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.

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"



Property Our November Mission Offering will benefit the Project Hope's Thanksgiving Boxes.

We are asking for money donations and/or for actual "Thanksgiving Dinner" food donations! Thank you in advance for ALWAYS being so generous!

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 November 14th, 2021 - 25th Sunday after Pentecost

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

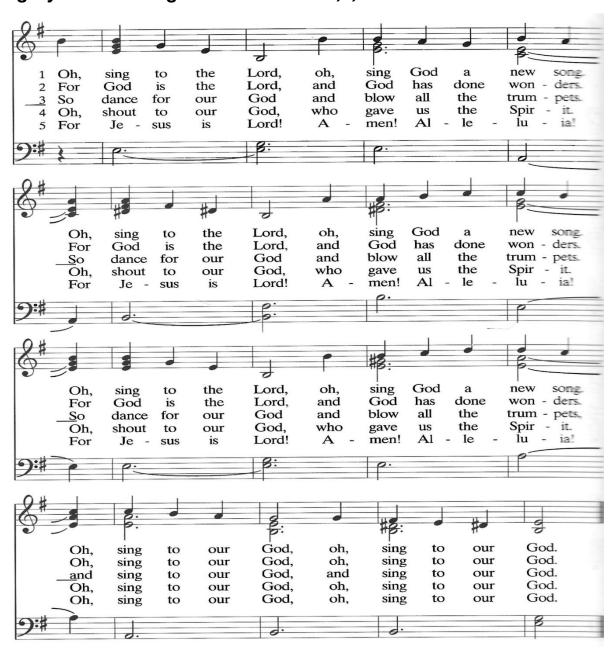
GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness:

Have mercy on us, O God. We confess we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Oh Sing to the Lord" vs 1,2, and 3



Prayer of the Day:

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

¹⁷ Sometime later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. ¹⁸ She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?" ¹⁹ "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. ²⁰ Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" ²¹ Then he Elijah -stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!" ²² The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. ²³ Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!" ²⁴ Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

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

Read Psalm 16 responsively by whole verse

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." ²All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people. ³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied. ⁴I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips. ⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. ⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance. ⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night. ⁸I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. ⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit. ¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

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

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Luke 7:11-17

¹¹ Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. ¹² As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. ¹³ When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." ¹⁴ Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" ¹⁵ The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. ¹⁶ Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" ¹⁷ This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

Sermon: "Fed by Ravens, Sing for Your Supper

Hymn for Reflection: "I Love You Lord"



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.

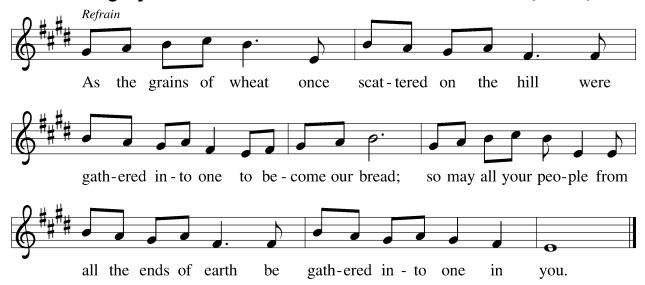
MEAL

....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

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Table Setting Hymn: ELW #465 "As the Grains of Wheat" (Refrain only)



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 praisewe 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

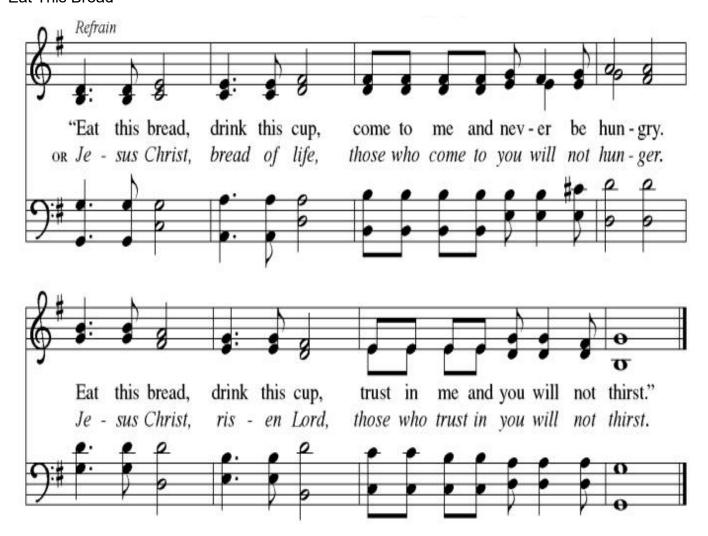
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Invitation to Communion

