

WELCOME to 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"

TODAY May 5th –

**Stay for coffee hour to celebrate with St. James'
Columbus High School Graduates & their families.**



Congratulations to:

**Mason Adams; Anders Bjorkman; Seth Kornick;
Madison Lind and Ethan Short.**

**ALSO today, Celebrate with the Congregational Church –
Soon after 11:30ish!!**

Cinco de Mayo Taco Bar!

****Donations go to support their mission outreach**



Sunday May 5th, 2024 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen. All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

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

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING for Baptism Confession

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

As we give thanks for our baptism let us confess our sins:

P: Risen Christ, **C: Wash away our sin and all which separates us from you.**

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: OSB #59 "The Trees of the Field"

Em D/F#

You shall go out with joy — and be led forth with peace. — The

This system of musical notation features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Chord symbols 'Em' and 'D/F#' are placed above the treble staff at the beginning and end of the system, respectively. The lyrics are: "You shall go out with joy — and be led forth with peace. — The".

G C/G G D B Em

moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; There'll be shouts of joy, -

This system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. Chord symbols 'G', 'C/G', 'G', 'D', 'B', and 'Em' are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you; There'll be shouts of joy, -".

B7

— and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their

This system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. A chord symbol 'B7' is placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "— and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their".

Em G

2nd time Fine

hands. — And all the trees of the

This system of musical notation concludes the piece. It includes a '2nd time Fine' marking above the treble staff. Chord symbols 'Em' and 'G' are placed above the treble staff. The lyrics are: "hands. — And all the trees of the".

The image shows a musical score for a hymn, consisting of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a guitar accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "field will clap their hands, — The trees of the field will clap their hands. — The trees of the field will clap their hands, while you go out with joy. You shall go". The guitar accompaniment includes chords such as C/G, G, D, B7, and Em. There are also instructions for clapping: "claps:" followed by rhythmic notation.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Read Psalm 98 responsively by verse

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things, whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²O LORD, you have made known your victory, You have revealed Your righteousness in the sight of the nations. ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. ⁴Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song. ⁶With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD. ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein. ⁸Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth. ⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel

The Gospel Acclamation: ELW #151

We
sing:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel according to John:

We sing after
the announcement:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

John 15:9-17

Jesus said: ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. ¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord:

We sing after
the conclusion:

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: “The Chosen”

Reflection Hymn: OSB #233 "This is My Commandment"

This is my commandment that you love one another, that your

joy may be full. full: that your

Fine

joy may be full, that your

joy may be full.

D.C. al Fine

Vs 2 This is my commandment that you 'trust one another....'

Vs 3 This is my commandment that you 'serve one another....'

Repeat Vs 1 This is my commandment that you 'love one another....'

Apostle's Creed ELW #105

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


God of grace, **hear our prayer**

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: OSB #187 "Seek Ye First" vs 1 & 2



1. Seek ye— first the— King - dom of God, And His— right - eous - ness.
2. Ask and— it shall be given un - to you, Seek and ye shall find,

And all these things shall be ad - ded un-to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
Knock and the door shall be op - ened un-to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: OSB #187 "Seek Ye First" vs 3 ** See music above.....

Man does not live by bread a - lone, but by every wo - rd
That pro - ceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

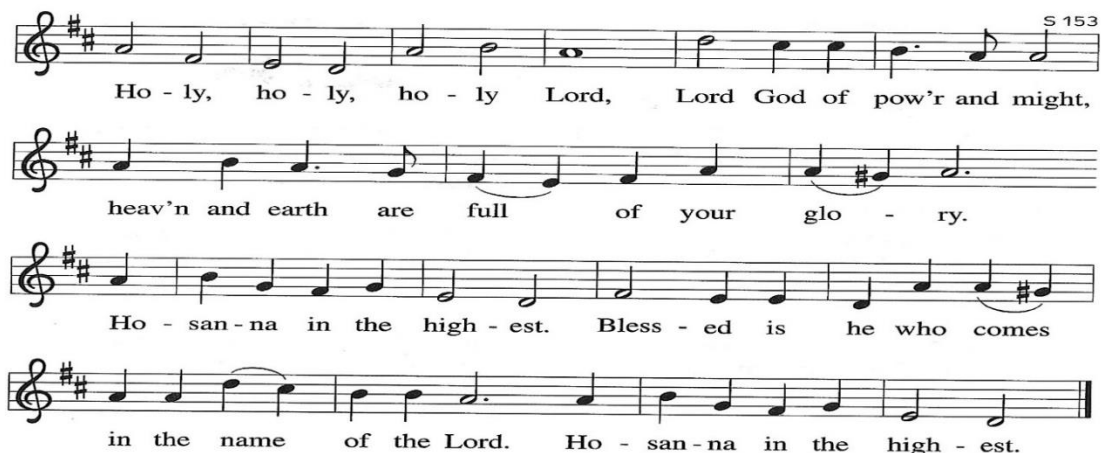
Great Thanksgiving ELW #153

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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 – All are Welcome!

