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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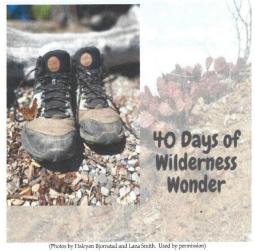
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**On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube link"

To our faithful followers at home or wherever you are, <u>PLEASE</u> let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name. We'd love to hear from you!

A suggestion just for safety:

In this time of Cold, Flu, Covid & other RESPIRATORY health issues, please feel free to wear a mask to church activities and worship. There is **NO** requirement to wear a mask. You do what you feel comfortable with to protect your health and know you are supported in your decision. Donna Zeigler



FORTY DAYS OF WILDERNESS WONDER

"Forty Days of Wilderness Wonder" is a daily devotional to accompany you through the liturgical church season of Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Daily devotions are provided for each day except for Sundays, which are not counted in the "40 days". Sundays are always considered the day of resurrection. Each "day" is dated for additional reference.

As our spring activities increase, we are tempted to neglect our need for personal devotion. This Lenten devotional invites you to take time to pause, read, reflect and pray as we journey again to the cross, remembering the promises of God's

presence and promise of the resurrection. This resource is a combination of scripture, song texts, brief reflections, images and prayer. Multiple devotionals on the same scriptures or song texts are included for different perspectives.

If you have never done a daily devotional before, Lent is the perfect time to begin this faith discipline. If possible, set aside a specific time each day for this devotional practice. If you miss a day, it's easy to get back on track as you continue your journey to the cross. Daily devotions will also be posted on the "Forty Days of Wilderness Wonder" Facebook page. "Like" the page and share with others!

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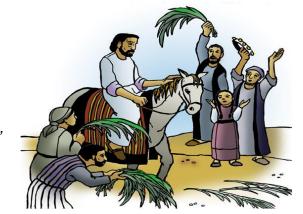
St. James Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,

share our faith and serve with the love of God"

Sunday April 2nd, 2023 – Palm Sunday



Prelude, Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

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

Combined Choir Hymn: "Enter He, Triumphantly"

Service of the Lenten Candles

Lenten Choral Introit - Sing First Verse



Candle Service Devotion for this 6th Sunday of Lent on Palm Sunday

EXTINGUISHING OF SIXTH LENTEN CANDLE

Let us pray: Loving God, there are so many choices before us every day. Choices offered by our friends, our families, our culture, our own past. Some of them encourage the well-being of the earth, ourselves and our neighbors; others are destructive. Help us to distinguish between them. May we learn from the choices of Jesus and embody compassion, justice, and inclusion in all we say and do. Amen.

Lenten Choral Introit - Sing Second Verse



Processional Gospel

¹When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ¹they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut

branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven! ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Call to Worship Hymn: "All Glory, Laud and Honor"



good - ness, O

good and gra-cious King.

Palm Sunday Litany:

P: We are God's people - the work of eternal love, creative power, and ongoing grace.

all

All: We shout praise to the Lord, our God.

great au - thor of

P: We are brothers and sisters of and in Christ, made family by water, Spirit, and word.

All: We shout hosanna to Christ, our king.

P: We carry the breath of the Holy Spirit, words for peace, justice, hope, and healing.

All: We shout thanks to the Spirit, our guide.

P: The God of creation is a God of mercy!

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

P: Jesus Christ is God among us, fully human as well as revealing Divine truth and power.

All: Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

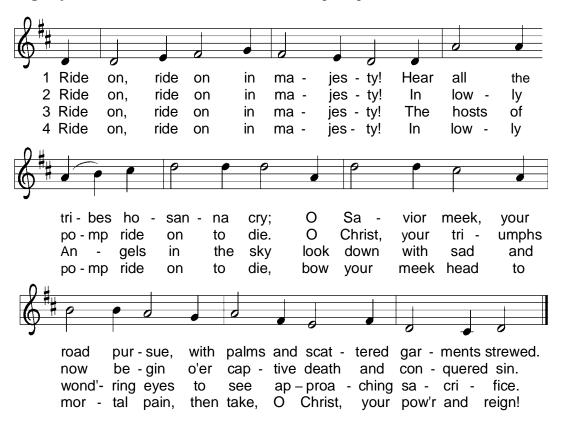
GATHERING

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

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!" to the tune "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry"



Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race, you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Homily: "Betwixt and Between. The Passion of Our Lord"

Listen to the reading of the Passion of Christ Matthew 26:14 – - 27:66

Thank you, Sheri & Brian Luepke and KayDel & Randy Shelton for assisting Pastor.

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

At this time, you are invited to go forward and light a candle of remembrance as we take time to reflect on God's word



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.