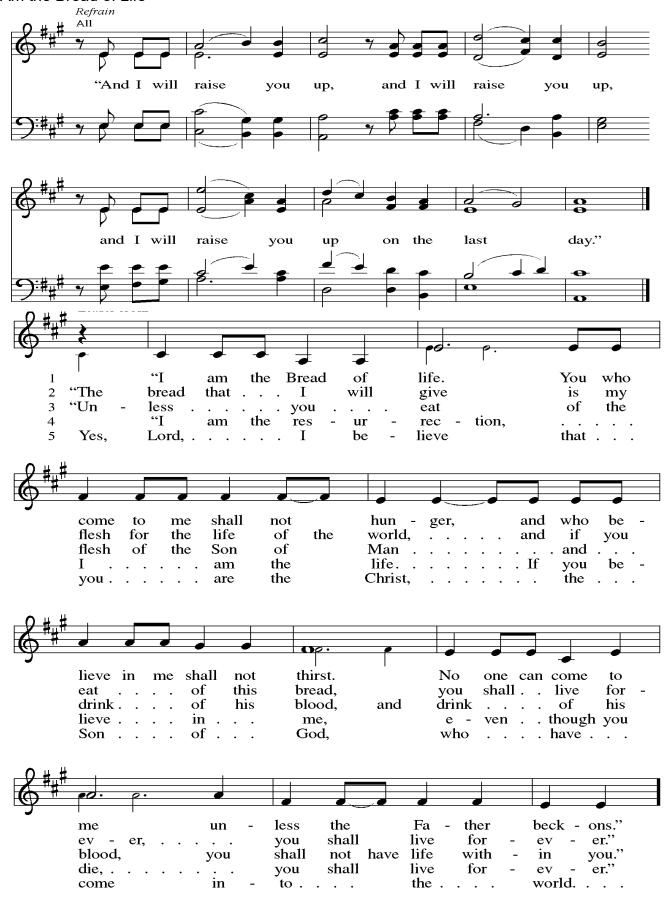
In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

"Eat This Bread"

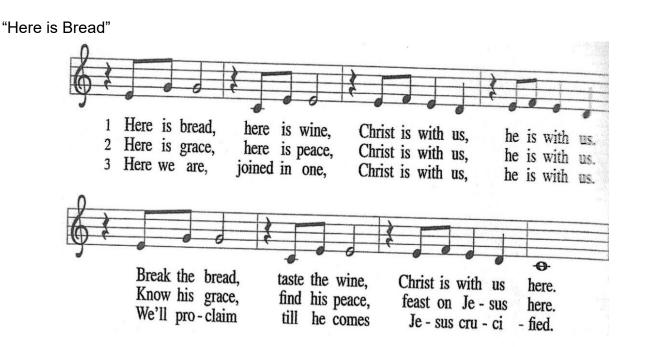


"I Am the Bread of Life"



"O Bread of Life from Heaven"





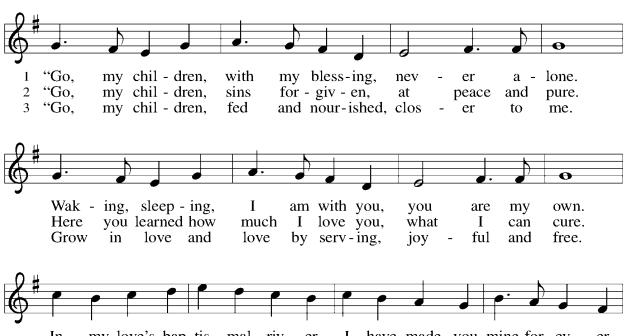


Prayer after Communion.....

and we say: Amen SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



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.



