

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 84 cases with **35 active and 4 hospitalizations.**

Worship & Mutual Ministry Teams Note:

Due to the rising number of Covid-19 cases in our county, the Governor's mandate for people to be masked is more important than ever. Although there continues to be different thoughts on what we can or should do, what works or does not work, wearing a mask indoors is the least we can do.

Because singing is a proven super-spreader, we will show our love to one another by not singing out loud. We will still worship God through music as our music directors sing our hymns and while we hum along (clapping and toe tapping are welcome). We will worship God while meditating on the message of the words. Our hymns are chosen to reflect the lessons of the day and as a way to lift up our thanks and praise to God.

While pondering the words instead of singing them out loud may be different, it is not wrong. Open your hearts to the Spirit during this time of self-silence as you listen to the words sung and read the words printed. Let this to be a time to meet God and hear God speak to you.

“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 4th, 2020 – 18th 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: "Come, All You People"

- Vs1 Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Most High;
Come now and worship the Lord.
- Vs 2 Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Savior;
Come now and worship the Lord.
- Vs 3 Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come, all you people, come and praise the Spirit;
Come now and worship the Lord.

Prayer of the Day:

Beloved God, from you come all things which are good. **Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things which are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ²He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard which I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? ⁵And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

Hear the Reading of Psalm 80:7-15

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. ⁸You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it. ⁹You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land. ¹⁰The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs. ¹¹You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river. ¹²Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes? ¹³The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it. ¹⁴Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; ¹⁵behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

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 21:33-46

Jesus said to the people: ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time. ⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? ⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” ⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Sermon: “Vineyard on a Fertile Hill”

Hymn for Reflection: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Vs 1 "I am the Bread of life, you who come to me shall not hunger,
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons."

Refrain:

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day"

Vs 2 "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.
And if you eat of this bread
You shall live forever. You shall live forever."

Back to Refrain:

Vs 3 "Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you."

Back to Refrain:

Vs 4 "I am the resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live forever."

Back to Refrain:

Vs 5 Yes, Lord I believe that you are the Christ,
The Son of God, who has come in to the world.

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: "Baptized and Set Free"

Vs 1 We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
To a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

Vs 2 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

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:

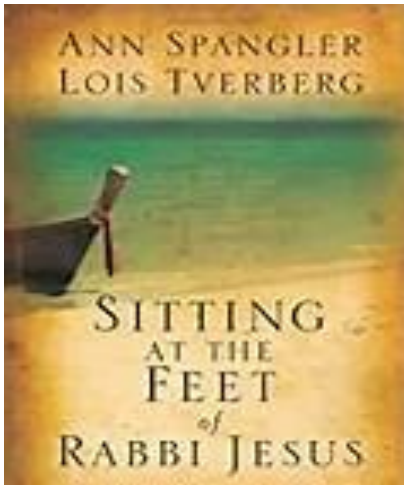
Remember the poor as you are sent to **reflect the love of God.**

Go in peace.

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

Tuesday October 6th : *Bible Study @ 2:00pm

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



Beginning this Tuesday, we will read and discuss the book, *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* by Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg.

For those of you who are not familiar with this book here is a review:

- ~ A rare chance to know Jesus as his first disciples knew him.
 - ~ What would it be like to journey back to the first century and sit at the feet of Rabbi Jesus as one of his Jewish disciples? How would your understanding of the gospel have been shaped by the customs, beliefs, and traditions of the Jewish culture in which you lived?
 - ~ *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* will change the way you read Scripture and deepen your understanding of the life of Jesus. It will also help you to adapt the rich prayers and customs you learn about to your own life, in ways that both respect and enrich your Christian faith.
- ~ *Sitting at the Feet of Rabbi Jesus* takes you on a fascinating tour of the Jewish world of Jesus, offering inspirational insights that can transform your faith. Ann Spangler and Lois Tverberg paint powerful scenes from Jesus' ministry, immersing you in the prayers, feasts, history, culture, and customs that shaped Jesus and those who followed him.

In these pages, you will:

- Hear the parables as they must have sounded to first-century Jews, powerful and surprising.
- Join conversations among the rabbis of Jesus' day.
- Watch with new understanding as the events of Jesus' life unfold.
- Experience new excitement about the roots of your Christian faith.

Let Pastor know if you are interested and she will order a book for you.

The books are \$14.89. Tuesday Bible Study is open to everybody.

We would love to have you join us as we sit at Rabbi Jesus' feet.

**Wednesday October 7th: Watch on St. James' FB Page –
A "Word on Wednesday" – Pastoral Letter from Pastor Tonia**



**Sunday October 11th:
Pastor Appreciation Sunday**

**Also, Church Council Meeting
immediately after worship**

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 to *St. James Lutheran Church*, for what you might have spent and stay home and 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

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 new prayers for:

Deloris Etchart, friend of Pastor Tonia's, as she has been placed on Palliative Care. Please pray for God's presence and comfort, and for God's timing and peace for her family.

