



starts 2:00am

SUNDAY MARCH
14TH, 2021

....more light, longer days!

Coming this week and beyond....

- Bible Study – Tuesday March 16th @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB March 17th or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the March weekly preparing for worship emails.
- Watch the **recorded** Wednesday Lenten Service Wednesday March 17th 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

March 17th, 2021



Spring is coming!

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

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

March 2021 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

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

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

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

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](#)

St. James Lutheran Church

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March 14th, 2021 –
4th 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

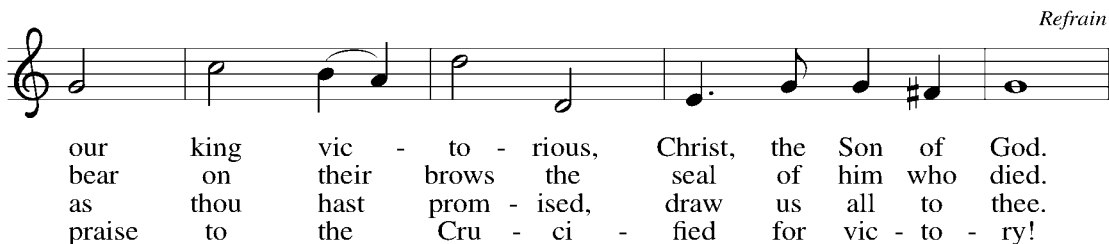
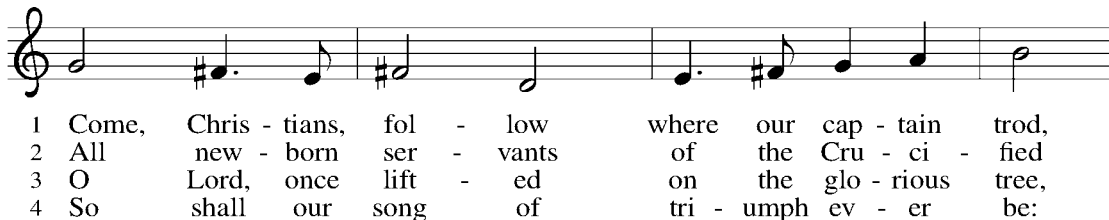
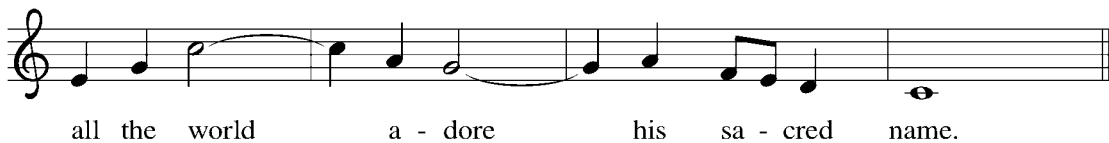
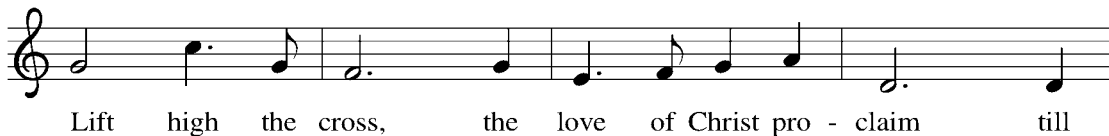
Confession & Forgiveness

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 us 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: "Lift High the Cross"



Prayer of the Day:

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, so all our deeds may reflect your love, through 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: Numbers 21:4-9

⁴From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." ⁶Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So, Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

Hear Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever. ²**Let the redeemed of the Lord proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,** ³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. ¹⁷**Some were fools and took rebellious paths; through their sins they were afflicted.** ¹⁸They loathed all manner of food and drew near to death's door. ¹⁹**Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD and you delivered them from their distress.** ²⁰You sent forth your word and healed them and rescued them from the grave. ²¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people.** ²²Let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving and tell of your deeds with shouts of joy.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

¹You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

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

Hear the Gospel: John 3:14-21

Jesus said: ¹⁴"Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world God gave His only Son, so everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment, the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

Sermon: "High and Lifted Up"

Hymn for Reflection: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"



1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread and griefs a - round me spread,
4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, oh, may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day, wipe sor-row's
shall o'er me roll; blest Sav - ior, then, in love fear and dis -



guilt a - way, oh, let me from this day be whol - ly thine!
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire!
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re-move; oh, bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul!

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: "Christ Be Our Light"



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Dismissal:

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

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

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Bev and Bob Kem and their family as they mourn the passing of her brother, Arthur. We give You thanks for the life he lived and pray for Your comfort for his loved ones now. Amen.

The family and friends of Rev. Bob Quam, with a legacy of a 39 yr ministry with Christikon; a love for singing and serving and inspiring more than 100 staff members of Christikon to pursue a calling into ministry.

Please join in praying for all who receive this sudden news to be comforted by the same gospel promises in which Bob now rests. *Romans 8:38-39*

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued healing God for Leslie's parents; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

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](https://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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Church Council Members

Betty Ames, President bytames@yahoo.com

Steven Cowan, Vice-President denisecowan48@yahoo.com

Joy Goehner; Brian Luepke; 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...*

