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!

Click on image OR

facebook *FB Search:* Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana



Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website: <u>www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org</u>

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

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

A suggestion just for safety:

In this time of Cold, Flu, Covid & other RESPIRATORY health issues, please feel free to wear a mask to church activities and worship. There is <u>NO</u> requirement to wear a mask. You do what you feel comfortable with to protect your health and know you are supported in your decision. Donna Zeigler

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to *Every Weekly Preparing for Worship Email.* These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

ALSO, Every Tuesday or Thursday, watch for the email with the "Challenges Kit for Kids"

<u>PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE</u> these bulletins & kits with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!

ALSO, 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. Open and print the Bible WORDsearch Puzzles. Enjoy!

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 February 5th, 2023 5th Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

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

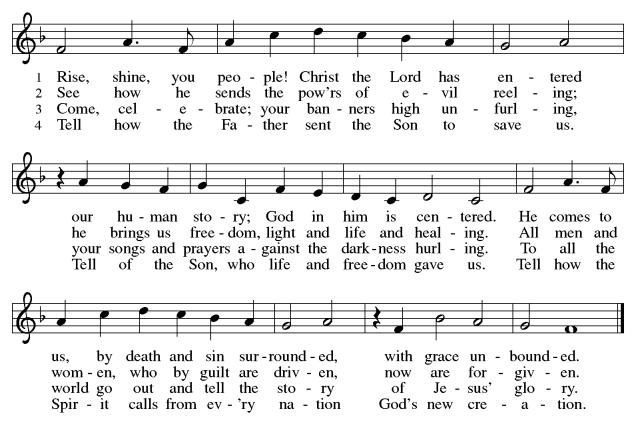
GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, so we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Rise, Shine, You People!"



Prayer of the Day

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Installation of Church Council & Commissioning of Altar Guild

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 58:1-12

¹Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. ³"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. ⁴Look, you fast only to guarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every voke? ⁷Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? ⁸Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ^{9a}Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Read Psalm 112:1-10 responsively by whole verse

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments! ²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.** ³Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever. ⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.** ⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. ⁶**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.** ⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD. ⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.** ⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

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

The Gospel Acclamation:

We sing: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. The Gospel according to Matthew:

We sing the response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord"

Matthew 5:13-20

Jesus said: ¹³"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.¹⁷"Do not think I have come to abolish

the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord:

We sing the response after the conclusion: "Praise to you, O Christ"

Sermon: "Dawn Breaks"

Reflection Hymn: "Christ Be Our Light"

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



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 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"



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

MEAL

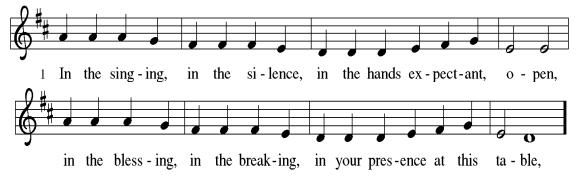
....we thank you for your faithfulness to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings and allowing us to do God's work with our hands.

Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing The Offering Hymn: "What Feast of Love" **to the tune "What Child Is This" What feast of love is offered here? What banquet come from heaven? What food of everlasting life, what gracious gift is given? This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heaven. Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "In the Singing"



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:

(*C*) sings: 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

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.

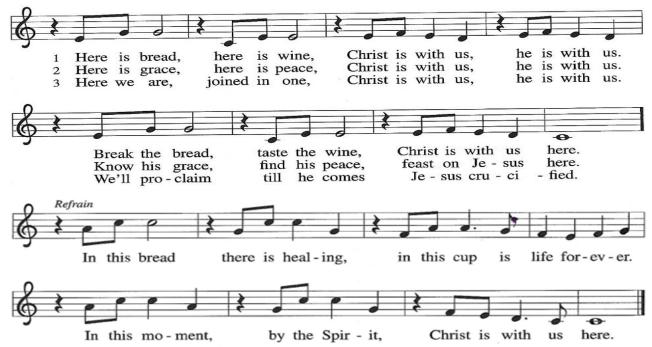
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Invitation to Communion

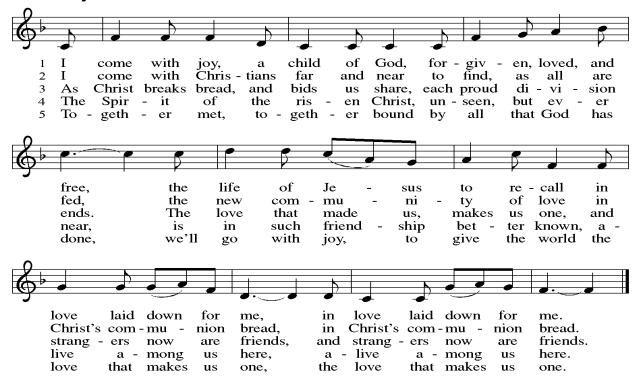
In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.

