

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

****Scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube link"**

**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!

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to each Sunday's **Preparing for Worship - Email Bulletin**. Again, you will notice – The Children's Bulletin activities, are available for two age groups (3+ and 7+) and match the same Lessons & Gospel with which WE are also reflecting on during Sunday Worship each week. There is also a unique to our church, SAFE & secure online "secret code" found in their bulletin, which gives you/them access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

We hope you have taken the time to CHECK OUT this NEW program from St. James, have opened the attachments, printed the pages and ENJOYED the fun!
Again, PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these with your
kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!

A WONDERFUL PROJECT THROUGH LENT



**"Piggy Bank" Program ends Easter Sunday.
Please bring your banks Sunday or let us know if we
need to come and pick them up from you!
Thank you so much for taking this challenge.**

Please share your beautiful Easter Lilies for our Sunday Service!!



Prayer for Easter Sunday April 17th

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.**

TOMORROW: *Easter Sunday Services April 17th*

Community Service East Hill – CANCELLED D/T WEATHER



Pastries and Fruit

before our service 8am – 9am (ish)

Provided by the Church Council Members

St. James' Service 9:30am

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 April 17th, 2022 – Easter Sunday

Alleluia, Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 -



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 Palm Sunday

EXTINGUISHING OF THE SIXTH LENTEN CANDLE

Let us pray..... Loving God, we open our hearts to you. We invite you into our inmost being, only to find you already there. Strengthen us in our quiet places and then lead us into the work of justice and peace. Amen.

Lenten Choral Introit – Verse for Palm Sunday



Light of life be - yond con - ceiv - ing, mighty Spirit of our Lord; give new



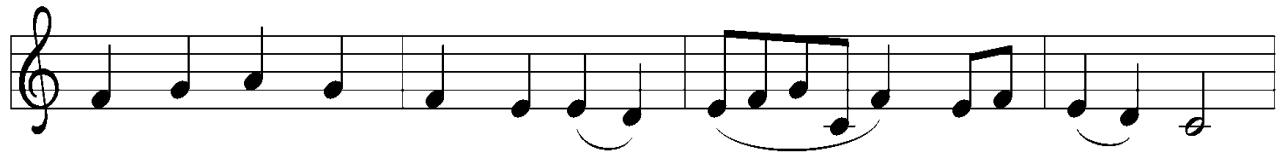
strength to our be - lieving, give us faith to live your word. Give us faith to live your word.

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

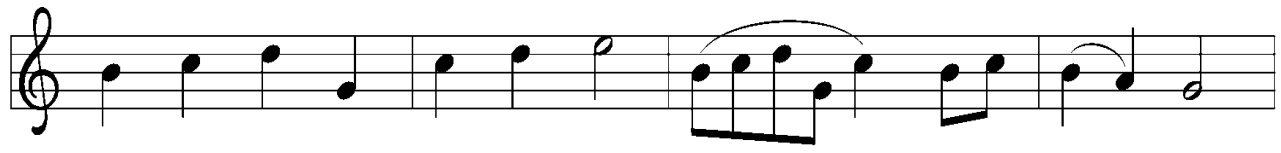
Call to Worship Hymn: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GATHERING

Alleluia, Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING for BAPTISM

.....Amen.

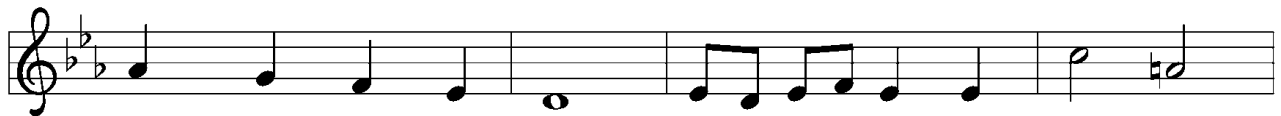
Gathering Hymn: "Thine is the Glory"



