

# 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!**



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

**Just want you all to know...**



**and PRAY you will once again join us AT St. JAMES for 9:30am worship each Sunday!**

# 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 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent



### Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God, joining us by watching the live/recorded service or in spirit and prayer.

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

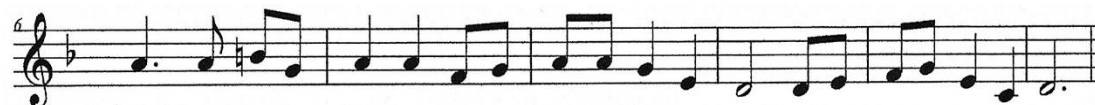
.....and also be with you.

### Service of the Lenten Candles

#### Lenten Choral Introit - Sing First Verse



Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are re - born; though you



die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev' -ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.

#### Candle Service Devotion for this 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

##### EXTINGUISHING OF FIRST LENTEN CANDLE

Let us pray..... Loving God, as we journey through this holy season of Lent, give us strength and courage to make the changes that are needed in our lives. Open our hearts and minds to your steadfast presence & help us to put our trust in you. Amen.

#### Lenten Choral Introit – Sing Second Verse - Lent 1



From the dawning of cre - a - tion, you have loved us as your own; stay with



us thru all temp - ta - tion, make us turn to you a - lone, make us turn to you a - lone.

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

## GATHERING

### **Confession & Forgiveness:**

*Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.*

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

### **Gathering Hymn: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"**



1 What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -  
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

*Refrain*



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

### **Prayer of the Day:**

*O Lord God, You led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

### **Read Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 responsively by whole verse**

<sup>1</sup>You who dwell in the shelter of the Most-High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty—<sup>2</sup>**you will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust."** <sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge, and the Most High your habitation, <sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you, nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.** <sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. <sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.** <sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper; you will trample down the lion and the serpent. <sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me; I will uphold them, because they know my name.** <sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them. <sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

### **Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 10:8b-13**

<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

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

#### **The Gospel Acclamation:**

**We sing: Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke:*

**We sing our response: "Glory to you, O Lord"**

#### **Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Luke 4:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory

and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” <sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ <sup>11</sup>and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” <sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

*The Gospel of the Lord:*

**We sing our response: “Praise to you, O Christ.”**

### **Sermon: “A Wandering Aramean”**

### **Reflection Hymn: “O God, Be Merciful to Me”      **\*\*to the tune “Amazing Grace”****

- Vs 1 O God, be merciful to me Because your love is strong;  
Now wash me from iniquity and cleanse me from all wrong.
- Vs 2 These words are old, but still they live Within our hearts today.  
We cry to you: "O God, forgive!" And "Wash our sins away!"
- Vs 3 My sin has kept me far from you; Your wrath is justified.  
Why is it, Lord? — The things I do Have crushed my bones inside!
- Vs 4 I try to make it on my own As if I'm all I need,  
Until I find I'm all alone, Wrapped up in pride and greed.
- Vs 5 Yet this is not the final word, For you forgive our sin!  
When we return to you, O Lord, You give us joy 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**

*P: In Your Mercy, (C) sings:* “Lord, listen to your children praying” after each prayer

*P: Amen. (C) sings:* “Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

**Passing of the Peace** .....and 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: "We are an Offering"**

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

**Offering Prayer**

*Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food which satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.*

**Table Setting Hymn: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## 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:

**(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

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

### Invitation to Communion

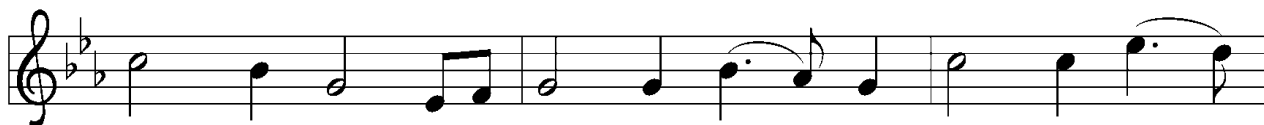
*In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's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

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

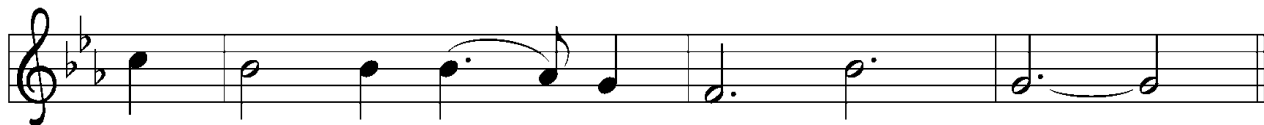
#### "Just As I Am"



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was  
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y\_a con - flict,  
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,  
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
man - y\_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,  
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,  
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## “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!

