WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

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

Below are the suggested recommendations for our process of Worship each Sunday.....

• The wearing of a mask is now considered "optional" or "your choice".

**Please respect the decision of others, as they choose to wear or not to wear a mask.

The following is the same as last Sunday.......

- We 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 to receive your bread & 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 from our seats.

Please, if you have concerns re. masks, feel free to continue wearing a mask during the entire service or just when we are singing.

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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St. James Lutheran Church

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Sunday May 30th, 2021 – The Holy Trinity 1st Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Let's make a list of things which come in threes..... (before or after the sermon, not during, please)

Past, Present, and Future; Body, Soul, and Spirit;
Yours, Mine, and Ours; Me, Myself, and I; Red, White and Blue;
Small, Medium, and Large;
Faith, Hope, and Charity; Rock, Paper, Scissors;
Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh; Peter, Paul and Mary;
Winken, Blinken, and Nod; Snap, Crackle, and Pop;
The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly;

The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe;

CBS, NBC, ABC; Ready, Aim, Fire; On Your mark, Get Set, Go; Breakfast, lunch, and dinner; Planes, trains, and automobiles; Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate;

1,2,3; 3 Wise men; 3 coins in a fountain; 3 days of the Condor;
3 Primary colors (Red Yellow Blue); 3 little pigs; 3 little bears;
3 billy goats gruff; 3 Bags Full; Bad things come in 3's;
3rd times a charm;

See no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil; Knife, fork, spoon; Sun, stars, moon; Man, woman, child; Day, month, year; Hot, warm, cold; Born, live, die; Rain, sleet, snow; Hot, cold, warm; Heaven, earth, hell; the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms.

We end our list as we end our prayers in the name of the **Father**, the Son, and Holy Spirit.

Call to Worship Hymn: "I Saw the Lord"



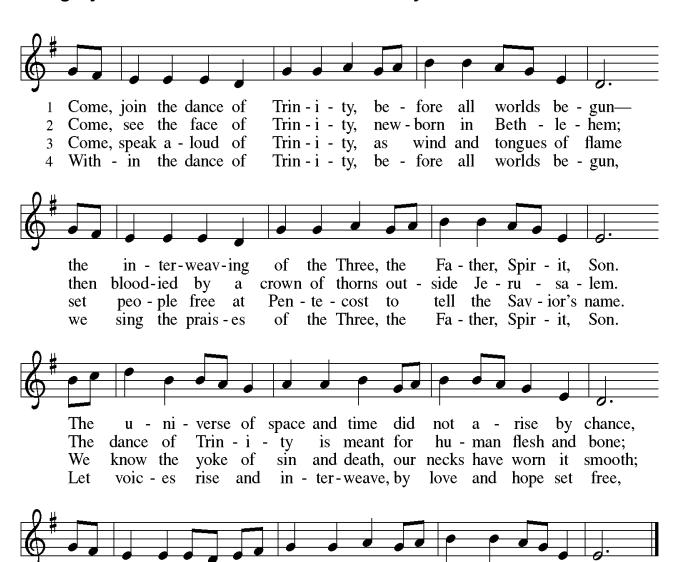
GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness:

God, our provider, help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "Come Join the Dance of Trinity"



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with-in their dance. when fear con-fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone. go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move! to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin-i - ty.

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and His train filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ¹The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ³Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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

Read Psalm 29 responsively by whole verse:

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters. ⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. ⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon; ⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. ⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes. ⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" ¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore. ¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁶Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ³The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹¹Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you

do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

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

Sermon: "All Good Things Come in Three" Hymn for Reflection: "Holy, Holy"



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.

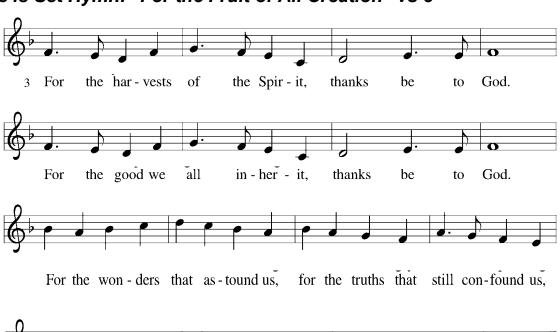
Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

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

most of all, that

love



has found us, thanks

be

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, 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.

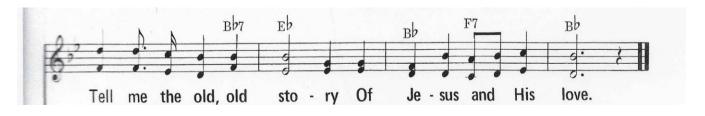
As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:



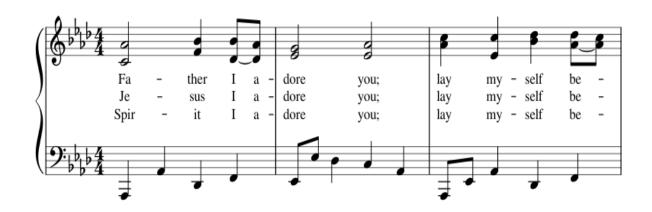
"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