Our nursing homes, assisted livings, and senior care facilities residents, as visitors have been restricted due to the spread of Covid19 in our county and state. Please pray for God's loving presence to surround the residents as they struggle with loneliness and confusion over why they are not able to see family and friends. Please pray for the residents' family and friends as they worry and long to be with the loved ones they are no longer able to visit. Please pray for the staff as they care for and minister to the residents in ways that go beyond their job descriptions. Please also pray for the staff as many of them are balancing the health and care of the residents with the health and care of their own families.

We offer continued prayers for:

Barbara Salte, as she recently fell and had a successful hip replacement surgery.

Barbara's daughter, Teri Grebe Everett sent St. James this message: "My mom's surgery went well. Thank you very much for the prayers". We ask for God's comfort, peace, and complete healing and also prayers for her husband, Jim.

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.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER **Our 2020 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33

FYI.....YTD (Jan – August 2020) (\$7,139.69) under budget

September 6 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,130</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$6,878.33)</i>
September 13 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,080</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$5,798.33)</i>
September 20 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$4,570</u>	OVER monthly budget \$21.67
September 27 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 750</u>	OVER monthly budget \$771.67

"Your faith in God's mission for St. James is unshakeable."

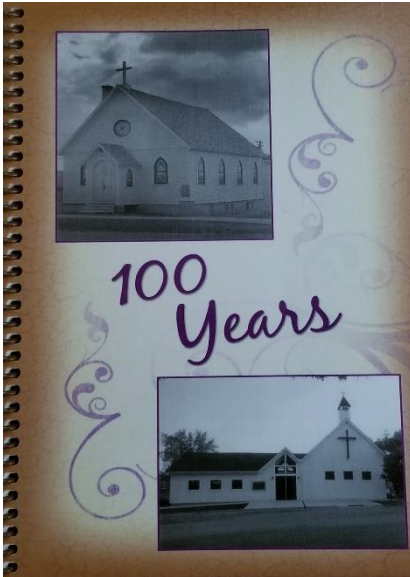
Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

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).



Cookbooks have arrived!!
How exciting!

*They are for sale **NOW!***
\$10 each

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

*Pick yours up at church on Sunday or get in
touch with Pastor Tonia, Karen, Denise or Betty and we will
make sure you get a copy or two or three. 😊*

ALSO.....

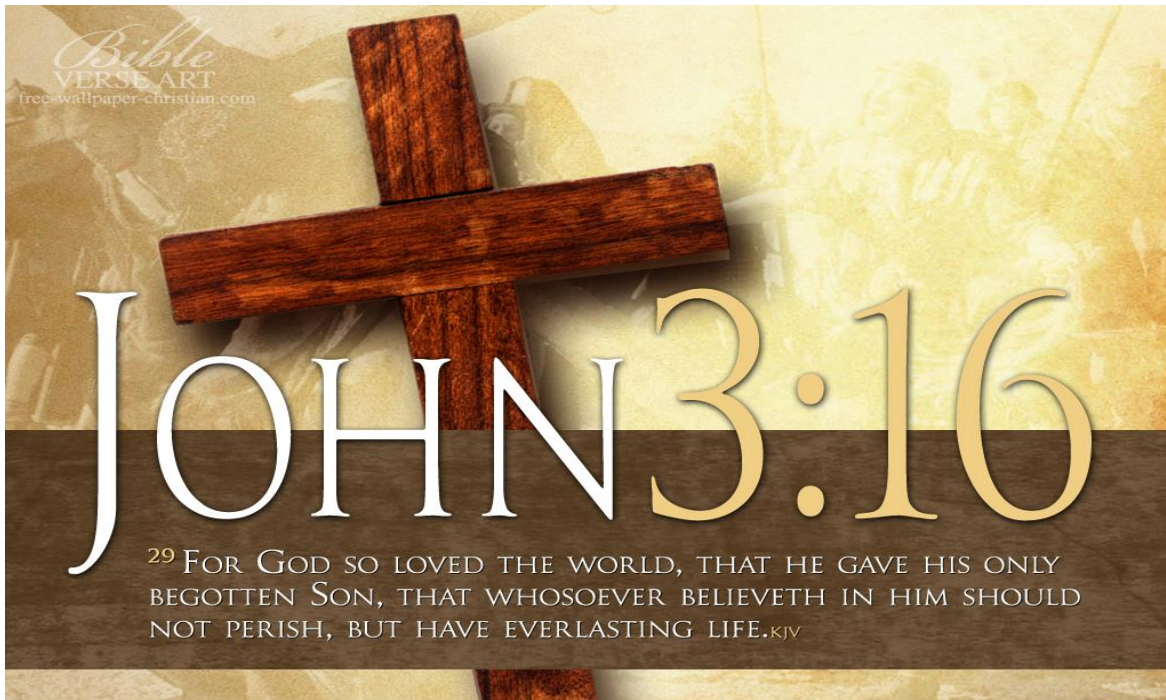
**100th Anniversary etched mugs
and wine glasses have arrived!!**

How exciting!
They are on display at the church!

*They are also for sale **NOW!***
\$10 each



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



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...

October

Be present.

Let the day flow with grace.

Expect joy. Be positive.

Serve with compassion.

Speak only kindness.

Impart only love.

Never forget you're not alone.

Give thanks for everything.

See goodness in others. mary
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