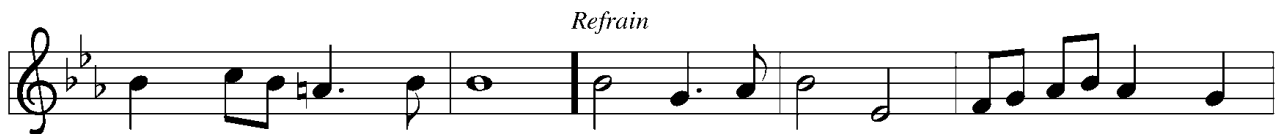
1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Prayer of the Day:

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.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the

Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

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

Read Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 responsively by whole verse

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever. ²Let Israel now declare, “God's mercy endures forever.” ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song and has become my salvation. ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!” ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely but did not hand me over to death. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰“This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.” ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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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 John 20:1-18:

We sing the response after the announcement: “**Glory to you, O Lord**”

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she

had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "While It Was Still Dark"

Reflection Hymn: "Early on a Sunday"

(to the tune of "Standing on the Promises")

Vs 1 Early on a Sunday, women went to weep
At the tomb of Jesus, for their pain was deep.
All their hopes were shattered, they had lost their friend,
Till they heard: his death was not the end!

Refrain:

Christ is risen!
Shout your alleluias and go share the good news!
Love and serve him,
For God has given life and hope anew.

Vs 2 Death has been defeated, with its pain and strife;
God has opened wide for us eternal life.
God has given Christians that new life to share,
Bringing love and justice everywhere.

Back to Refrain:

Vs 3 Every week we celebrate your Easter Day
As we come to worship you, and sing and pray.
We recall the empty tomb and know your grace
And your living presence in this place.

Back to Refrain:

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, receive our 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: "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

Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, so we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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:

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

“Hallelujah! Jesus Lives”



- 1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
- 2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
- 3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
- 4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
- 5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
 Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
 joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
 Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
 Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
 lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
 with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
 Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
 Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-returns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Christ is Alive"



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



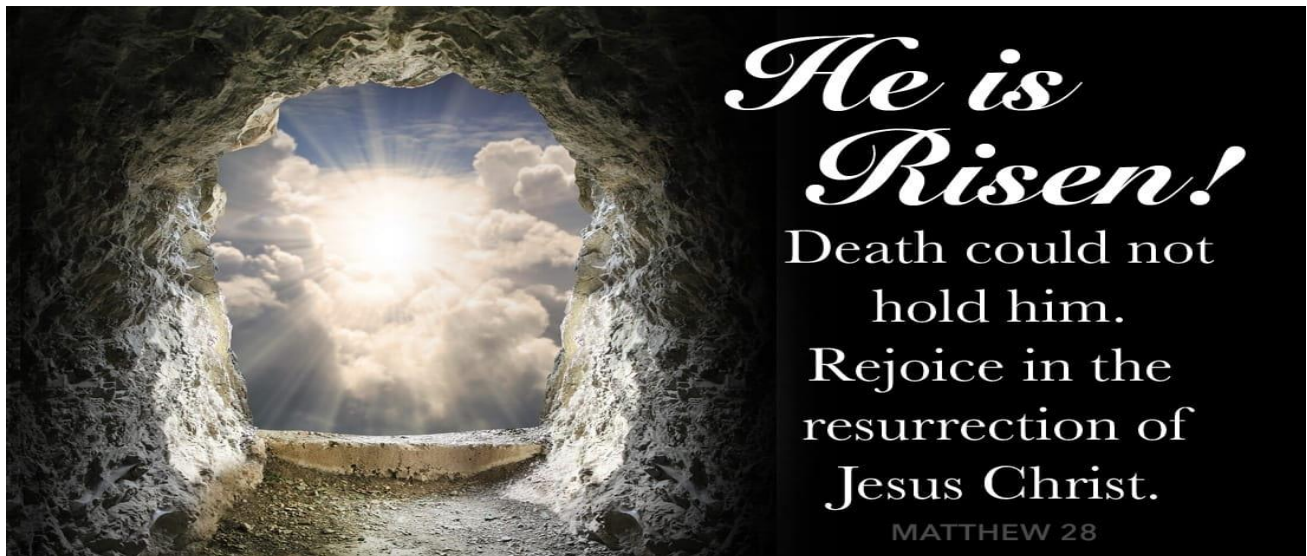
prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace to tell the story of what God has done. Thanks be to God.

