

## *Coming this week and beyond....*

- Bible Study – Tuesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB March 24<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</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

## *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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 –  
5<sup>th</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

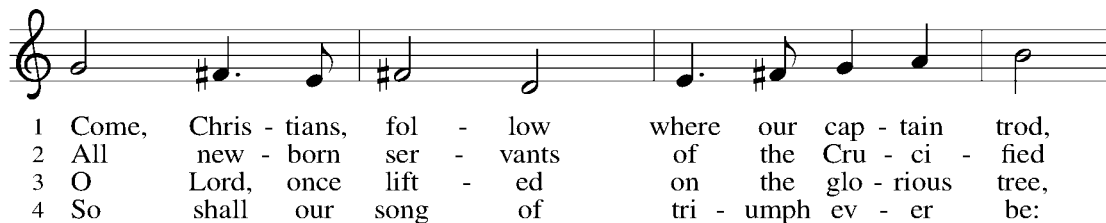
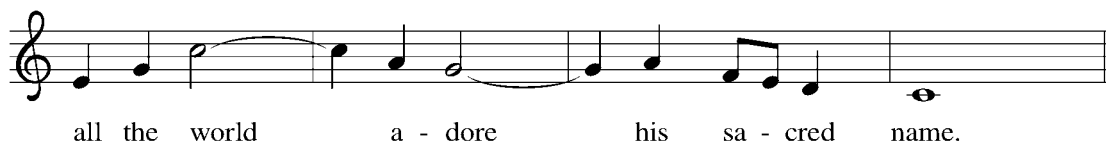
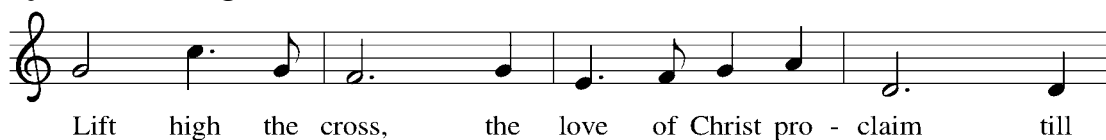
**Confession & Forgiveness**

Fountain of living water, pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.

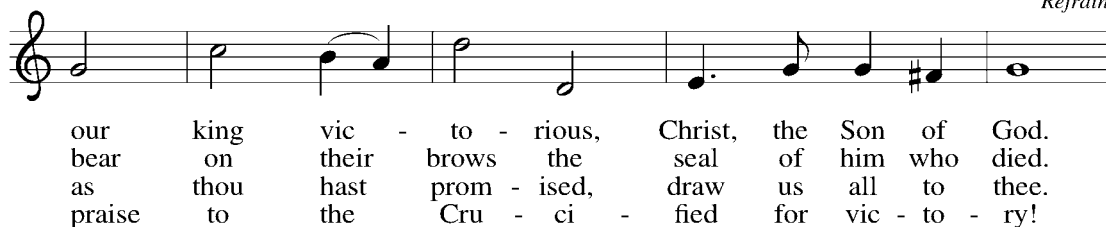
Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.

**Assurance of God's Love**

## Gathering Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"



*Refrain*



## Prayer of the Day:

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers.

Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, so through life and death we may live in 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant which they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

### Hear Psalm 51:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. <sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me. <sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment. <sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb. <sup>6</sup>Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within. <sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. <sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice. <sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness. <sup>10</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. <sup>11</sup>Cast me not

away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

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 12:20-33**

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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

**Sermon: "A New Covenant"**

**Hymn for Reflection: "Now the Green Blade Rises"**



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

### ***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: "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"***

# The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

## *Enviado soy de Dios*



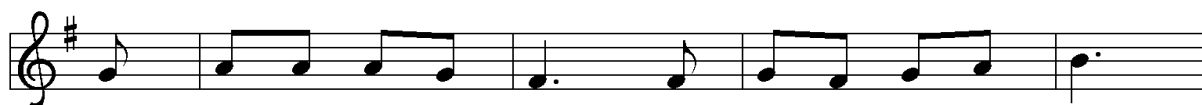
*En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta\_es - tá*  
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



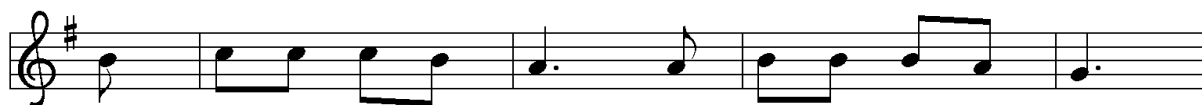
*pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.*  
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.



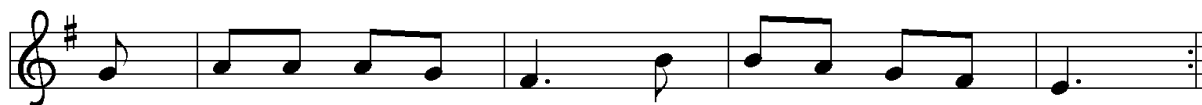
*Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar*  
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



*un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;*  
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



*me ha to - ca - do\_a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.*  
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



*A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a\_ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.*  
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

### **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*

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 new prayers for:***

Carol Hanson and family as they mourn the death of Ric. We ask the Lord to bring comfort to the family and friends at this time. No services are planned per Ric's wished.

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

Your comfort God for the family of Bev & Bob Kem on the passing of her brother, Arthur and for the family and friends as they mourn the passing of Rev. Bob Quam.

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](#) (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***

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**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 from our ELCA.....*



[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America](http://www.elca.org)

Thoughts to commemorate St. Patrick, who died on 3/17 in 461.

