WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

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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**On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James FB link"

To our faithful followers at home or wherever you are, PLEASE let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name. We'd love to hear from you!

St. James Lutheran Church

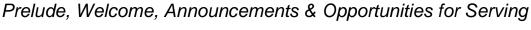
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Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,

share our faith and serve with the love of God"

Sunday October 8th, 2023 -19th Sunday after Pentecost



"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, LORD...You are their glorious strength.

It pleases you to make us strong." (Ps 89:15,17)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you alland also with you.

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

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: ELW #508 "As Rain from the Clouds"



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 that 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 briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds, so 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**.

Read Psalm 80:7-15 responsively by whole verse:

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.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

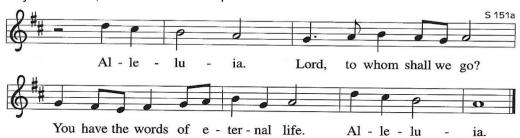
Paul writes: ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

Acclamation: ELW #151

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

We sing:



The Gospel according to Matthew:

We sing after the announcement:



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 that 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:

We sing after the conclusion:



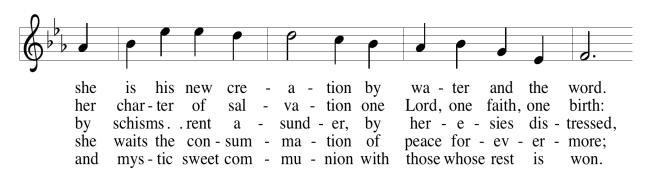
Sermon: "The Melody Line"

Reflection Hymn: ELW #654 "The Church's One Foundation"

At this time, you are invited to go forward and light a candle of remembrance, as we take time to reflect on God's word



- 1 The church's one foun-da tion is Je sus Christ, her Lord;
- 2 E lect from ev 'ry na tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
- 3 Though with a scorn-ful won der this world sees her op-pressed, 4 Through toil and trib u la tion and tu mult of her war.
- 5 Yet she on earth has u nion with God, the Three in One





From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - lv bride: bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly ho - ly name she food, one keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?" saints their watch are vet glo - rious her long - ing eyes are till with the vi - sion blest, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace, Oh,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life died. she press - es grace en - dued. and one hope with ev - 'ry soon the night of weep - ing shall and be the morn of song. and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest. that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face face.

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

After each petition: P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer After last petition: All: AMEN.

Passing of the Peaceand we say: and also with you.

MEAL

....we thank you for your faithfulness to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings and allowing us to do God's work with our hands.

Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing The Offering Hymn: "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"

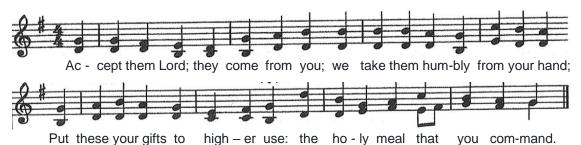


These to-kens of our dai - ly work, the food of life, the bread and wine.

Offering Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table so all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "We Place Upon Your Table, Lord"

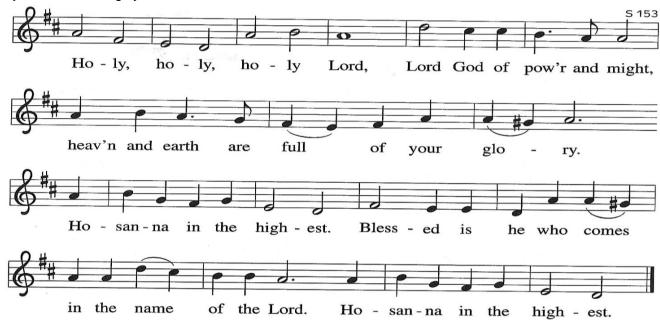


Great Thanksgiving

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:



Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

AMEN

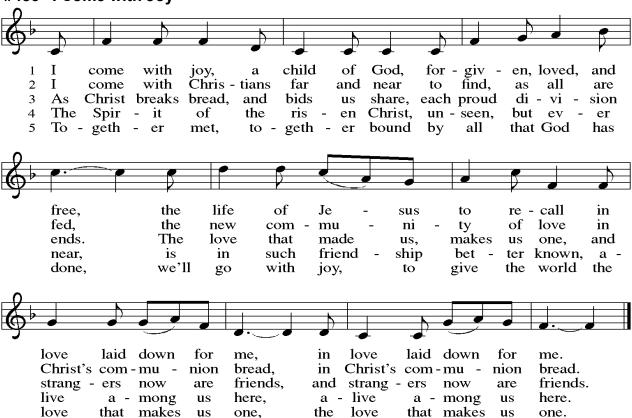
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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:

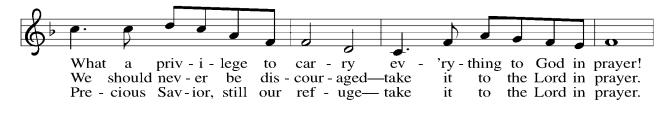
ELW #483 "I Come with Joy"



ELW #742 "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?





Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

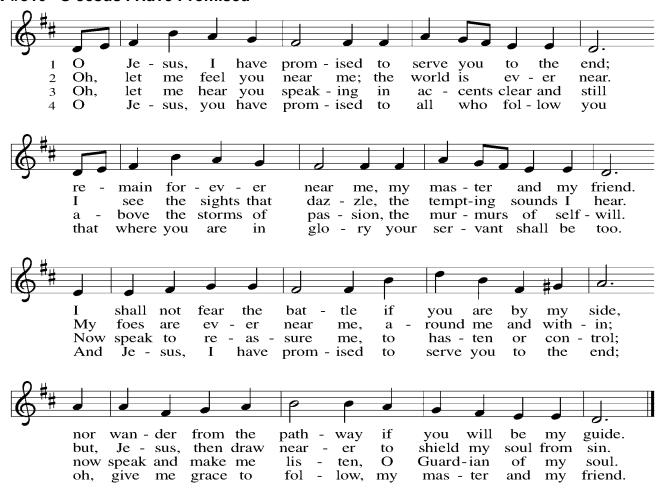


all be-cause we do not car - ry ev-'ry-thing to God in prayer!

Je - sus knows our ev-'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

ELW #810 "O Jesus I Have Promised"



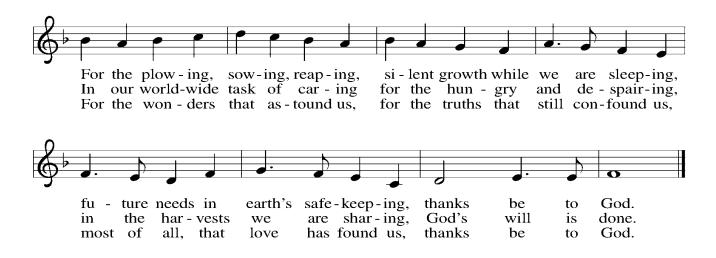
Prayer after Communion.... and we say: Amen.

SENDING

Benediction..... and we say: Amen.

Sending Hymn: ELW #679 "For the Fruit of All Creation"





Dismissal: Go in peace. God is at work in you.. Thanks be to God.

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Readings for 10/15/23 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: Ezekiel 18:104, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32



...for your patience and compassion during our worship service last Sunday. Betty Ames lead the service, Marge Sunvold was our musician and Bob Kem read all of the readings! More of you offered to help make this service happen. We are blessed to be members of St. James.

...to those who attended the special congregational meeting 10/1. Please watch for upcoming scheduled special meetings when the "Yellow House Committee" has more to share with you!!!!

...Marge Sunvold for the wonderful coffee hour Sunday October 1st! Bless you!

AND SANDY gives a big **THANK YOU** for our generosity of providing rides to Church on Sunday's. She said, "Last Sunday 10/1 was

my last Sunday joining you as I prepare for my family to come to get me soon." Sandy will still be enjoying the Senior Center visits, for the days that she is still here! We wish you well Sandy and keep in touch!!

OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE at ST. JAMES each Sunday......

Would you consider helping with **Ushering**, being the **Reader**, assisting during **Communion** w/Pastor Tonia, being a member on the **Altar Guild**?

If you are interested in helping, please let Donna Z. or Pastor Tonia know!! More detailed information on our opportunities may be found on our website:

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org Click on the "Serve With Us" tab. Thanks!

October Mission Offering benefits...

Project Hope's Holiday Boxes!!

They suggest for us to bring cranberry sauce; canned pineapple (chunks or slices) & mandarin oranges and canned green beans & corn.



We also continue to gather ground coffee along with Russ Dewell's Church in Park City. He will ship to the troops in Afghanistan. This is the one thing they really miss! This is an on-going mission and Russ was overjoyed when he heard we could also help!!

or a brand of your choice!! THANK YOU!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

October 2023 Altar Guild: The Altar Guild Team (Kim, Sheri, Denise & Maureen) October 2023 Cleaner(s): Patty & Lance Sundberg and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

October 2023 Reader: Will someone offer to help this month?

