



# Easter Meal

“To go” Style

Will be available for pick-up or delivery  
on Saturday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Served by Stillwater County 4-H Teen Leaders

*If you are interested in receiving this “No Cost” meal,  
please call:*

Mike Baker at (406) 860-7718

or the

Stillwater Co. Extension Office at (406) 322-8035

**by Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*See attached poster for more details**

# 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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 –  
Palm Sunday**

*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

**Hear the processional Gospel according to St. John**

**Call to worship: "All Glory Laud and Honor"**

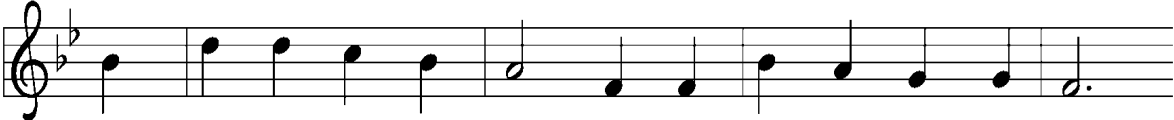
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All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

## GATHERING

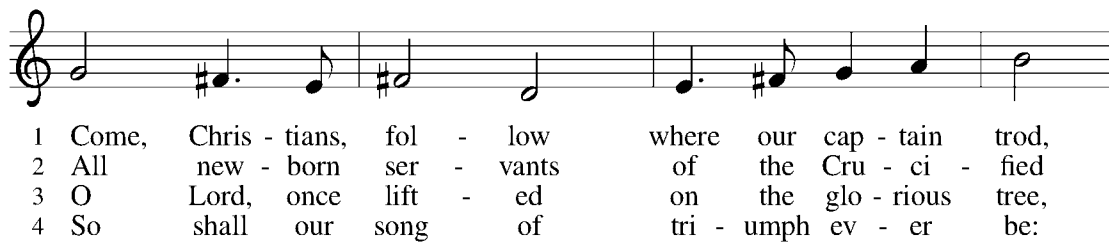
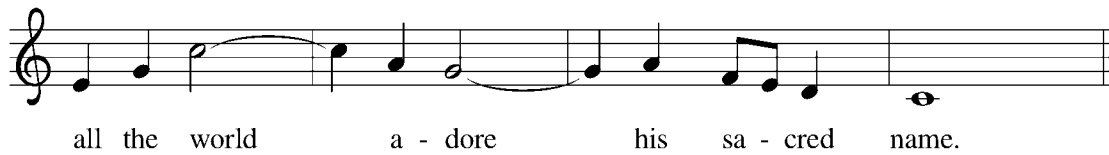
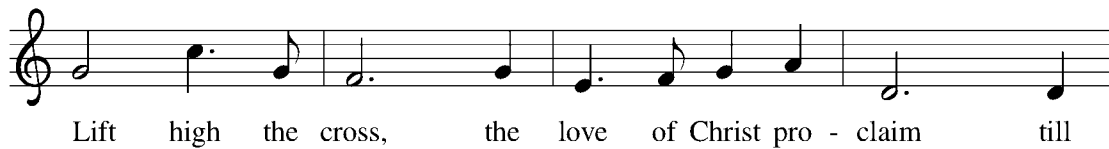
### **Confession & Forgiveness**

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

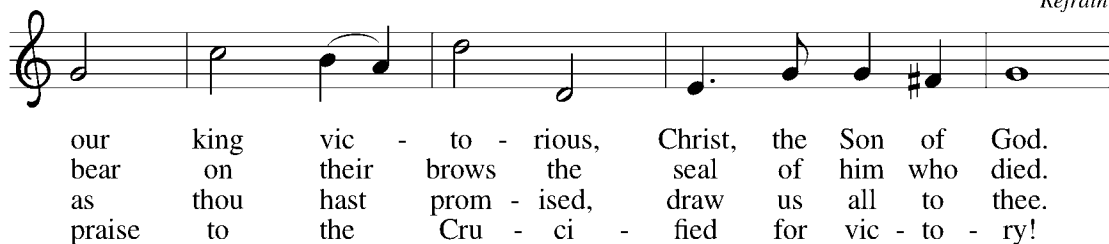
**Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

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

## Gathering Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"



*Refrain*



## Prayer of the Day:

**O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of Your Son You offer Your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

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

**Hear the Reading of the Passion of Christ Gospel: Mark 15:1-39**

The Passion of Our Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon: "Then They Remembered"

**Hymn for Reflection: "Lord, What a Parade"** to the tune of "O, Worship the King"

Lord, what a parade! The crowd quickly grew;  
What noise they all made in welcoming you.  
"Hosanna!" they shouted. "It's David's own son!  
Hosanna! Come save us! God's reign has begun!"

