

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 4th, 2021 and continuing for the fifty days of the Easter season until the day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23rd, 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!



Click on image OR
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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"**

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**April 25th, 2021 –
4th 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: "Have No Fear Little Flock"



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; have no fear, lit - tle
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; have good cheer, lit - tle
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; praise the Lord high a -
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, for the Fa - ther has cho - sen to
flock, for the Fa - ther will keep you in
bove, for he stoops down to heal you, up -
God, for he stays close be - side you, in



give you the king - dom; have no fear, lit - tle flock!
his love for - ev - er; have good cheer, lit - tle flock!
lift and re - store you; praise the Lord high a - bove!
all things works with you; thank - ful hearts raise to God!

Prayer of the Day:

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Acts 4:5-12

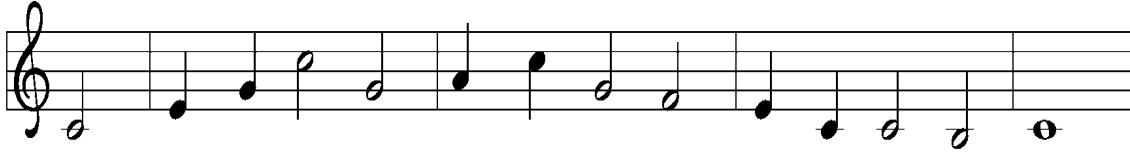
⁵The next day the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from

the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

We will sing Psalm 23



1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres-ence of my foes;
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,



in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake;
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;
my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be;



He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.
with - in the paths of righ-teous-ness, e'en for his own name's sake.
for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.
My head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.
and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell-ing-place shall be.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one

another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help. ¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we

are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we

receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his

commandment, we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said: ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So, there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Sermon: “Who the Lord is to Me”

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.

3rd Sunday of Easter Verse

Christ you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be,
One with you in joy and sorrow, we the river you the sea,
we the river you the sea.

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:

Shepherd us O Lord.

Beyond our wants, beyond our needs, from death into life

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: "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"



1 Sav-ior like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.
2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your fold pre-pare.
keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.
you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.



Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.



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Dismissal:

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

Coming this week and beyond....

- Church Council Meeting immediately after worship **TODAY!**
- Bible Study - Tuesday April 27th @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB April 28th 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 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*

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

The family and friends of Pat Terland. Bring comfort to those who mourn. A Celebration of Life will be held later, the family will keep us informed.

Bob Steinberg, Larry and Joy's brother-in-law, and ask for Your healing as he is being treated for an infected kidney. Give wisdom to his doctors and surgeon as they work to heal his kidney and other problems. Give Bob Your peace and comfort.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued healing God for Vanessa Gneiting Cameron; Denise Cowan; Evelyn Williams; Clara Wagner; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

We lift up those living with cancer: Jenny Hansen Cheff; 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).

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!



Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org **

**Bookmark this page for your own future use

Volunteer for St. John's United

SPRING PLANTING

May 18th – 21st 10:30am – 3:00pm

Saturday, May 22nd 10:00am – 12:30pm

To ensure the safety of all, these events will be hosted by appointment

Volunteers ages 15+

Bring your own mask and maintain at least 6 feet of distance while on SJU campus



Contact Carissa Welsh at 655-7727 or email volunteer@stjohnsuned.org

*** See Poster attached or Poster on bulletin board*

*Simple
Reminders....*

A GREAT ATTITUDE

becomes a great mood.

A great mood becomes a great day.

A great day becomes a great year.

A great year becomes a great life.