

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!



Click on image OR
FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana



Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:
www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

****Scroll down to “Click here for the St. James YouTube link”**

Mission Offering for October 2021 benefits...

St. John's United



Pastor Appreciation Month

*We said a prayer for you today and know God must have heard.
We felt the answer in our heart although He spoke no word.
We didn't ask for wealth or fame, we knew you wouldn't mind.
We asked Him to send treasurers of a far more lasting kind.
We asked that He'd be near you at the start of each new day.
To grant you health and blessings and friends to share your way.
We asked for happiness for you in all things great and small
But it was for His loving care we prayed the most of all.*

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 October 31st, 2021 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost **REFORMATION SUNDAY**

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: ELW #505 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

- Vs 1 A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper frees us from the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, forsworn to work us woe,
with guile and dreadful might is armed to wage the fight;
on earth there is no equal.
- Vs 2 If we in our own strength confined, our striving turns to losing;
The righteous one fights by our side, the one of God's own choosing.
You ask who this may be: Christ Jesus, it is he,
The Lord of hosts by name. No other God we claim!
None else can win the battle.

Vs 3 Though all the world with devils fill and threaten to devour us,
We tremble not, we trust God's will: they cannot overpow'r us.
Though Satan rant and rage, in fiercest war engage,
This tyrant's doomed to fail; God's judgement must prevail!
One little word shall triumph.

Vs 4 God's Word shall stand above the pow'rs, shall end all their thanksgiving.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, for God with us is living.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
Though all of these be gone, they yet have nothing won.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:2-6

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

Read Psalm 119:1-8 responsively by whole verse

¹Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. ²**Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,** ³*who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.* ⁴**You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.** ⁵*O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!* ⁶**Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.** ⁷*I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.* ⁸**I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 3:19-28

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

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

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Matthew 5:1-10

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

Sermon: "Fed by Ravens, The Unexpected Waiters"

Hymn for Reflection: “Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit”

to the tune of “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

- Vs 1 Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.
- Vs 2 Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.
- Vs 3 Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

Apostle's Creed ELW #105

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”

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.

Chords: F, F7, Bb, Gm, Bb, F/C, D7, D7+, D7, G9, Db7, C7, F, F7, Bb, Gm, C, C7, F, Bb/F, F.

The score consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. Chord markings are placed above the piano accompaniment line. The piece concludes with a double bar line 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

KODJ VIBEN

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.

"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 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 C \flat 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;



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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: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



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Dismissal:

*We were called to be the Church and God sends us out to reflect His love
And the people of St. James were filled with faith and zeal for the mission of the Lord.*

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*Reminder..... Sunday November 7th
FALL BACK.....Don't forget to
set your clocks back!!*

Coming this week...

- Bible Study Tuesday November 2nd @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB November 3rd 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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

November 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

November 2021 Cleaner(s): Rusty & Nancy Stennerson and Patty & Lance Sundberg

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

November 2021 Usher(s): Will you sign-up to help?

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

November 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

"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).

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Rick Cox as he undergoes further tests this week on a mass found in his bladder. God of healing, we lift up Rick as he goes in for further tests this week. Give wisdom to his doctors. Give Your peace for Liz during this time of waiting. Lord, we place Rick in Your healing hands. Amen

Ruthie Hood as she and her family mourn the death of her father, Robert Liss. Comforting God, give peace to Robert's family as they grieve. Bless them with comfort as they share stories and as they come together to grieve. Bless them with your presence. Amen

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Liz Cox's grandson, Lucas; 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.*

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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