

# *WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church*

**For the “Love of One Another” at St. James, we will continue to take every reasonable precaution to protect those who worship in-church each Sunday by honoring the 3 W’s.....**

**“WATCH” our physical distancing**

**“WEAR” our masks properly and for the entire service**

**“WASH” and/or sanitize our hands**

***Please, if you do not feel comfortable to attend in person, you have the opportunity to watch FB Live or a recorded version later in the day.***

***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.***

*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!***  
***[FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana](#)***

***Annual Congregational Meeting for St. James –***

***This Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>***

***Start time is 10:30 am***

***Check your email sent Thursday 2/25 for the attached information re. our Annual Meeting. By your reviewing this information ahead of time, it will make our meeting agenda proceed more efficiently.***

***The \*\*Zoom invitation may be found in Thursday’s email, as well, for those of you joining from home.***

## Coming this week and beyond....

- Bible Study – March 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB March 3<sup>rd</sup> or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the February / March weekly preparing for worship email.
- Watch the **recorded** Wednesday Lenten Service Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> on our FB Page or on a link to Vimeo.

*(your bulletin and link to Vimeo will be emailed before Wednesday's service)*

### Remember.....

We will **NOT** be gathering for in-person **weekly** Wednesday Lenten Services at the church

# St. James Lutheran Church

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**February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 –  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,  
share our faith and serve with the love of God"*

*I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the LORD." Ps 122:1*



### Welcome

### **Announcements & Opportunities for Serving**

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

## GATHERING

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

Fountain of living water, **pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

### **Assurance of God's Love**

## Gathering Hymn: "Freely, Freely"

E C#m F#m B F#m7

1. God for - gave my sin in Je - sus' name, I've been born a -  
 2. All — pow'r is giv'n in Je - sus' name, In — earth and

gain in Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To  
 heav'n in Je - sus' name; And in Je - sus' name I come to you To

share His love as He told me to. He said, "Free - ly, free - ly  
 share His pow'r as He told me to. He said, "Free - ly, free - ly

you have re - ceived: Free - ly, free - ly give. — Go in my

name, and, be - cause you be - lieve, Oth - ers will know that I live." —

### Prayer of the Day:

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, 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: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. <sup>2</sup>And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, <sup>4</sup>"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you." <sup>15</sup>God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

### **Hear Psalm 22:23-31**

<sup>23</sup>You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the LORD, all you offspring of Israel. <sup>24</sup>For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the LORD hears them. <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD. <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of nations shall bow before God. <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the LORD, who rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup>Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD. <sup>30</sup>Their descendants shall serve the LORD, whom they shall proclaim to generations to come. <sup>31</sup>They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

### **Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. <sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup>Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

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

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

### **Hear the Gospel: Mark 8:31-38**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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

**Sermon: "Oh, Happy Day"**

**Hymn for Reflection: "Jesus, Name Above All Names"**

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Name Above All Names" in 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The first system covers the lyrics "1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful". The second system covers "Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord, Em - man - u - el, God is". The third system covers "with us, bless - ed Re - deem - er, liv - ing Word." The score includes various musical notations such as chords (C, Em, Dm7, G, F/G, Em/G, Dm/G), triplets, and slurs. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and chords in the right hand.

Vs 2 Jesus, loving shepherd  
Vine of the branches, Son of God  
Prince of Peace, Wonderful counselor  
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.

Vs 3 Jesus, Way of salvation,  
King of kings, Lord of Lords,  
The way of truth, and the Life,  
Mighty creator, my Savior and friend.

### ***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**

*....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***

*Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, so we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### ***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** partake the body of Christ **with Pastor.***

*We **will** partake the blood of Christ **with Pastor.***

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

## **SENDING**

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

***Sending Hymn: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"***

# ALL HAIL THE POWER

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Oliver Holden  
Arr., Roger Nachtway

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
2. Crown him, ye morn - ing stars of light, Who fixed this earth - ly

1. fall; Bring forth the roy - al of di - a - dem, And  
2. ball; Now hail the strength of Is - rael's might, And

1. crown him Lord of all. Bring forth the roy - al  
2. crown him Lord of all. Now hail the strength of

1. di - a - dem, And crown him Lord of all.  
2. Is - rael's might, And crown him Lord of all.

Chords: G, Em, C, D, Em, D7, G, Em, D, G, Em, D, A7, D, G, Em, C, D, G, C, G/D, D7, G

## Dismissal:

Go in peace. Share the good news as you reflect the Light of God.

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Worship Service recorded by Permission, CSPL #168651

*Mission Offering for March 2021 benefits...  
The Columbus Senior Center*

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING**

February 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

March 2021 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

February 2021 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora, Pat Lofing,  
Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

March 2021 Cleaner(s): Steve & Denise Cowan and Betty Ames

February / March Gate Keepers: *Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams,*  
*Steve & Denise Cowan and Larry & Joy Goehner*

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

*For new prayer requests, please contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at [jdbjorkman@hotmail.com](mailto:jdbjorkman@hotmail.com)*

### **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...**

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

#### ***We offer continued prayers for:***

Father Eric Fenton who is hospitalized with Covid.

#### ***We offer continued prayers for:***

Your continued healing God for Leslie's parents, Les and Renae Kercher; Sheri Todd; Roger Mullin;  
Bill Strickland; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

We lift up those living with cancer: Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; 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.*

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

*"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).*



*Would you like the opportunity to serve on  
St. James' church council?*

Your council is accepting nominations for yourself or  
for the name of another member to serve.

Please let a council member or Pastor Tonia know of your interest.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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**Joy Goehner; Brian Luepke;**

**Harold Riensche; Carrie Williams; Donna Zeigler**

**Church Financial Team:**

**Amber Lofing, Financial Treasurer & interim Financial / Council Secretary**

**\*\*See your church directory or website for all council members phone #'s and emails**

*Simple  
Reminder.....*

**A GREAT ATTITUDE**

becomes a great mood.

A great mood becomes a great day.

A great day becomes a great year.

A great year becomes a great life.

*- Unknown Author*