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

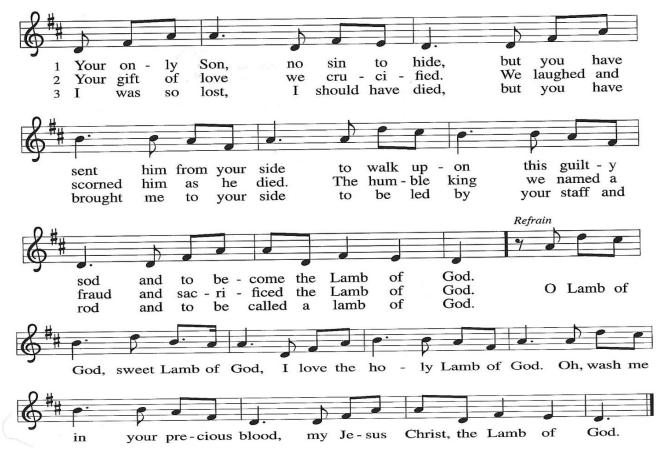
"Here is Bread"



"I Come with Joy"



"Lamb of God"



SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "We Are Marching"



Dismissal: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.** Music Published by Permission, CCLI #11445215 Worship Service recorded by Permission, CSPL #168651

This is "STAY & INVITE" Sunday – <u>INVITE</u> your family or your "pew neighbor" to <u>STAY</u> after worship TODAY for fellowship & laughter!



"We do-nut know what St. James would do without you!"

ALSO THIS AFTERNOON: February 5th – Worship Service for Meadowlark Residents 2:00pm Everyone is welcome to join Pastor Tonia!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

February 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill / Kim Behrent
February 2023 Cleaner(s): Leanne Sekora & Pat Lofing
February 2023 Reader(s): Leanne Sekora
February 5th,2023 Communion Helper(s): Maureen or Kim & Chris Fleury Thank you, Donna Zeigler & Rae Ellen Strickland for helping with communion last Sunday.
February 5th,2023 Usher(s): Joy Goehner Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday.
February 5th. 2023 Gate Keepers: Chris Fleury & Joy Goehner 2023 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

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."

FYI: At the annual meeting held Jan 15th, 2023, \$99,336.80 was the yearly approved 2023 budget ÷ 12 months = \$8,278.07 per/month

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER......

January 1 st Offering gratefully received	\$ 390.00
January 8th Offering gratefully received	\$1,588.00
January 15 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,225.00
January 22 nd Offering gratefully received	\$ 775.00
January 29th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$1,575.00</u>
Total received this month \$5,553.00	

**Our 2023 monthly budget to meet is \$8,278.07 *YTD (Jan) under monthly budget (\$2,725.07)*

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).



Happy February Birthday

Jennifer Gauthier 2/4; Ken Carlson 2/9; Heather Gauthier 2/10; Bill Strickland 2/10; Cindy Smith 2/15; Kolson Evig 2/17; Jim Salte 2/18; Brian Wanner 2/19; Raeli Evig 2/20; Jason Williams 2/23



Happy February Anniversary

Gary & Pat Lofing 2/12; Jim & Barb Salte 2/19; Jason & Holly Williams 2/29

It's a new year and new beginnings..... for those who have email, watch your inbox for your special Birthday or Anniversary cards from St. James. It will show up from the trusted site of American Greetings and look like the image below! Note: Parents, please watch your email or mail for St. James' birthday greetings to share with your children / grandchildren, who are on our list. Thank you! Other members (with no email) will receive your card by "snail mail".



YOU RECEIVED AN ECARD!

