

# 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 on our FB page or YouTube Live on our webpage  
Also, recorded versions later in the day are available.*

**\*\*See below for specific details**



*Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!*



Into these days in the Easter season, please receive the gift of these reflections, provided for you by pastors of our congregations, LPAs and lay leaders, Bishop Jungling, and the staff of the Synod. As the Montana Synod is focused on equipping God's people for the work of ministry, (based on Eph. 4:11-12), it is helpful to focus together on a text and devotional reflection that encourages us to walk together as the Montana Synod being equipped to be the people of God, followers of Jesus, and bearers of the good news of God's love and grace.

## *Easter Season Devotions.....*

*starting on Resurrection Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and continuing for the fifty days of the Easter season until the day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021.*

**\*\*Download the attached PDF to this email.**

*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!

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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[www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org)

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

# St. James Lutheran Church

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**April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 –  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

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  
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.**

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

## GATHERING

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

.....Amen.

**Gathering Hymn: “Jesus Have Mercy”** to the tune of “Morning Has Broken”

Jesus, have mercy! May we see clearly  
You gave a gift we cannot repay.  
You had it all, but loving us dearly,  
Even your life, Lord, you gave away.

Jesus, have mercy when we're uncertain,  
Hiding our talents high on our shelves.  
As we've been blessed, may we be an offering,  
Healing your world by giving ourselves.

Jesus, have mercy! Give us new vision;  
Show us new ways to build up your church.  
We are your people, called into mission!  
Help us to bring your hope to the earth.

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

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, so we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of 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 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

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

### **Read Psalm 4 responsively, by whole verse:**

<sup>1</sup>*Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.*

<sup>2</sup>**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

<sup>3</sup>*Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; the LORD will hear me when I call.*

<sup>4</sup>**Tremble, then, and do not sin; speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

<sup>5</sup>*Offer the appointed sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD.*

<sup>6</sup>**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?” Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness in my heart, more than when grain and wine abound.

<sup>8</sup>In peace, I will lie down and sleep; for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.

### **Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

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

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

### **Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words I spoke to you while I was still with you—everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

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

### **Sermon: "Read the Shirt"**

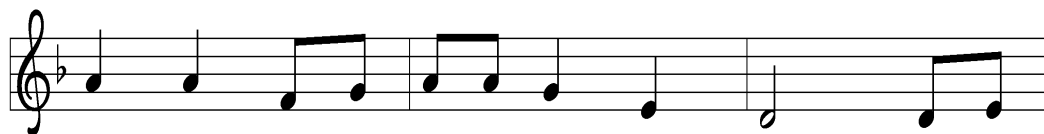
### **Hymn for Reflection: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"**



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your



death we are re - born; though you die in all of



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you



rise with ev - 'ry morn.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter Verse**

We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word,  
Every person, lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,  
wears the body of our Lord.

### ***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***

.....and also with you.

## **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***

God of love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. 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***

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

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

## 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 Strife is O're the Battle Done"**

**vs 1,4,5**



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **Dismissal:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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

- Bible Study - Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB April 21<sup>st</sup> or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the April weekly preparing for worship emails.
- Watch for more information and an invitation to join Pastor Tonia's Wednesday Zoom Social –Tonia's Fireside Chat @ 7pm. If you do not receive an invitation and would like to join, email Pastor Tonia [toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com](mailto:toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com) and she will send you the invite

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

April 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent  
April 2021 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & RaeEllen Strickland  
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:***

Jenny Hansen Cheff as she begins treatment for metastatic breast cancer and Vanessa Gneiting Cameron as she recovers from injuries from a rock-climbing accident. Give wisdom and skill to their doctors and give Jenny and Vanessa and their family strength and comfort on this journey with them.

Denise Cowan continuing to recover from surgery on her eye.

Evelyn Williams, as she recovers from her successful hip surgery.

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

Your comfort & peace God for the family & friends of Ric Hanson, Ruth Gaustad, Yasui Enano and David Hollingsworth as they mourn their passing.

Your continued healing God for Clara Wagner; 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.

The council voted to accept Chris Fleury to fill out the remaining term of one of our council members.

**Thank you! Chris!**

We hope you will take a few minutes to check out St. James' Website. Visitors searching for a Lutheran church will have the opportunity to learn all about us and we hope they will want to join us each Sunday!



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