Message - October 7, 2020

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A FAVORITE FOR
ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH,
IS THIS BEAUTIFUL **VERSE** – JOHN **3:16**

This is so fitting to use as our church Wi-Fi password.

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE,
PHONE or IPad/TABLET,

CLICK ON - ***St. James***

Then, USE THIS PASSWORD:

SJLvs3:16

Simple Reminders...

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin!

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in.
(John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all
the yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6:)

Then He carves you a new smiling
face.
(Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

