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!



Click on image OR
FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana



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 & friends's friends!!!!!

SUNDAY - MAY 15th, 2022:



Abby Makoff & Gwen Bjorkman

We are so proud of you and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

God Bless You!

Please stay for coffee hour and fellowship to help celebrate these students' achievements.

St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1st Ave. N. Columbus, MT 59019 Leader: Pastor Tonia Fisher (406) 656-9557 Email: toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith, share our faith and serve with the love of God"

Sunday May 15th, 2022 – 5th Sunday of Easter



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 alland also be with you.

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

GATHERING

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Gathering Hymn: "Love, Love"



Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Recognition of our Columbus High School Graduates Abby Makoff & Gwen Bjorkman

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey. reptiles, and birds of the air. 7I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Read Psalm 148 responsively by whole verse

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights. ²Praise the LORD, all you angels; sing praise, all you hosts of heaven. ³Praise the LORD, sun and moon; sing praise, all you shining stars. ⁴Praise the LORD, heaven of heavens, and you waters above the heavens. ⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, who commanded, and they were created, ⁵who made them stand fast forever and ever, giving them a law that shall not pass away. ¬Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps; ⁵fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing God's will; ⁵mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars; ¹⁰wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds; ¹¹sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world; ¹²young men and maidens, old and young together. ¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over earth and heaven. ¹⁴The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for all faithful servants, the children of Israel, a people who are near the LORD. Hallelujah!

Hear the 2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-6

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life." 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: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel according to John:

We sing the response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord"

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Called to Love"

Reflection Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"



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 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......

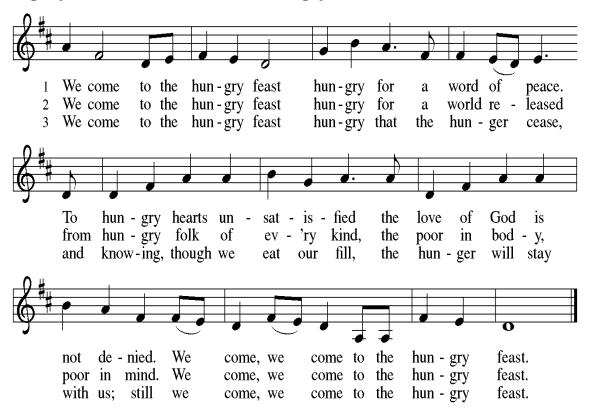
while we sing The Offering Hymn: "We are an Offering"



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: "We Come to the Hungry Feast"



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

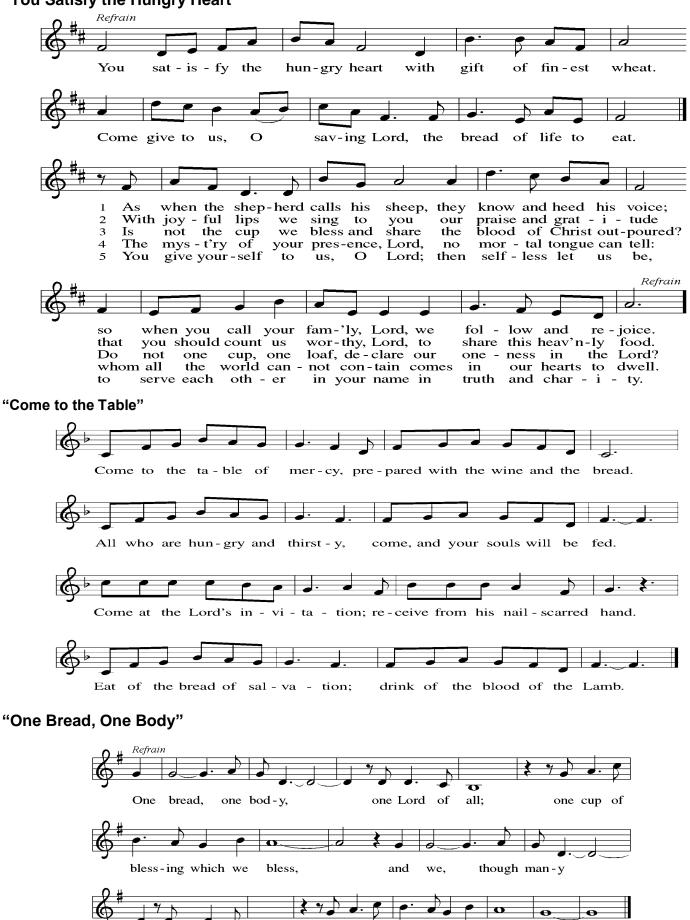
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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:

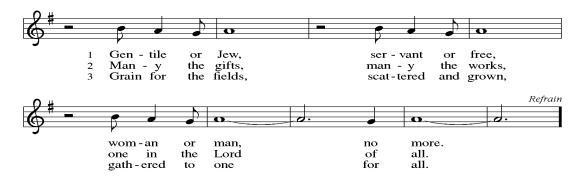
"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"



we are one bod - y in this one

Lord.

through-out the earth,



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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Love, Love, Love" osb 134



- 2. Peace, peace, peace!
- 3. Joy, joy, joy!
- 4. Me, me, me!
- 5. You, you, you!

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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

May 15th, 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent (Sheri is healing from foot surgery) May 2022 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

May 2022 Reader: KayDel & Randy Shelton

May 15th, 2022 Usher: Will you sign up to help?