## “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”



- 1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
- 2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
- 3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,  
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,  
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

### *Refrain*



watch - ing for you and for me.  
mer - cies for you and for me? “Come home, come home!”  
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea-ry, come home." Ear - nest-ly, ten - der - ly,  
 Je - sus is call-ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

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

## SENDING

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

**Sending Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is our God"**

1 A migh - ty for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er  
 2 If we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing turns to  
 3 Though all the world with dev - ils fill and threat - en to de -  
 4 God's Word shall stand a - bove the pow'rs, shall end all their thanks-

fail - ing; our help - er frees us from the flood of  
 los - ing; the righ - teous one fights by our side, the  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, we trust God's will: they  
 giv - ing. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe,  
 one of God's own choos - ing. You ask who this may be:  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Though Sa - tan rant and rage,  
 God with us is liv - ing. Let goods and kin - dred go,

for - sworn to work us woe, with guile and dread - ful might  
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, the Lord of hosts by name.  
 in fierc - est war en - gage, this ty - rant's doomed to fail;  
 this mor - tal life al - so; though all of these be gone,

is armed to wage the fight: on earth there is no e - qual.  
 No oth - er God we claim! None else can win the bat - tle.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word shall tri - umph.  
 they yet have noth - ing won. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

## **Dismissal**

*Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## **March Mission Offering Benefit's:**

**Columbus Senior Center**

**Sunday** .....The "Piggy" Bank program to benefit ELCA Good Gifts program officially starts.

### **A WONDERFUL PROJECT FOR LENT .....**



**The "PIGGY" Bank Program will start again**

**March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022!**

**Donna will begin handing them out to all, so you can immediately start saving your change!**

**Note: Anyone who wants one sooner, personally let Donna know or call her @ (406) 322-4452!**



**Thank you, Donna for starting this opportunity again to help ELCA Good Gifts and Thank you all for taking this challenge!**

For those of you at home, feel free to start saving YOUR change as well! At the end of this project, let us know and we will stop-by and pick up your baggies! 😊

### **A FAMILY PROJECT FOR LENT.....**



**Praying with Pretzels**

**A Lenten Home Prayer**

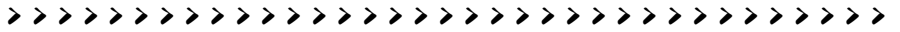
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"Celebration: A Creative Worship Service"**

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**FYI: Those of you attending church this Sunday will receive instructions for this project and a baggie of pretzels.**

# Make prayer pretzels with your family or friends.....

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## Praying “Soft Pretzel” Recipe

### Ingredients

2 packages (1/4 ounce each) active dry yeast  
2 cups warm water (110° to 115°)  
1/2 cup sugar  
2 teaspoons salt  
1/4 cup butter, softened  
1 large egg  
6-1/2 to 7-1/2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 large egg yolk  
2 tablespoons water  
Coarse salt, optional



### Directions:

In a large bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add sugar, salt, butter and egg. Stir in 3 C. flour, Mix until smooth. Add enough additional flour to make a stiff dough. Cover bowl tightly with foil; Refrigerate 2-24 hours.

Punch dough down and divide in half. On a lightly floured surface, cut each half into 16 equal pieces. Roll each piece into a 20-in rope. Shape into the traditional pretzel shape and Place on a greased baking sheet.

In a small bowl, combine egg yolk and water; brush over the pretzels. Sprinkle with salt if desired. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 25 minutes. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes or until brown.

## OR USE.....

### Praying “Soft Pretzel” EASY Recipe

#### Ingredients:

- 2 loaves (16oz) frozen whole wheat bread dough, thawed
  - 1 egg white
  - 1 tsp water
- Coarse salt, optional

#### Directions:

1. Thaw dough in refrigerator overnight.
2. Roll into 24 balls (12 each loaf).
3. Roll into ropes and shape into pretzels by forming a knot and looping ends through.
4. Place 1 inch apart on well-greased cookie sheet.
5. Let stand and rise 20 minutes.
6. Combine egg whites with water and brush on pretzels.
7. Sprinkle with salt and bake at 350F for 20 minutes.