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*He is
Risen!*

Death could not
hold him.
Rejoice in the
resurrection of
Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 28

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

April 17th, 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

April 2022 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & Rae Ellen Strickland

April 17th, 2022 Reader: Donna Zeigler

April 17th, 2022 Usher: Betty Ames

April 17th, 2022 Communion Helper(s): Kim Behrent & Rae Ellen Strickland

April 17th, 2022 Gate Keeper(s): Rae Ellen Strickland & Carrie Williams

April 17th, 2022 Musician: Marge Sunvold

FYI.....



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Aprils Mission Benefit's: The Stillwater Youth Center



SYC offers the youth of the Stillwater Community a place to play games, shoot hoops, watch movies, get help with homework, study the Bible, Worship God and hang out with friends. SYC is an interdenominational youth center in Columbus, MT.

Thank you for your support!

ALSO, in April: We will provide Project Hopes food bank with suggested items and fill St James' cupboards with needed supplies.

Drop off your items Sunday during church or you may drop off anytime in the Parsonages' Porch.

FYI: Plastic tubs will be at both places for your items



Bring these Food Bank needs:

Any quantity you desire.....



Any kind

OR



Any kind

OR



Any kind

OR



Any kind

OR



OR



OR



THANK YOU!



****Sign-up for Church needs:**

"Select-a-size" (1/3 cut) paper towels; hot & cold cups; square boxes of Kleenex; dish sponges' w/scrapper; 13 gal. kitchen garbage liners; Liquid-pump hand lotion & hand soap – not refills; small-sized hand sanitizer; Clorox toilet bowl cleaner w/bleach; toilet paper; 70"-80" plastic table covers – any color; powdered creamer

****See sign-up poster on bulletin board or sign-up on "SignUpGenius" (**see below) pinned to the top of our FB page.**

SignUpGenius" site has been updated with those items members signed up for last Sunday! It now has record of which and how many items are still in need, so if others wish to sign up, you will know what is still available.

Thank you all (those attending & those unable to attend, at this time) for helping us to “re-stock” our cupboards!

Again, Drop off your items Sunday during church or you may drop off anytime in the Parsonages' Porch.

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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



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 April Birthday

Rae Ellen Strickland 4/1; Ian Morse 4/4; Patty Sundberg 4/7;
Maddie Lind 4/11; Cory Wanner 4/13; Joe Morse 4/15; Mason Adams 4/15;
Don Herzog 4/16; Judy Bjorkman 4/19; James Alton 4/20;
John Mitchell 4/21; Tim Lofing 4/24; Tessa Rouane 4/25



Happy April Anniversary

Morgan & Lian Radford 4/27

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 16th, 2022,

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

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

April 3rd Offering gratefully received \$1,610.00

April 10th Offering gratefully received \$1,690.00

March total received so far: **\$3,300.00**

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

Jan - (under \$634.43) + Feb (under \$1,718.33) + Mar (under \$3,428.33) =

YTD UNDER Monthly Budget of (\$5,781.09)

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*

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 Kem for she fell last week and then again on 4/12. She was taken to the hospital for chest pains. The doctor expected some type of cardiac episode and she was sent to Billings. God of healing and comfort, we lift up Bev and pray for her healing. Give wisdom to her doctors and compassion to the medical team who will be ministering to her. May Your Spirit fill her room and may Your presence give her peace. Give Your peace to Bob as he awaits word and safe travels for he and Chip when they travel to Billings. Amen

We offer continued prayers for:

Your comfort and peace Lord for Arlene and family as they mourn the death of John Mitchell. We thank you for having had John in our lives and the joy he has brought to so many. Amen.