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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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: Joy Goehner November 2021 Usher(s): Donna Zeigler

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

Coming this Month.....

- Tuesday November 16th: Bible Study @ 2:00pm
- November 17th: Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB 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.
- Stillwater County Swap & Shop



November 21st:



Set out our Advent Candle wreath after church

- Sunday November 21st: Community Thanksgiving Service @ 4pm held at UCC (Columbus Congregational Church)
- Thursday November 25th: Happy Thanksgiving



 Sunday November 28th: Decorate the Church for Christmas



St. James' ADVENT season STARTS......November 28th thru December 23rd
Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks.

The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David."

The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints."

Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man."

With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming.

and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

Join us each Sunday in Advent as we light
the candle of HOPE and proclaim that the Lord is coming;
the candle of PEACE that shines bright with God's plan;
the candle of JOY which reminds us to sing
and the candle of LOVE that assures us that God loves us so much and sent us news
of a child who would be the one who would save us and set us all free.

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

"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).

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 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, either by text or email (see info top of page)

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Chris Fluery's grandson, Zane, who will be undergoing tests and treatment for his kidneys which are shutting down. God of healing, be with Zane, strengthen him, give him patience and bring healing to his kidney's. Give wisdom to his doctor's as they search for a reason and a treatment. Give Your comfort to his family as they await and answer and a healing. Amen

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Liz Cox's husband Rick and 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.

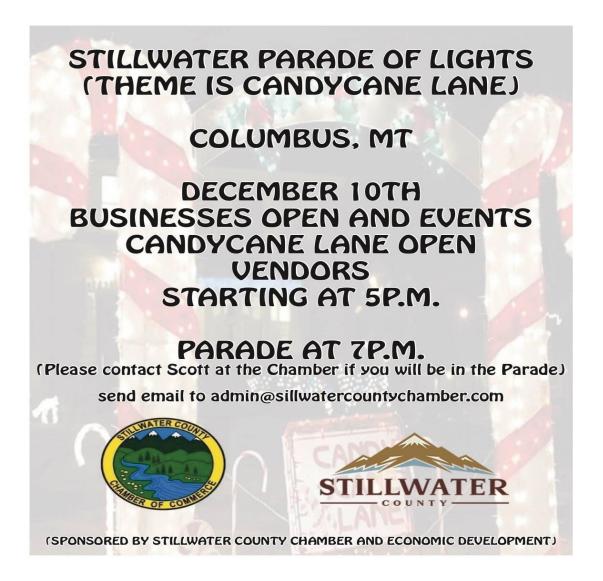
Those living with cancer: Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola; Ashley Foster; Aracelii Enano; Ann Pomeroy; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Kyme Noble; Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson

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.

SAVE THESE EVENTS/DATES:

Coming Soon Parade of Lights



St. James is in the planning stages of serving/making lefse <u>DURING</u> the Parade of Lights. All Parade attendees will have the opportunity to enjoy fresh lefse and hot beverages as they prepare to watch the event. A free will offering will be available with all proceeds benefitting Project Hope and the Senior Center.

WATCH for more information to help with this great event for St. James!

Date yet to be determined:

Annual Progressive Dinner planning stages:

First stop – Pastor Tonia will host at the Parsonage with potluck appetizers, then off to the church for the potluck main course, hosted by Leanne Sekora, Pat Lofing & Merridy Gauthier and ending at the Morse's for potluck desserts and carols!

There will be an opportunity to sign up for your potluck dish to bring to appropriate house!!

Join St. James for the fun and fellowship during this Christmas Season.





Happy November Birthday

Linda Alton 11/4; Carli Lofing 11/4; Brenna Rouane 11/14; Stacy Lofing 11/22; Amber Lofing 11/24



MISSING BOWLS.....

A few members are missing their bowls from Dennis Gauthier's Funeral reception. Would you please look at the bowl you took home or were given to take home, to make sure it is yours?

Tupperware, a Glass Bowl (they have the lid) and some were Dollar Store!

We always appreciate so much, everyone making salads for special occasions – It's always a difficult chore to return to owner.

Thank you!