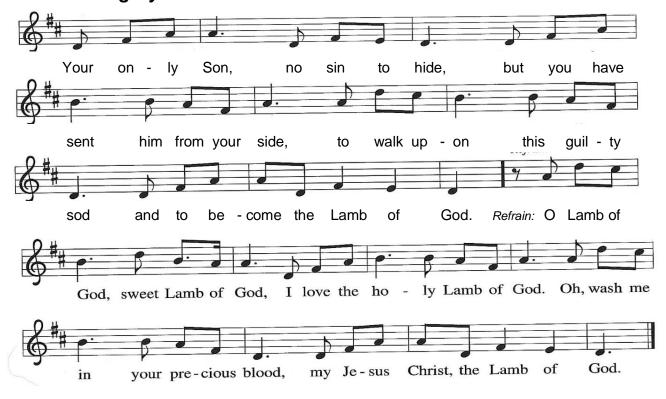
Passing of the Peaceand we say: and also with you.

Special Music from Leah Sunvold accompanied by her grandmother, Marge.

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.

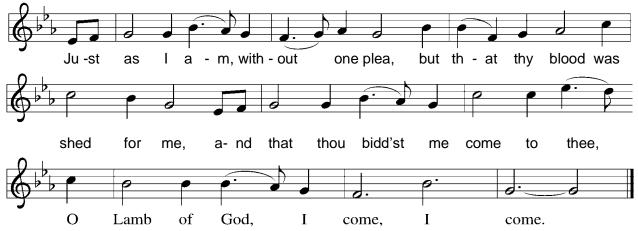
Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing The Offering Hymn: "Lamb of God"



Offering Prayer

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "Just As I Am"



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 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

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

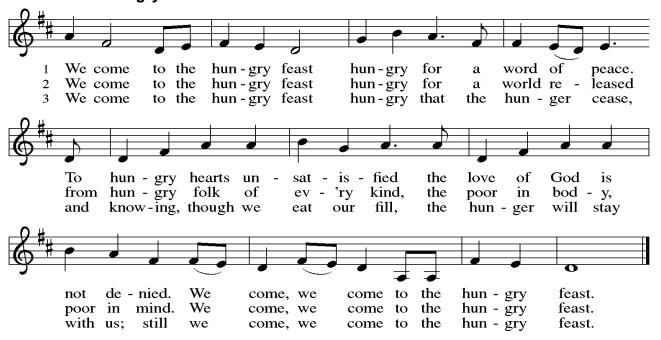
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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:

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"



"Come to the Table"



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, pre-pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, come, and your souls will be fed.

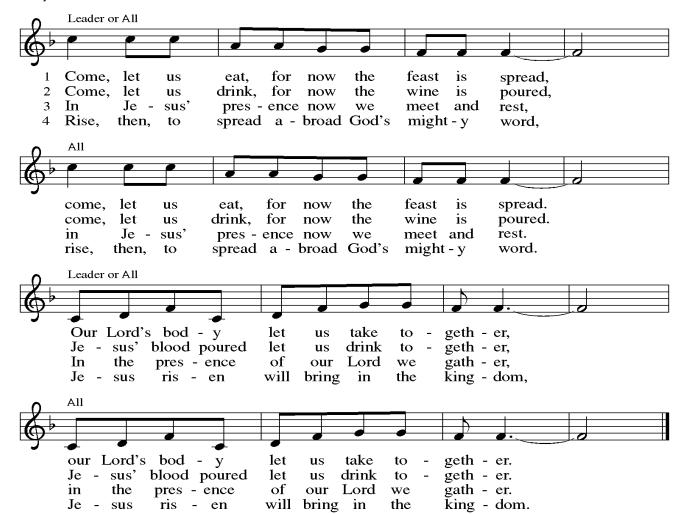


Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re-ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

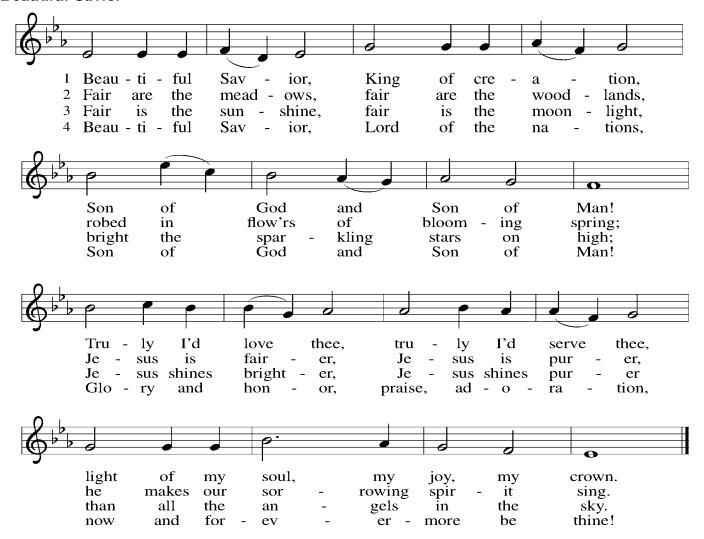


Eat of the bread of sal-va-tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