May 15th, 2022 Communion Helper(s): Will you sign up to help?

Thank you Kim Behrent & Pastor Peggy for helping with communion last Sunday.

May 15th, 2022 Gate Keeper(s): Carrie Williams & Donna Zeigler

May 2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

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

Thank You for.....

~ Your continued support of providing your generous donation of green & these specific items to the Project Hope "Food Bank"



This project will continue through the month of May!

Their needs include: Any quantity you desire.....



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THANK YOU!

~ Filling our cupboards with supplies!

The table in the basement is **FULL** of cups, paper towels, Kleenex, cleaning supplies, garbage liners, toilet paper and much, much more! Thank you again!

Before we put these new supplies away......

WE COULD USE YOUR HELP: Saturday May 14th -

JOIN US for this "cleaning day" starting @ 10:00am.

Cleaning Crew Supplies: When you come on May 14, you may want to bring your favorite cleaning tools: cleaning rags, rubber gloves & pail. There are cleaning solutions at the church. We will be cleaning kitchen drawers and shelves, washing windows, dusting woodwork and sorting through DARK corners. Would you believe that I found colored TP in a dark corner? When was the last time you saw peach colored TP at the store? Don't miss the fun on May14, 10:00. Thank You, Donna

For the taking.....

Yay! The desk and safe have found new homes!



We do still have the printer available if anyone is interested. Let me know!

Donation welcomed!



Happy May Birthday

Jean Voldseth 5/5; Harold Riensche 5/8; Lance Sundberg 5/10; AJ Makoff 5/20; Lian Radford 5/21; Bev Kem 5/23; Ingrid Short 5/27; Mike Koski 5/29; Chip Kem 5/30



Lance & Patty Sundberg 5/17; Nick & Marian Lofing; Ken & Pam Carlson 5/27

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

Bob Rouane as he is being treated for a current medical condition. Lord of healing, we pray for Your healing for Bob. Strengthen Bob and give him peace. Give wisdom and skill to his doctors. Comfort Toni and the girls at this time. Thank You for Your presence during difficult times. Amen.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Bev Kem; 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: 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.

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......

May 1st Offering gratefully received \$10,975.00 May 8th Offering gratefully received \$1,245.00 May Total so far: \$12,220.00

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

Jan - (under \$634.43) + Feb (under \$1,718.33) + Mar (under \$3,428.33) + Apr (under \$1,868.33) = YTD UNDER Monthly Budget of (\$7,649.42

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).

Community Events for St. James:

- Every Monday we are invited:
 - ~ To join us for coffee and visiting from 8-11am at the Stillwater Youth Center.
- 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

- Every Wednesday we are invited to attend:
 - ~ Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
- Every Thursday we are invited:
 - ~ To join us for coffee and visiting from 8-11am at the Stillwater Youth Center.
 - ~ The Men's group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 7pm for a bible study of Acts.
 - ~The NEW Walking Group formed by the Columbus Congregational Church. Every Thursday the walking group begins, leaving the little Stone Church @ 8:30am. All are Welcome! Coffee & rolls will follow in the little Stone Church at 9:15am.
 - ~Absarokee Quilting Group 10am in the basement of the Cobblestone building. Knitters, Crocheters and Embroideretts are welcome!



This Week's Events:

May 20th - Mariah Gladstone of Indigikitchen: Cooking Demonstration and History of Indiginous Food Systems 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Registration is free, but you must sign up to attend this virtual event! tinyurl.com/indigikitchen

May 21st – Lawyers in Libraries: Attorney Alix House 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Join Stillwater County Library as Attorney Alix House discusses access to justice and why it is important to our communities, legal resources that may be available to you, and how to find and choose a lawyer when you have a legal problem.

May 30th, 2022 MEMORIAL DAY



PC Avenue of Flags - Photo by Becki Ames Risser

REMEMBER & HONOR!

2022 Montana Synod Assembly

"Equipping for the Gospel"

Friday, June 3, 2022 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday, June 4, 2022 ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Billings Hotel and Convention Center - 1223 Mullowney Lane, Billings, MT - 406-248-7151 Pastor Tonia & delegates Donna Zeigler & Betty Ames will be attending this event.



Sounds like a "groovy" time!

Join them for their groovy 70s party!
Live oldies performed by Dave Oltrogge & Company!
Catering by Cajun Phatty's.

Tickets are on sale right now -- Hope many St. James Members can attend!



SAVE THE DATE:

Open House will be held at noon on Saturday, June 11. Please come join them for food, fellowship, fun, and plant and produce sales!

Check out their website or FB pagefor more information!

Columbus Town Wide Yard Sale



June

18th

2022

8:00 AM

Maps available at IGA at 7:30 AM

Proceeds to benefit Beartooth Ramblers 4-H Club. Questions call Kathy 696-0981

PARK CITY TOWN WIDE SALE

X 2022 Annual Garage Sale Dates € 2022 Annual Garage



June 25, 2022 from 8 am - done July 23, 2022 from 8 am - done

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

You have an opportunity to win

a gift from "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?



Mark your calendars - Concerts START June 30th @ 7pm



This year, they are in need of 4 volunteers to hand out programs and greet concert-goers.

One pair of volunteers will be on south campus, the other on north campus from 5-730PM.

Dinner will be included.

Please call Carissa at 655-7727 or Email: volunteer@stjohnsunited.org to sign up!