They welcomed you in, a conquering king,  
Yet what kind of reign would you really bring?  
It wasn't a war horse you rode on that day;  
A creature of peace carried you on your way.

Did those in that crowd expect something more  
Than one who reached out in love to the poor?  
Did they think a savior with armies was best,  
Or did they remember: the peaceful are blessed?

Lord Jesus, it's true — we give you glad praise,  
Yet living for you will challenge our ways.  
So may we be open and welcome your reign.  
Hosanna! Come save us! Renew us again!

### ***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.**

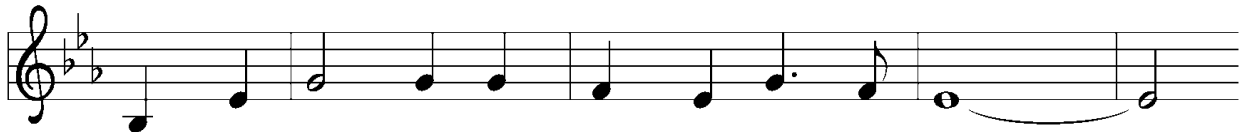
We **will** partake the blood of Christ **with Pastor.**

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

## SENDING

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

### Sending Hymn: "Were You There?"



- 1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
- 2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
- 3 Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
- 4 Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?



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Oh, some-times it caus-es me to trem-ble, trem-ble, trem-ble.



Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when the sun re - fused to shine?

### Dismissal:

The service has ended and now our service begins, we go out in peace and share the Good news as **we reflect the light of God.**



## *A Prayer for Palm Sunday: Blessed is He!*

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for - the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings.*

*"Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..."*

*We give you praise and honor for your ways are righteous and true. We give you Worship, for you are holy and just. We will declare that your love stands firm forever. For your lovingkindness endures forever.*

*Thank you that your ways are far greater than our ways, your thoughts far deeper than our thoughts. Thank you that you had a plan to redeem. Thank you that you make all things new. Thank you that your face is towards the righteous, and you hear our prayers, and know our hearts. Help us to stay strong and true to you. Help us not to follow after the voice of the crowds, but to press in close to you, to hear your whispers, and seek after you alone.*

*We praise You; we bless you Lord! Thank you that you reign supreme and we are more than conquerors through the gift of Christ!*

*In the Mighty Name of Jesus,  
Amen.*

## *Holy Week Prayers and more.....*

### ***Monday's prayer in Holy Week***

O God, your Son chose the path that led to the pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***Tuesday's prayer in Holy Week***

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

- Bible Study cancelled this week.

### ***Wednesday's prayer in Holy Week***

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**

- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB March 31<sup>st</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.

## The Three Days

### ***Maundy Thursday's Prayer***

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet, he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**



### **THURSDAY APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> -**

**\*\*Watch the recorded service from UCC's FB Page**

A link will be sent in next week's newsletter.

### ***Good Friday' Prayer***



Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, & to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Good Friday Service – April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**\*\*Watch the recorded service from our FB Page**

A link will be sent in next week's newsletter.

**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!**

### ***Resurrection of Our Lord***

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***Easter Day Prayer***

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### ***Easter Sunday Services April 4th***

**St. James' Service 9:30am**

**In-person worship or FB live**



**FYI: No early service on the hill is planned; No brunch before or after service at St. James is planned.**

***Procedure for Easter Sunday in-person Worship:***

***Please continue wearing your mask for the love of your Neighbor.***

***Our ushers will personally seat you & your family.***

**HE IS RISEN**  
the Lord is risen indeed



## *Mission Offering for March 2021 benefits...*

The Columbus Senior Center

## *Mission Offering for April 2021 benefits...*

The Special K Ranch



...for your continued support of our monthly missions.  
Your generosity is welcomed and so appreciated!

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

March 2021 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

April 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

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

April 2021 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & RaeEllen Strickland

March / April Gate Keepers: *Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan, Larry & Joy Goehner and Brian & Sheri Luepke.*

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 new prayers for:***

Comfort Lord for the family and friends of Ruth Gaustad as they mourn her death.

We ask the Lord to bring His healing to Clara Wagner as she heals from her broken hip.

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

Your comfort God for the family of Ric Hanson on his passing and Bev & Bob Kem on the passing of her brother, Arthur.

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**

**Betty Ames, President** [bytames@yahoo.com](mailto:bytames@yahoo.com)

**Steven Cowan, Vice-President** [denisecowan48@yahoo.com](mailto: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 email.**