

WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church



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.**

Your council, at their April meeting, discussed at length our continued "Love of One Another" at St. James.

Below are the suggested recommendations for our process of slowly returning to our "New-Normal" Worship each Sunday.....

- We will continue to wear our masks for indoor worship.
- The tape has been removed from the pews, BUT we strongly recommend to sit by family units in each pew and to skip every other pew to maintain some physical distance.
- Hymnals are available to use or you may continue to use the music printed in your bulletin.
- Ushers will dismiss you by pews for Communion. Please wait for them to let you know when it is your turn to go forward. We ask you to wear your mask while in the aisles and of course, you will pull it down when you receive the bread and the wine.
- Passing the peace will continue to give us an opportunity to look our brothers and sisters in the eye as we bid them peace with a wave or a bow.

***We realize things change. We trust God,
we put our faith in Him to give us peace for the situation and
we continue to love one another.***

***Please, if you still 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*

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*

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**May 16th, 2021 –
7th 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 live/recorded service or in spirit and prayer.**

Call to Worship Hymn: "You Are Mine"

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I

I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.

You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light. I
 All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
 Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
 all will know my name. (to Refrain)
 up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

Refrain All
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 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
 name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I
 love you and you are mine." 4 "I

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

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

.....Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Prayer of the Day:

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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 1st Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

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

Read Psalm 1 responsively by whole verse:

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves which do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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 17:6-19

Jesus prayed, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words You gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed You sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and Yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

Sermon: "You Are Mine"

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.

7th Sunday of Easter Verse

Living Water of salvation, Be the fountain of each soul:
Springing up in new creation, Flow in us and make us whole
Flow in us and make us whole

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.**

The Table is Set Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs 3



3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 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 hymn:

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”



- 1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
- 2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
- 3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
- 4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
- 5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”



- 1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of you fills us with sweet de - light;
- 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mind re - call
- 3 O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite soul, O Joy of all the meek,
- 4 O Je - sus, be our joy to - day; help us to prize your love;



but sweet - er far your face to view and rest with - in your light.
a sweet - er sound than your blest name, O Sav - ior of us all!
how kind you are to those who fall! How good to those who seek!
grant us at last to hear you say: “Come, share my home a - bove.”

Prayer after Communion.....

and we say: **Amen**

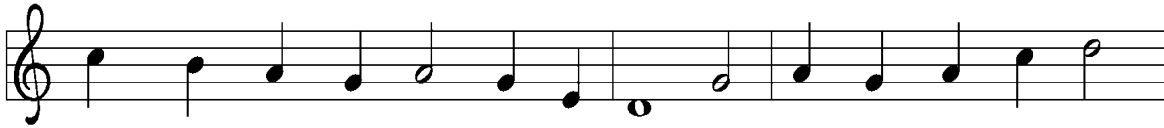
SENDING

Blessing..... and we say: Amen.

Sending Hymn: "What Wondrous Love is This"



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Dismissal:

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

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Mission Offering for May 2021 benefits...

Project Hope Food Bank



...for your continued support of our monthly missions.

Your generosity is welcomed and so appreciated!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

May 2021 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

May 2021 Cleaner(s): Sheri & Brian Luepke and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

We are asking for volunteers to help with "Opportunities to Serve"

If you'd like to assist, let Pastor Tonia know

or sign your name on the sheet posted on our bulletin board!

May 2021 Reader(s):

May 2021 Usher(s): Joy Goehner

May Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan,

Larry & Joy Goehner, Brian & Sheri Luepke and Chris Fluery

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:

Jo Lind's brother, Jerry Brown, who is has kidney issues. We pray for healing and for the pain to be lessened. Give wisdom to the doctors and peace to Jerry as the await test results. Amen

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued healing Lord for Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; 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.**

Coming this week....

- **NO** Bible Study this Tuesday May 18th
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB May 19th or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the February weekly preparing for worship email.
- Pastor Tonia's Wednesday Evening Zoom Social's will be taking a break for the summer. Watch for the invite to arrive in your email when she resumes in the fall.

“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



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 5/24; Mike Koski 5/29; Chip Kem 5/30*



Happy May Anniversary

*Lance & Patty Sundberg 5/17; Nick & Marian Lofing 5/22;
Ken & Pam Carlson 5/27*

Reminders.....



St. James has INTERNET!

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE, PHONE or IPad/TABLET,

CLICK ON - *St. James*

Then, USE THIS PASSWORD: *95theses1517*

SPRING has arrived, which leads to budding trees & plants, and green grass that starts to GROW, and GROW and GROW! All of this beautiful foliage leads to mowing in the **SUMMER!!**

If anyone would be willing to help during the summer months, please let a Council Member or Pastor Tonia know. We can come up with a schedule. **Thank you!**



STILL AVAILABLE.....

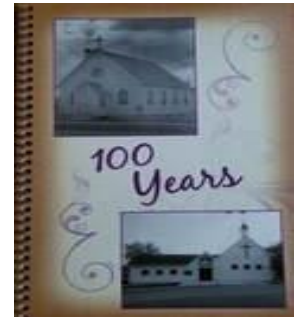
Get your cookbooks!!

Get your 100th Anniversary etched mugs

And/or wine glasses!!

They are all for sale **NOW!** **\$10 each**

Pick yours up at church on Sunday or get in touch with Pastor Tonia, Denise or Betty and we will make sure you get a copy or two or three. 😊



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@stjohnsunity.org

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