Memorial Service will be at the Senior Center - Friday April 29th @ 2:30pm

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

Those living with cancer: Barb Potsman; 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.***



Nurturing Children, Supporting Communities, Strengthening Families

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Across Montana, efforts are underway to raise awareness about the impact and prevalence of child abuse and neglect, as well as to encourage community members to support families to ensure all children grow up in a safe and nurturing environment. As part of the efforts, **April 24th is designated as National Blue Sunday**, a day dedicated to raising awareness within the faith community about preventing child abuse and neglect in our community.

This month we keep all those who have suffered from abuse and neglect in our prayers and encourage people to reach out to a local organization, law enforcement, church, clinic or school that supports the development of healthy and strong families in our community.

We need your help to end child abuse and neglect in Montana.



All children deserve great childhoods because our children are our future.

Community Events for St. James:

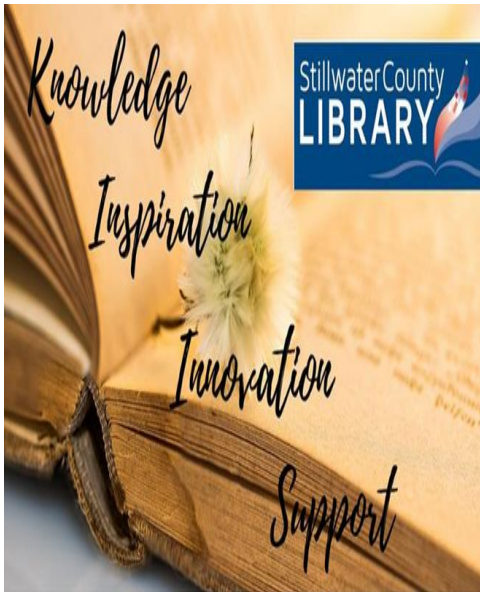
- Every Wednesday we are invited to attend:
 - ~The Women's Adult Group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 9:30am and/or 7:00pm for an inductive study on Peter.
 - ~Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
- Every Thursday we are invited to attend:
 - ~The Men's group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 7pm for a bible study of Acts.



EASTER EGG HUNT Heritage Park, Columbus

Starts **TODAY** 10:00am **Saturday April 16th**

10:00am 0-2years 10:15am 3-5 years 10:30am 6-8 years 10:45am 9-11 years



This Week's Events:

- Monday 4/18 –** Fireside Stories 4:30-5:30
- Tuesday 4/19- Adult Ed** MS Word Basics 1:00-2:00
- Wednesday 4/20 –** Virtual Program: Mark Gibbons, MT Poet Laureate 6:30-8pm
- Saturday 4/23 –** BBQ tips with Ty Hamilton 10:30- 12:00 (Registration required)

Stillwater County Swap & Shop
7th Annual Spring Craft and Vendor Bazaar
 Saturday & Sunday
 April 23 & 24, 2022
 10 am - 4 pm
Columbus High School Gym
 433 N 3rd St
 Columbus, Montana

FREE ADMISSION
 DOOR PRIZES
 FREE DRAWING AT EVERY BOOTH

Over \$1,000
 in Free Prizes!

Lunch will be available both Saturday and Sunday.
 Saturday: Outside the Shell
 Sunday: CEOS Scholarship Fundraiser

Over 50 vendors will be attending.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR DOOR PRIZE SPONSORS!

Check out our event on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/146491977236447>

If you've read this newsletter this far.....

You have an opportunity to win

a gift from "Thnks"

THNKS

or this Multi "Gift Card"!!



Here's all you have to do:

Email (st.jameschurch4u@yahoo.com) or Text Betty @ (406) 671-0090

..... these words: **I READ THIS!** Please include your name, also.

Your name then will be entered into our monthly drawing!
Drawing to be held on the last Sunday of each month! Winner to be announced during church announcements! Easy right?

Thank You

THANK YOU to those of you who have entered your name & an even bigger **THANK YOU** to know we are "BEING CHURCH" by communicating to our members and keeping you all informed about YOUR church – **St. James Lutheran!!!**