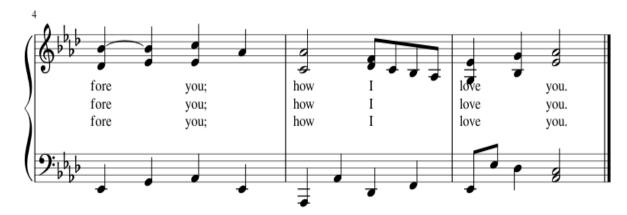






"Father I Adore You"





Prayer after Communion....

and we say: Amen

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Do Lord"





Vs 2

Though a host encamp against me, I will never fear! Even though a war surrounds me, You are always near. One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for sure, Is to live in the house of the Lord. Refrain:

Vs 3

You will hide me in Your shelter in the day of strife; You'll conceal me in Your tent or set me on the height. Now my head is lifted up above the storms of night, So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. Refrain:

Vs 4

Glory be to God the Father and to God the Son; Glory be to God the Spirit, ever Three in One. As it was in the beginning, till our race is won, We can live in the light of the Lord. Refrain:

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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Mission Offering for June 2021 benefits...

Columbus Volunteer Fire Department (In memory of Randy Sekora & Harold Houghton)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE 2021 GRADUATES - NEAR OR FAR!

Seniors – College & High School; Eighth Grade and Pre-School (your child, grandchild, niece, nephew, cousin etc.)

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

May 2021 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke June 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

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

June 2021 Cleaner(s): RaeEllen Strickland/Chris Fleury and Larry & Joy Goehner

May 2021 Usher(s): Joy Goehner

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

Larry & Joy Goehner, Brian & Sheri Luepke, Chris Fluery & Judy Bjorkman

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

AN EXERPT FROM OUR WEBSITE.....

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

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kind of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

St. James continues to need volunteers for:

Readers.....

Ushers.....

Eucharistic Ministers (Pastors' Communion Helpers)

Altar Guild.....

Monthly Cleaners.....

Have you ever asked yourself, "How could I become involved in the ministry of St. James"? There are many people in our congregation, each with their own individual gifts, and it takes each of us – using our gifts – to do the work of God in our church and in our community.

Where do your spiritual gifts and interest lie? What causes your heart to burn for God's people? How do you desire to serve God in our church and in our community?

We often wonder why something is not being offered at our church. Maybe we are just waiting for someone to take the lead on a good idea – maybe that someone is YOU!

Please prayerfully consider these ministries when you pray about your Christian Action. Many hands make the task light!

During Worship.....

We have listed some of the different opportunities we have to serve God with our gifts here at St James and a <u>partial / brief</u> explanation of the responsibilities involved. Pastor Tonia is always available to give instruction for each opportunity.

Worship time during our Sunday Services is a special time!

Ushers: Turn on & off the lights and speaker system; assure candles are lit; post bulletin info / #'s on the front marker boards; specially greet all members & visitors and hand out bulletins; accept the offerings and usher communion takers.

Readers: Pastor Tonia sends the readings for your Sunday to you ahead of time and will help with any pronunciation difficulty that you may have; you will read the two lessons and psalm.

Eucharistic Ministers: Two members are needed to help during communion to the people – one will deliver the Blood of Christ and one will accept the empty glasses. You will then be given the sacraments from the Pastor and one of you will give the sacraments to the Pastor.

Altar Guild continues to accept more 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 or Pastor Tonia.

If you'd like to assist in any of these opportunities, let Pastor Tonia know or sign your name on the sheet posted on our bulletin board!

Check out -

Other opportunities

and information about St. James Lutheran Church.

Take a few minutes to visit our 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!

SAINT JAMES LETHERAN CHURCH

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

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org **

**Bookmark this page for your own future use

Reminders.....

Coming this week....

- Bible Study -Tuesday June 1st @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB June 2nd or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the 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.



St. James has INTERNET!

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE, PHONE or IPad/TABLET,

CLICK ON - St. James

Then, USE THIS PASSWORD: 95theses1517

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 blessings for:

Mina's mom, Jean and dad, Gary. Mina reports: "So blessed....my Dad is out of the hospital and my Mom is recovering nicely from her knee surgery!" Halleluiah!

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued healing Lord for Jerry Brown; 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.

"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!

<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).

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

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!**

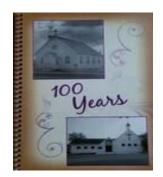


STILL AVAILABLE.....

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.



Simple Reminders....

The beauty right in front of us!
Thank you
Brian and Sheri for planting such beautiful flowers!



Have a safe Memorial Day weekend!



Avenue of Flags @ the PC Cemetery – photo courtesy of Becki Risser 2011

Columbus

100th anniversary of tomb of unknown soldier: Join the Stillwater Veterans of Foreign Wars, Columbus Post 4762 and Absarokee Post 7311 in honoring the 100th anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Mountain View Cemetery in Columbus.

Park City

Park City American Legion Post #100 Memorial Day Program will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Park City Cemetery.