"Come, Let Us Eat



Beautiful Savior

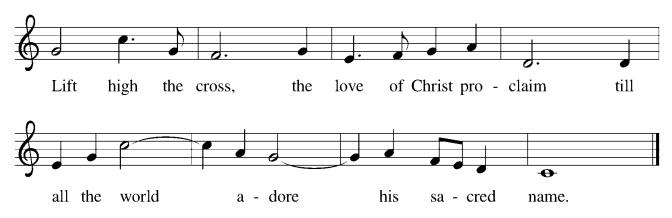


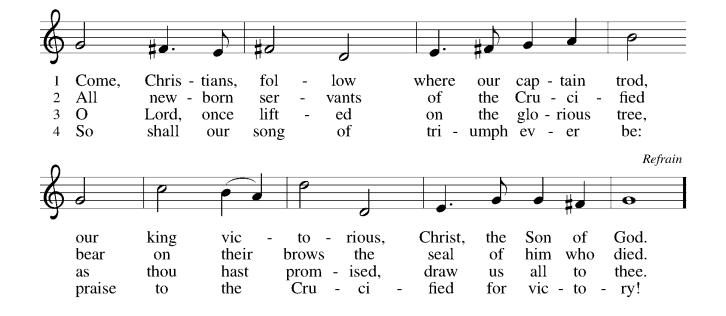
Prayer after Communion.... and we say: Amen.

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"





Dismissal: We go out in peace and share the Good news as we reflect the light of God. **Thanks be to God.**

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Readings for 4/9/23 – Easter Sunday Worship Service:

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18

This is "STAY & INVITE" Sunday –

INVITE your family or your "pew neighbor" to **STAY** after worship TODAY for fellowship & laughter!



Thank you, Mina Morse for the beautiful song "One Solitary Life" last Sunday.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

April 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

April 2023 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & Rae Ellen Strickland

April 2023 Reader(s): Will someone offer to help this month?

Thank you, Donna Zeigler for being our reader last Sunday

April 2nd, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Kim Behrent & her Granddaughter, Briar and Bill Strickland for helping with communion last Sunday.

April 2nd, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Leslie Mullin for ushering last Sunday.

April 2nd, 2023 Gate Keepers: Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

2023 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, and those battling cancer or other illnesses.

We offer special continued prayers for:

Patty Sundberg's brother Russell and his wife Glenda as Russell heals and recovers from his surgeries for dual subdural hematomas (severe brain bleed on both sides of his brain). God of healing, we give You thanks for Your presence and ask for peace to Russell's family. Amen.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Connie Bokma; Joy Goehner; Pastor Tonia; Joy Goehner's sister, Karen Clemons; LPA Allen Hansen; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Tessa Rouane's husband, Conner; Tonia's brother, John Strohecker; Steve & Denise Cowan; Bob & Bev Kem; Vi Ekle; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracelii Enano; Rick Cox; Ashley Foster; Shane Fouhy; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

The children of the world, this is a big request, but God is big. Children who are food insecure & home insecure. Pray especially for a little boy named Luke and a little girl named Nevaeh.

Ukraine and her people; Turkey & Siria

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

A WONDERFUL PROJECT FOR LENT

As Lent is winding down, so does our St. James' annual "PIGGY" Bank Program.

Put your coin in a plastic bag with your name written on the bag and bring your coin to the church the Sunday's after Easter to be counted and Amber will send a check to the ELCA Synod with our designation of where the funds should be used. St. James has always designated your gift for the purchase of farm animals for a family, sponsoring a child in school and sponsoring a woman in gardening classes.

"I would like to suggest we keep our Piggy Banks throughout the year following Easter. Keeping your bank will give you the opportunity to save your coin all year long. (More time, more coin. See how I slipped that in on you.)

Your coin makes a difference. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep". You are feeding God's people."

Donna Zeigler



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



Lent is the time we prepare ourselves, as we follow Christ's journey to the cross.

As St. James continues to reflect our holy time, the Lenten candles are extinguished each Sunday in Lent during the "Lenten Candle Service". Each week, the light will slowly fade into darkness as we will retell the story of Jesus' betrayal and suffering and death and resurrection.