Now, gather your family or group around the dining table. Have on hand, one small pretzel (purchased or homemade) for every person present and one large soft pretzel for every five persons.

Begin the service by distributing the small pretzel to each person. Then the leader prays.

*Leader:* Lord Jesus, you are the peacemaker who reconciled opponents, you are the healer who resolves hurtful conflicts. Be with us around this table and strengthen us to be witnesses in this world of your healing peace. Bless us and our pretzels which we sometimes resemble – arms closed against other people, salty with resentment, fragile in fear, crumbling with anger. Teach us to be peaceful persons.

*The leader invites those present to break their small pretzels, watch the crumbs fall and then eat them. When all have finished, the leader invites them to clench their fists and fold their arms across their chest in imitation of the pretzel shape.*

*Leader:* “Pretzel” comes from a Latin word meaning “folded arms” – folded as if in prayer. But sometimes we fold our arms against other people, insisting that we are right. Sometimes, we clench our fists in anger for a hurt we have received. Sometimes, we hold our gifts within ourselves, unwilling to share them with others. Let us now turn to the ways of peace by unclenching our fist.

*All unclench their fists but keep their arms folded.*

*Leader:* Pretzels were traditionally a Lenten food, made only with flour, water and salt because Christians abstained from fat, milk and eggs during Lent. Pretzels are usually brittle. When we are in conflict, we too are brittle and fragile, easily broken. Let us turn to the ways of love by unfolding our arms and opening our tight hearts to others.

*All unfold their arms.*

*Leader:* In the Middle Ages, pretzels were the food of the poor during Lent. They were not available any other time during the year. Now they are mass-produced in the traditional “folded arms” shape or as sticks or rods and bite-size pieces or hot and chewy to be dipped in mustard or cinnamon-sugar. Today they are made with eggs and milk. Let us reach out to those around us so that we may blend our gifts of love into one for the nourishment of our world.

*All join hands as we are in a circle around the table.*

*Leader:* Lord Jesus, you treasured the different persons who crossed your path. Help us to be open to all kinds of people in their infinite variety. Send your Spirit to be the oil of peace that will smooth our harsh words, heal our misguided judgments and strengthen our weak efforts at peacemaking. May we take to friends and neighbors the gifts of yours we share at this table.

*The leader breaks the large soft pretzel(s) into smaller pieces and distributes them to those present to eat. To emphasize the unity of the group, direct each person to share their piece with the one to their left.*

## **Lenten Pretzel Prayer**

*Leader:* Dear God, we ask you to bless these pretzels which we are about to eat. Each time we eat them may we be reminded that this is the season of Lent, a time of prayer. Help us to remember to pray for those who need our prayers each day. Keep your loving arms around us, O God, to protect us. In Jesus’s name, *we all say.....Amen.*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES THIS WEEK & BEYOND.....**

- **Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022** Bible Study @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB **Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>** or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed, found on our Website.
- **Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup> Lent Service @ Congregational Church**



Soup & Bread Fellowship 5:30pm and  
Holden Lenten Service 6:15pm

Hosts: Soup – Betty A. & [redacted]  
Bread – Leanne S. & [redacted]

- **Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

Reminders:



Change the batteries in your smoke detectors – and write correct information!!



Hee,hee!

- **Wednesday March 16<sup>th</sup> Lent Service @ St. James Lutheran**



Soup & Bread Fellowship 5:30pm and  
Holden Lenten Service 6:15pm

Hosts: Soup – Donna Z. & Maureen H.  
Bread – Joy G. & Kim B.

# *An opportunity to care for the Lord's Table....*

**Altar Guild is looking for new members.....** The schedule has been arranged to be more flexible to meet your needs. A specific task list and personal instruction will be given to anyone who would like to be involved in this ministry. For more information, please contact:

**Kim Behrent** (406) 321-2535 or **Pastor Tonia** (406) 656-9557

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

March 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

March 2022 Cleaner(s): Steve & Denise Cowan and Betty Ames

March 2022 Reader: *Will you sign up to help?*

March 2022 Usher(s): *Will you sign up to help?*

March 2022 Communion Helper(s): *Will you sign up to help?*

March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Gate Keeper(s): Rae Ellen Strickland & Donna Zeigler

