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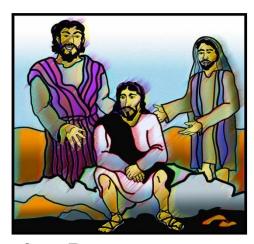
\*\*Scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube link"

# Mission Offering for October 2021 benefits... St. John's United

# St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. N. Columbus, MT 59019 Leader: Pastor Tonia Fisher (406) 656-9557 Email: toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith, share our faith and serve with the love of God"



Sunday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – 21<sup>st</sup> 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 all ......and 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: "God is Here"



#### Prayer of the Day:

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

# Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,"You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ¹In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

#### Read Psalm 91:9-16 responsively by whole verse

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, <sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.** <sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone. <sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent. <sup>14</sup>I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name. <sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them. <sup>16</sup>With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

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

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

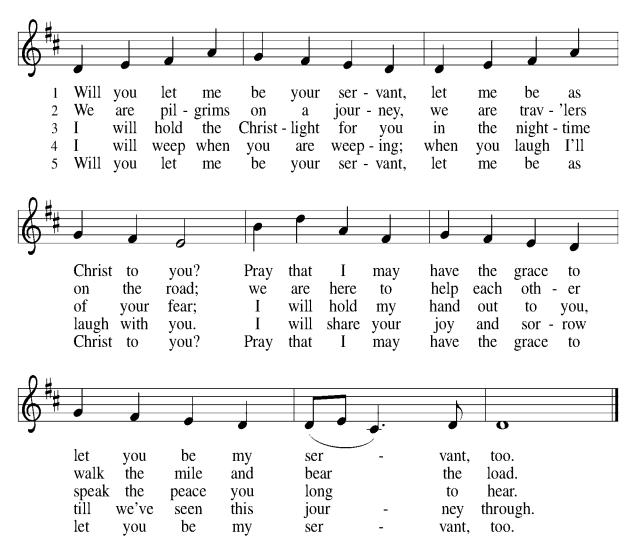
# Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

<sup>32</sup> They were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, 33 saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles; <sup>34</sup> they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again."35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" <sup>39</sup>They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." 41When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

#### Sermon: "Do I Really Want This Honor"

### Hymn for Reflection: "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"



### 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 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"



# 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 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

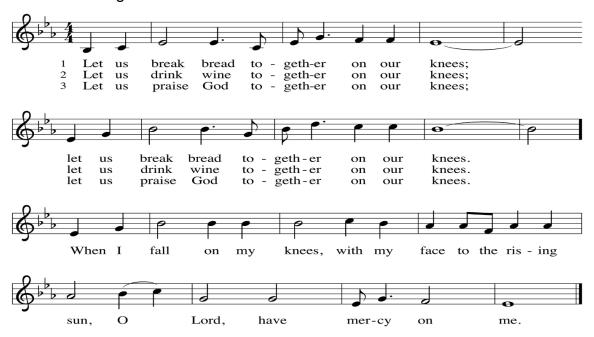








"Let Us Break Bread Together"



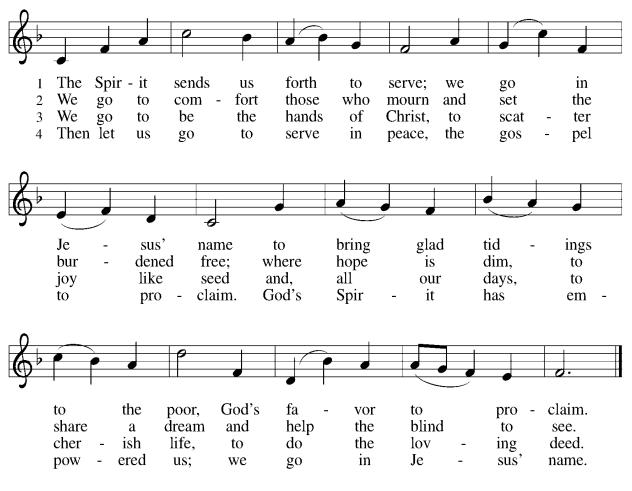
Prayer after Communion.....

and we say: Amen

#### **SENDING**

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

Sending Hymn: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"



#### 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.

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

Thank you for your consideration.

#### PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

#### We offer new prayers for:

Liz Cox's Grandson, Lukas. He broke his arm today (Saturday) in a trampoline accident. God of healing, give skin to the doctors as they set Lukas' arm to heal properly. Give him peace and patience during the healing process.

Leanne Sekora and her family as they grieve the loss of her mother, Joan Urich, who passed away on Wednesday. God of our weary tears, we thank You for Joan's life and ask for Your peace in her death. Comfort Joan's family as the grieve. We thank You for memories and for Your presence. Amen. Services are planned for Friday 10/22 – More info TBA.

Baby Quincy Davis. Carlie and Quincy flew to Denver today (Friday 10/15) for another opinion on her heart murmur. God of healing, we bring before you Quincy Davis, strengthen her little body and give wisdom to her doctors. Give them safe and peaceful travel. We thank You for Your presence with them, especially at this time. Give Your peace and comfort to Carli and Rob and to Krisit and Greg. Thank You for the life of this precious child. Amen.

#### We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for 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; Aracelii 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!

<u>Tithe.ly</u> (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



# Coming this week...

- TODAY quick 100th Celebration Committee meeting after worship
- Bible Study Tuesday October 19th @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB October 20<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.
- SATURDAY October 23<sup>rd</sup> Set-up and decorating at the Little Metra for our Event – 10:00am
- SUNDAY October 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30am Special 100<sup>th</sup> Celebration Service
   Bishop Laurie Jungling will be here to proclaim the Good News
   \*\*Masks are recommended during our worship service.

Centennial Celebration @ the Little Metra

- > NOON Happy Hour, visiting, remembering our history, signing up for raffle & Silent and Live Auction items.
- > 1:00pm starts our Program and Dinner
- 3:00pm We will need help w/ putting tables & chairs away!!