THANK YOU for taking this **JOURNEY of HOPE**

each Wednesday with St. James Lutheran Church & the Columbus Congregational Church!

April Mission Offering benefits...

Stillwater Youth Center

"April Showers" for St. James

**Watch for needs sign-up sheet

Project Hope's Food Bank could always use donations!!

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 15th, 2023,

\$99,336.80 was the yearly approved 2023 budget + 12 months = \$8,278.07 per/month

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER......

March 5 th Offering gratefully received	\$2,870.00
March 12 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,355.00
March 19th Offering gratefully received	\$ 900.00
March 26 th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$1,070.00</u>

Total received this month \$6,195.00

**Our 2023 monthly budget to meet is \$8,278.07

Jan (\$2,725.07) + Feb (\$1,775.07) + Mar (\$2,083.07) = YTD under monthly budget total (\$6,583.21)

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!

<u>Tithe.ly</u> (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).



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; Chloe Lind 4/19; Tim Lofing 4/24; Tessa Rouane 4/25;



Happy April Anniversary

Morgan & Lian Radford 4/27

**If we have your email,



Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's



ecard!

Other members, check your mailbox!

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which you will now find during Lent / Easter, *on our website.* These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

ALSO, Every Other Tuesday or Thursday, watch for the email with the "Challenges Kit for Kids" PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these bulletins & kits with your kids, grandkids,

friends & friend's friends!!!!

ALSO, Every Wednesday, continue to watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message or watch recorded on our FB page.

Open and print the Bible WORDsearch Puzzles. Enjoy!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES to REFLECT GOD'S LOVE to OURSELVES, to EACH OTHER and to OUR NEIGHBORS

MORE Community Events for St. James:

- Every Monday we are invited to join:
 - ~The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am.
- Every Tuesday 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 Revelation
 - ~ Absarokee Quilting Group 10am in the basement of the Cobblestone building. Knitters, crocheters and embroideretts are welcome.
- Every Wednesday we are invited to join:
 - ~ Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
 - ~ The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Reminder: Every Wednesday, at the Stillwater County Library! 10:00am - Children's Story Time usually followed by a craft! 3:45 to 4:45 pm – **New Middle School Program!**

COWBOY POETRY – April 22nd @ Palladium Draughthouse 2:30pm to 5:00pm

Come join us for an afternoon of Cowboy Poetry! Drinks and cowboy caviar are available for purchase, through Palladium Draughthaus! We have 5 poets are on the schedule so far!

WIND OF SPIRIT / BEADS OF BLESSING



Saturday, <u>April 1</u>, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Columbus Community Congregational Church
Make WIND CHIMES and/or PRAYER
BEADS and learn a bit about their
spiritual meaning

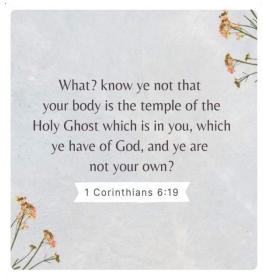
Contact Pastor Kate at 423-650-0780 for more information

*** \$5 donation suggested for supplies

*** See you there!



This week's Answers:





HOLY WEEK



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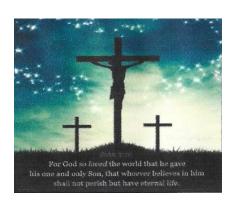


SERVICE - APRIL 6TH
7 PM
Thursday @ COLUMBUS CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

Good Friday Service – April 7th

@ St. James 7pm

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!





Come Celebrate! Easter Sunday Services April 9th

Community Service East Hill – Columbus 7am

Pastries and Fruit (before our service 8:30)

Provided by the Church Council Members

St. James' Service 9:30am



Future 2023 Dates:

FYI for Choir Members - NO Choir Practice for the entire month of April

Next practices will be May 3rd; May 10th & May 17th @ Congregational Church

** We are scheduled to sing at both churches on Sunday May 21st

- April 11th through April 14th Pastor away to Pastoral Leadership Conference @ Chico Any emergencies, please contact Donna Zeigler (406) 321-4452 or any council member.
- April 30th Church Council Meeting after worship

Christikon's Annual Benefit Auction Event in Billings @ The Depot 4/30. St. James has always donated a basket to this special fundraising event. Joy Goehner, Christikon liaison, said this year's theme is:

"A Delicious Morning Breakfast Gift Basket".

If you'd like to donate a "themed appropriate" item, please bring to the church by April 23rd!

- May 4th National Day of Prayer NOON Columbus Court House Steps
- May 17th SPRING Taco Meal & Bingo Fun 5:30pm **watch for more information
- June 2nd & 3rd Annual Synod Meeting in Great Falls
- June 10th Special K Ranch Open House