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022,***

***\$96,100 was the yearly approved 2022 budget ÷ 12 months = \$8,008.33 needed each month.***

### ***FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....***

February 6 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$ 805.00
February 13 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$1,030.00
February 20 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$2,805.00
February 27 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	<u>\$1,650.00</u>
<b>February Total:</b>	<b>\$6,290.00</b>

\*\*Our 2022 monthly budget to meet is \$ 8,008.33  
minus \$ 6,290.00

Total **UNDER** Feb. monthly budget (\$ 1,718.33)

***Jan - (under \$634.43) + Feb (under \$1,718.33) = YTD UNDER Monthly Budget of (\$2,352.76)***

### ***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).***

For new prayer requests, please contact **Pastor Tonia**. Text or call her at (406) 656-9557 or email her at [toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com](mailto:toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.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:**

Your healing and wisdom Lord Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, Eva; Woody DeHaven; Steve Cowan; Zane & Brandon Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Seymour and Woody DeHaven.

Those living with cancer: Roger Mullin; Shane DeHaven; Mary Ann Conners; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

Ukraine and her people

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



Is there any member interested in assuming the ministry of Prayer Chain requests? A group email list of those who have been interested in receiving this information, will be provided to you. Church members will contact you with a prayer request, providing you with names (ask for sp. If unsure) and all pertinent and correct information. You will then email the request to the specified group. Please let Pastor Tonia or Betty Ames know if you'd be interested in this ministry. In the meantime, continue to contact Pastor Tonia, either by text or email (see info top of page)



**Happy March Birthday**

William Adams 3/1; Tyler Kem 3/4; Kristi Lofing 3/6; Vanessa Wanner 3/7; Edward Fleury 3/9; Morgan Radford 3/11; Evan Makoff 3/16; Pat Lofing 3/17; Greg Lofing 3/17; Jo Lind 3/19; Holly Williams 3/19; Alex Alton 3/22; Bob Hemphill 3/25; Irmgard Houghton 3/25; Gary Lofing 3/29; Malachi Moulden 3/30; Sheri Luepke 3/31



