

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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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”**



*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 21st, 2021 – 26th 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

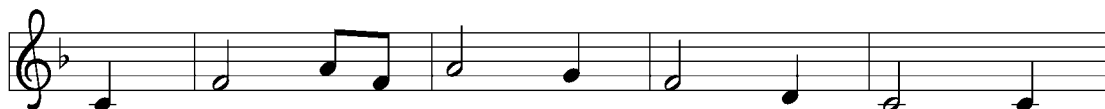
GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness:

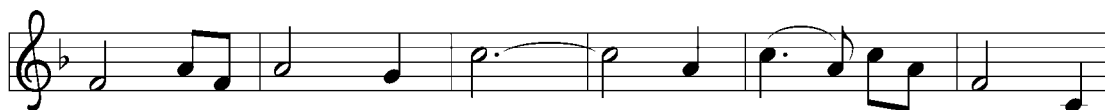
Have mercy on us, O God. We confess we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, 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: "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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 2nd Reading: Revelation 1:4b - 8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So, it is to be. Amen. ⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Read Psalm 93 responsively by whole verse

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved. **²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established you are from everlasting.** ³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. **⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.** ⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

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

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

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: John 18:33-37

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

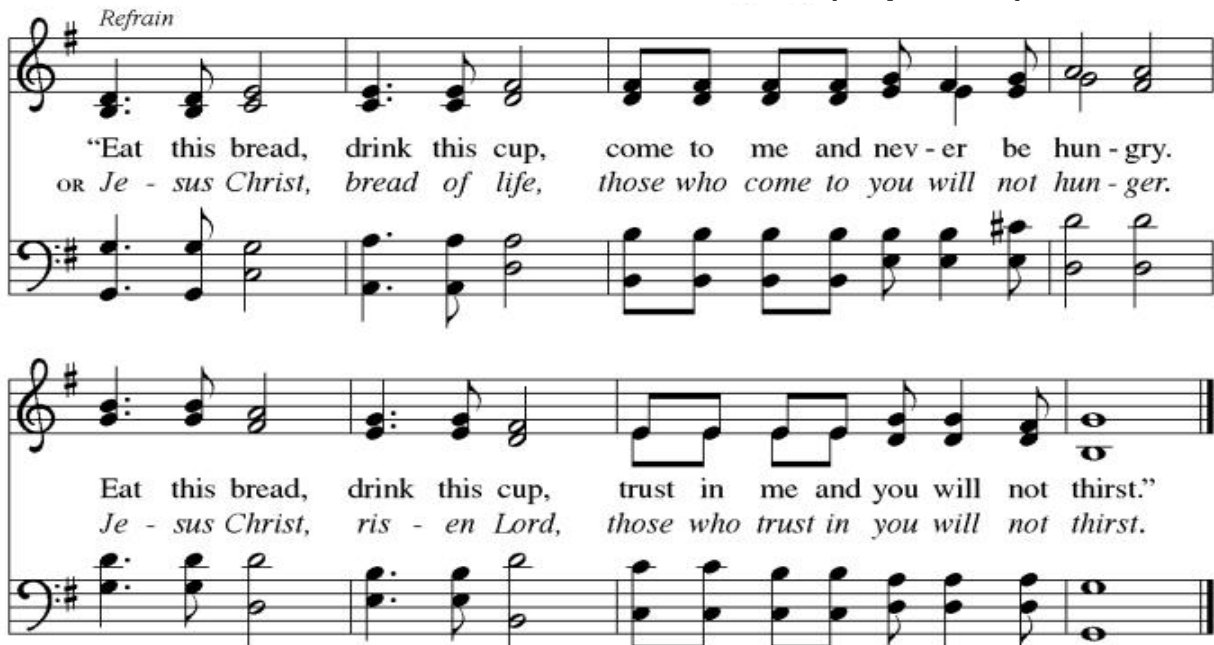
The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon: "Fed by Ravens, Eat & Drink"

Hymn for Reflection: "Eat This Bread"

(Repeat 4x)

Refrain



"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun-gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun-ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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