St. James Lutheran Church (<u>btyames@yahoo.com</u>) has sent you an ecard from American Greetings

VIEW ECARD

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Joy Goehner's sister, Karen Clemons, who is recovering from a stroke, and for LPA Allen Hansen, who will be having a heart valve replacement at Mayo's on February 23rd. Lord, give Karen & Allen and their families Your peace, comfort, healing and patience on their journey together with You.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Bob Hemphill; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Tessa Rouane's husband, Conner; Tonia's brother, John Strohecker; Steve & Denise Cowan; Bob & Bev Kem; Vi Ekle; Bonny Rouse; Joy Goehner; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracelii Enano; Rick Cox; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; Jim Wilson and 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 insecure & home insecure. Pray especially for a little boy named Luke and a little girl named Nevaeh. Ukraine and her people

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

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

REMINDERS:

- > Every Tuesday or Thursday Watch your inbox for the "Challenges Kit for Kids" activities.
- Every Wednesday Watch Pastor Tonia's "Word on Wednesday" message on FB or open the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message
- Every Friday or Saturday The Weekly Preparing for Worship email arrives in your inbox with the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday Worship service and, also, the "Children's Worship Bulletins" series for you to open & enjoy and share with your family & friends.

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
 - Absarokee Quilting Group 10am in the basement of the Cobblestone building. Knitters, crocheters and embroideretts are welcome.
- 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



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Reminder: Every Wednesday, at the Stillwater County Library! 10:00am - Children's Story Time usually followed by a craft! 3:45 to 4:45 pm – New Middle School Program! This week –BAD ART! February 11th Hosting "Native-American Up-Cycling" with Buck Hitswithastick: from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Everyone welcome.

Sunday February 12th.....

Music & Literature will combine in another delightful concert by Baroque Music Montana 2:00pm @ the Columbus Congregational Church.

Are you ready for some football?



Now, OUR fun begins!

On Sunday, February 12th, Bring your change, green or checkbook to place your vote for the team YOU want to be the next Super Bowl Champions!



PHILADELPHIA EAGLES vs KANSAS CITY CHIEFS



The game will be played at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona (the stadium will host its third Super Bowl and first since 2015). Super Bowl LVII will be broadcast on Fox at 6:30 p.m. with possibly an opportunity to watch with more fans at the Palladium Draughthaus!!!

Note: All proceeds from our FEBRUARY FUN MISSION OFFERING will benefit Project Hope's Food Bank!!

SPEAKING OF MISSIONS:

Our Montana/Wyoming ELCA Synod has expressed a need for additional funds for missions. Mission funds and all Synod programs feel the effect of tight church budgets. We all look for categories that can be reduced. Missions seem to be the first place that is cut.

St James strongly believes putting the needs of God's children first is what God requires of us.

A personal donation to the Synod Mission program can be made through our church treasurer, Amber, who will see that your donation gets forwarded.

Please make your check out to St. James and make a note on the memo line "Synod Mission". Your donation will be added to your yearly giving statement.

> Don't let others define us as irrelevant in the world. "God, how much do you need this week"?

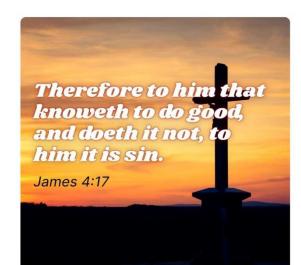
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Answers: This week's



But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

EPHESIANS 2:4-5





Lent is the time we prepare ourselves, as we follow Christ's journey to the cross.

February 22nd @ 7:00pm St. James Lutheran Church

We gather for the imposition of ashes to be marked as disciples with the sign of the cross, to be sealed by the Spirit as God's own and to be fed for our journey through Lent.

St. James will be entering a holy time. The Lenten candles will be lit during the 2023 "Lenten Candle Services" starting Sunday February 26th @ 9:30am. Over the next six weeks, the light will slowly fade into darkness. We will retell the story of Jesus' betrayal and suffering and death and resurrection.



As we are reminded of how we abound in hope during this season of reflection, St. James Lutheran Church & the Columbus Congregational Church will continue to have a combined soup & bread meal and fellowship before the Mid-Week Lenten service, every Wednesday, beginning March 1st - March 29th.

The meal will begin at 5:30pm with the service starting at approximately 6:15pm.

HOLY WEEK



Apríl 2nd 9:30am

Hosanna! Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. Luke 19:38. KJV



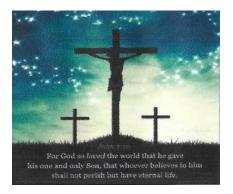
No midweek Lenten Service on Wednesday 4/5.



SERVICE - APRIL 6TH 7 PM Thursday @ columbus congregational **CHURCH**

Good Friday Service – April 7th @ St. James 7pm

Through the remembrance of Good Friday, we come to a fuller realization of the gracious gift of God and are able to more fully celebrate Easter Morning!





Come Celebrate! Easter Sunday Services April 9th

Community Service East Hill – Columbus 7am Pastries and Fruit (before our service 8:30) Provided by the Church Council Members

St. James' Service 9:30am