**Happy March Anniversary**

Bill & Karen McDonald 3/6

**2022 - 40 Days of GRATITUDE & Prayers Calendar**

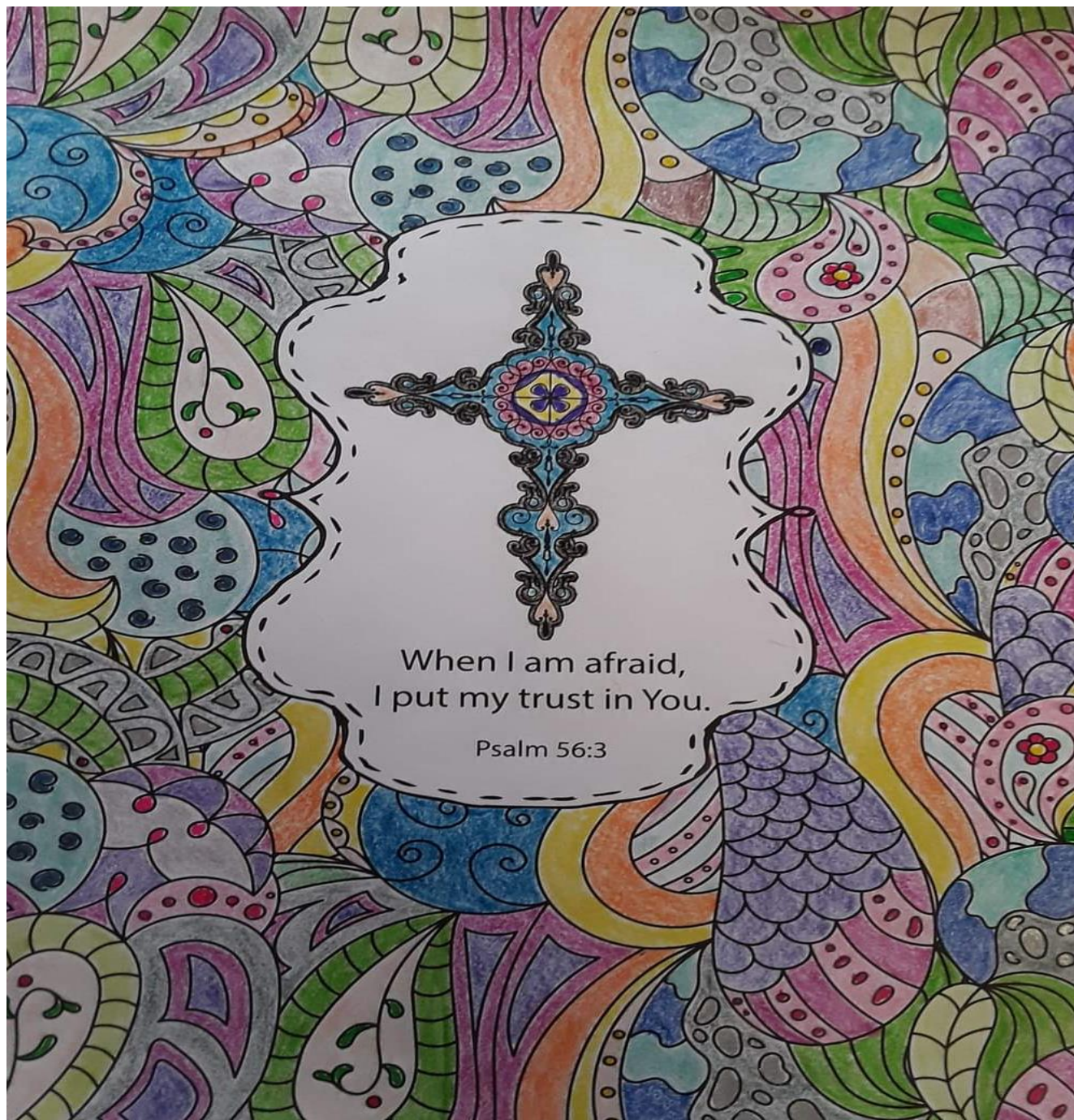


The following calendar gives gratitude prompts for prayers & reflection for each day of Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, thru Holy Week and ending Easter Sunday, in the hopes that pray-ers can develop a deep sense of where God is at work in us and our church.

If you didn't get a chance to see or print the Gratitude & Prayers Calendar, download the attachment to this email for your copy.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
List / draw three reasons you are grateful for your faith.	Reflect about how the community recognizes St. James Church.	Search the word gratitude in the Bible index and read the verses you find.	Notice three things outside your window you are grateful for.	Make a list of the experiences or expertise you have.	Go the whole day without thinking anything negative about yourself or others.	Say a prayer for our Pastor, Tonia Fisher.
Call the manager at a favorite restaurant and thank them for their good service.	Lend a favorite book to a friend to show gratitude for the author.	Think about the time you have available to do extra things.	Say a thank you prayer for a long-time friend.	Write / draw three reasons you're grateful for your family.	Do a chore with a grateful heart.	Think of three trails you're grateful God gave to you.
Make a list of community groups with which you volunteer.	Say a prayer for all of St. James' community partners.	List clubs, networks or organizations to which you belong.	Text a friend to tell them why you are thankful for their friendship.	List reasons why you started attending and why you are still attending this church.	Call or send a card to tell someone you haven't seen in a while you miss them.	Reflect on the place / time at church you feel most connected with God.
Write / draw three reasons you're grateful for technology.	List & reflect on the leadership roles you hold / have held in church or our community.	Donate to a charity to show gratitude for their good work.	Said a surprise card or gift to someone you know is feeling lonely or in need.	List activities you enjoy & things you do well.	Say thank you to someone you see working hard at a store.	"Sign-up on the 'Opportunities to Serve' sheet at church.
Say a prayer for all of St. James' global partners.	Leave an extra tip.	Say a prayer for our faithful stewardship e.g. for our church and our Missions (local & worldwide).	List subjects / skills you would like to learn about.	Say a prayer for all of St. James' denominational partners.	Bake / cook something to share with & show gratitude for a neighbor or friend.	Reflect on the place / time at church you feel most connected with other people.
<b>Monday in Holy Wk</b> 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 his 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.	<b>Tuesday in Holy Wk</b> 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.	<b>Wednesday in Holy Wk</b> Almighty God, your Son suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of the 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.	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, & 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, & refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, now & forever. Amen.	<b>Good Friday</b> 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.	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord</b> 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.	<b>Easter Day</b> 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.

**“Borrowed” from Joy’s FB Page....**



**THANK YOU JOY FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL PICTURE  
and  
A MUCH-NEEDED MESSAGE FOR ALL OF US!**