October 8th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

October 8th,2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today? October 8th,2023 Gate Keeper(s): Leslie Mullin & Bill Strickland

Thank you, Leslie Mullin and Carrie Williams for ALL that you did for worship last Sunday.

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which are **attached to this email & are found on our website. www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org**

These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun! PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these bulletins with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!



Every Tuesday,

Bible Study is held at St. James 2:00pm. We study the upcoming Sunday lessons.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Every Wednesday, continue to watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message or watch recorded on our FB page. Print the Bible WORDsearch Puzzles. Enjoy!



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; Molly Adams 10/25; Mary Hajek 10/26



**If we have your email,
Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's ecard!
Other members, check your mailbox!

KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

The Rouane family as they mourn the death of Bob's mother, Hannah. Give them comfort, peace and sweet memories, Lord as their family & friends gather together.

We offer continued prayers for:

Pastor Tonia and Donna Zeigler. Keep them in your daily prayers as they continue to slowly get well! Dear God, give them your healing power and grace.

Joy and Larry Goehner. God of Love & life, we lift up Joy & Larry as they move to Missoula into The Village Senior Living Facility. Bring peace to them as they start this new journey.

FYI: Their new address is: Village Senior Residence 2815 Old Fort Road, Apt 111 Missoula MT 59804

Your healing and wisdom Lord for KayDel Shelton; Jim Dickey; Joan Elser; Pastor Tonia; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Steve Cowan; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Father Fenton; Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; Jim Wilson & Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola. Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

The children of the world, this is a big request, but God is big. Children who are food & home insecure. Victims of violence and of natural disasters.

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

Thank you for your prayers and generosity. May the Lord bless you and give you peace. "Your faith in God's mission for St. James is unshakeable."



St James received \$275 for Maui Fire Relief. **SO AWESOME!** Thank each and everyone for this show of support and kindness for those who have lost everything.

Jesus said, 'when you helped someone in need I was there'.

Donna Zeigler

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER......

Comparison view of YTD financials: (A I = Actual Income; A E = Actual Expenses)

Jan Feb Mar Apr May June July Aug Sept Actual totals A I: \$5,750; \$6,767.26; \$6,445; \$17,107.20; \$9,715; \$4,692.47; \$7,083; \$4,758; \$4,907.00 = \$67,224.93 A E: \$8,078.28; \$7,756.78; \$8,448.60; \$8,431.02; \$6,629.30; \$7,488.61; \$8,209.49; \$7,399.94; \$6,752.14 = \$69,194.16

We are BELOW on Income for meeting YTD EXPENSES minus \$1,969.23

Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

Mail your offering to the church; Take your offering to the parsonage; Auto pay thru your bank and Tithe.ly.

<u>Tithe.ly</u> (click on this "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)

October 1st Offering gratefully received \$4,235.00 **Total received so far this month** \$4,235.00

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES to REFLECT GOD'S LOVE to OURSELVES, to EACH OTHER and to OUR NEIGHBORS

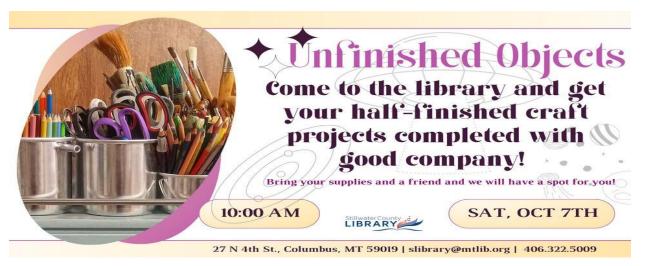
MORE Community Events for St. James:

- Every Monday we are invited to join:
 - ~The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am.
- Every Tuesday we are invited to attend:
 - ~ The Women's Adult Group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 9:30am and/or 7:00pm for an inductive study on Revelation.
- Every Wednesday we are invited to join:
 - ~ Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
 - ~ The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am





For more information, see the "Table Posters" at St. James.



Future 2023 Dates:

Tuesday October 10th

1st Community CHOIR PRACTICE

Congregational Church – 6:00pm

We will be practicing for a "Christmas Cantata!"

Save this date: Wednesday October 18th -



St. James is hosting a lunch for the Stillwater Red Hat group on Wed October 18th @ 11:30am. Thank you for signing up to bring items and if you can help serve, we'd appreciate that, too! Please arrive by 11:00am. Thank you again, in advance!

THEN JOIN US THIS SAME DAY @ 5:30PM FOR...



October's Council Meeting will be held on Sunday October 22nd immediately after worship.