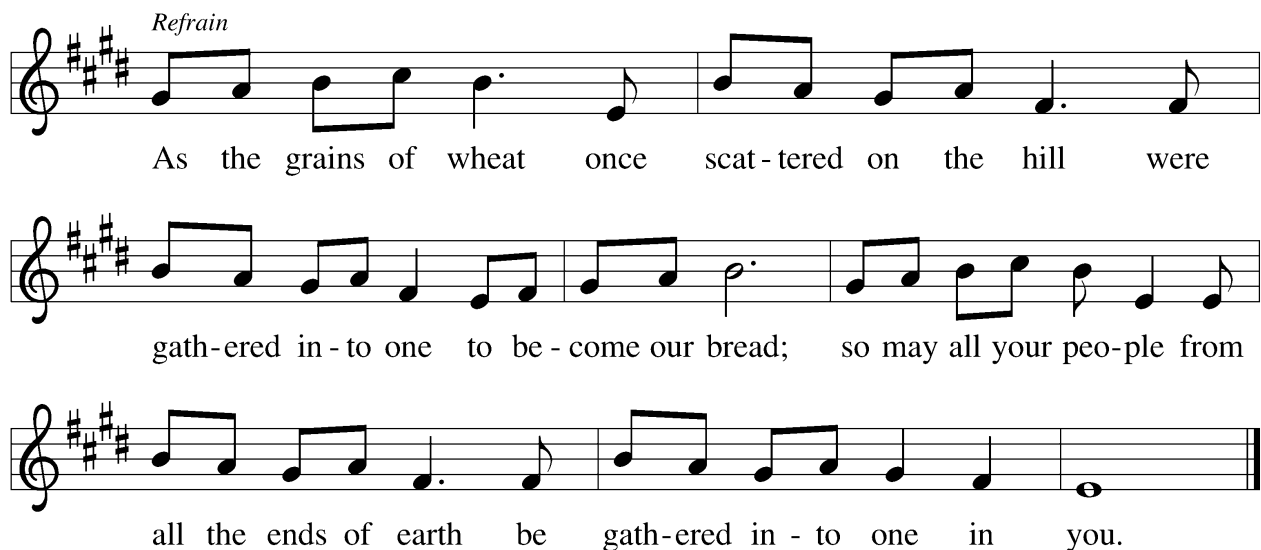
....we thank you for your faithful generosity to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings which allows us to do God's work with our hands.

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)

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from
all the ends of earth be gath - ered in - to one in 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, 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

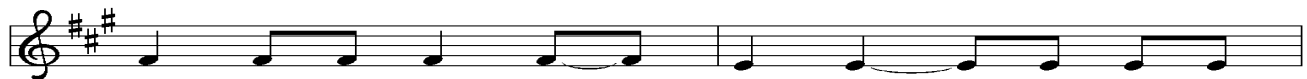
In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

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

"I Am the Bread of Life"



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
3 "Un- less . . . you . . . eat of the
4 "I am the res- ur- rec- tion, . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be- lieve that . . .



come to me shall not the hun- ger, and who be-
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be-
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . . live for-
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e- ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me ev- er, . . . un- less the Fa- ther beck- ons."
blood, . . . you shall not have life with- in you."
die, . . . you shall live for- ev- er."
come in- to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain All

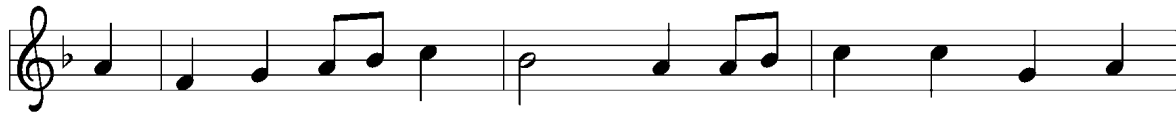


"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,



and I will raise you up on the last day."

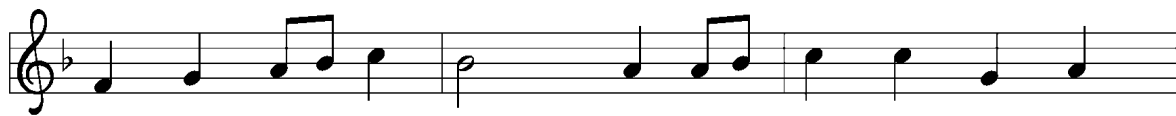
"O Bread of Life from Heaven"



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



plete - ness the souls that want and need your love.
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

"Here is Bread"



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is life for-ev-er.



In this mo-ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

Dismissal:

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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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

SUNDAY.....

- **November 21st:**



Set out our Advent Candle wreath after church

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

Coming this Month.....

- **Tuesday November 23rd: Bible Study @ 2:00pm**
- **November 24th: 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.**
- **Thursday November 25th: *Happy Thanksgiving***



- **Memorial Service for Liz Cox's mother, Dorcas Atzbach
November 27th 10am @ St. James**
- **Sunday November 28th: Decorate the Church
for Christmas, after worship.**



St. James' ADVENT season STARTS.....November 28th thru December 23^d

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!

[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).



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:

We pray Your comfort and peace to Vi Ekle and the family of Don Mason as they mourn his death, to the Overhuls family as they mourn the death of Rod and to Joy Goehner on the death of her brother in law Bob Steinberg. God of Compassion be with those who grieve. Your peace to Vi, the Overhuls and to Joy as they grieve. Amen

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Chris Fleury's grandson, Zane; Liz Cox's husband Rick; Patty Sundberg's mother, Joan; Steve Cowan; Baby Quincy Davis; Bev Kem; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; 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; 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**

**STILLWATER PARADE OF LIGHTS
(THEME IS CANDYCANES LANE)**

COLUMBUS, MT

**DECEMBER 10TH
BUSINESSES OPEN AND EVENTS
CANDYCANES LANE OPEN
VENDORS
STARTING AT 5P.M.**

PARADE AT 7P.M.

(Please contact Scott at the Chamber if you will be in the Parade)

send email to admin@sillwatercountychamber.com



(SPONSORED BY STILLWATER COUNTY CHAMBER AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)

St. James is in the planning stages of serving/making lefse DURING 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!

Annual Progressive Dinner – December 12th Immediately after worship.....

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!!



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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



Happy November Anniversary

Chris & Brett Hollingsworth 11/14;
Bob & Lanita Maurer 11/15