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

OSB 157 “Open Our Eyes Lord”

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus To reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. O - pen our ears, Lord, Help us to lis - ten. O - pen our eyes, Lord,". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line: Eb, Bb7/F, Eb, Ab9, Ab, Bb7, Ab, Eb, Eb, Ab maj9, Ab6, Bb7, Ab, Eb, Bb7/F, Eb, Ab9, Ab, Bb7, Ab, Eb, Ab maj9, Ab6.

OSB 159 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see Glimps-es of truth Thou hast for me;
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear Voi - ces of truth Thou send - est clear;
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear Glad - ly the warm truth ev - 'ry-where;

Place in my hands the won-der-ful key That shall un-clasp, and set me free.
 And while the wave - notes fall on my ear, Ev - 'ry - thing false will dis - ap-pear.
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre-pare Love with Thy chil - dren thus to share.

Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;
 Si - lent - ly now I wait for Thee, Read - y, my God, Thy will to see;

O - pen my eyes, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

Chords: C7, Fm, C7, Fm, C7, Fm, Bb7, Eb, Ab, Eb7, Eb7, Ab, Ab7, Db, Eb7, Ab

OSB 158 "I Love You, Lord"

I love You, Lord, I love
 You. _____ You're the source of all that's
 good and I love You. _____

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

SENDING

Benediction: and then we say: Amen.

Sending Hymn: OSB #241 "To God Be the Glory"

1. To God — be the glo - ry, great things He hath
2. O per - fect fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of
3. Great things — He hath taught us, great things He hath

done, So loved He the world that He gave us His
blood, To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the prom - ise of
done, And great our re - joic - ing thro' Je - sus the

Son. Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for
God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be -
Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will

sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Ab Db Ab Bb
Eb Ab Eb Ab Eb
Ab Ab7 Db Ab/Eb Eb Ab

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His

voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord. Let the peo - ple re -

joice! O come — to the Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus the Son, And

give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

Dismissal: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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**Bless you for giving to the "Good Gifts" cause. Your coin DOES make a difference. Jesus said, "Feed my sheep". You are feeding God's people. ** more info of amount collected and what we will be able to purchase!
Thank you for your generosity.**



Happy MAY Birthday

Jean Voldseth 5/5; Lance Sundberg 5/10; Kim Behrent 5/12; Lian Radford 5/21; Jennifer France 5/21; Bev Kem 5/23; Ingrid Short 5/24; Mike Koski 5/29; Chip Kem 5/30



Happy MAY Anniversary

Lance & Patti Sundberg 5/17; Ken & Pam Carlson 5/27

*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."*

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

April 7th Offering gratefully received:	\$2,820.00
April 14th Offering gratefully received:	\$ 767.00
April 21st Offering gratefully received:	\$1,290.00
April 28th Offering gratefully received:	\$ 910.00
Total received this month	\$5,787.00

Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

Mail your offering to the church; Take your offering to the parsonage; Auto pay thru your bank and **Tithe.ly**.

Tithe.ly (click on this "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)



Calendar & Council Chatter...



**Email with important monthly information
*watch your inbox**

May Calendar of Events Kids May Coloring Calendar

Review information from April 28th, 2024 Council Meeting:

Mar. Meeting Minutes; Mar. Monthly Donation Deposits; Mar. Profit & Loss; YTD Comparison View

Note: You should received your Calendar & Council Chatter email on Thurs. 5/9/24.

*For new prayer requests, please contact **Pastor Tonia**. Text or call her at (406) 656-9557 or email her at toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com*

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer continued prayers & peace for:

Your blessed saints now rest in You and we lift up the family and friends of Arlene Mitchell who passed away last and of Jo Lind who both passed away this week.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Alex Alton; Vi Ekle; Pat Lashley; Pastor Tonia; Joy & Larry Goehner; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Steve & Denise Cowan; Ken & Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing and Bonny Rouse; Those living with cancer: Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy and Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.
The children of the world, this is a big request, but God is big. Children who are food & home insecure. Victims of violence and of natural disasters.

Pray for all of those who serve in our military, domestically & overseas, their spouses and children.



May Mission Offering benefits..... The Project Hope Food Bank

May Mission Project funds will be designated for Project Hope Food Bank.

Project Hope supplies food boxes to those families who have a need to supplement their monthly budget for family or self needs. While we all feel the increased cost for daily needs, those with limited funds and a family to feed especially feel the need for help.

About 90 Stillwater County families receive food assistance from Project Hope each month.

We greatly appreciate any donations to our food pantry, and non-perishable items are always welcome. Currently we could use canned fruit and Manwich. During the summer, fresh produce from your garden would be wonderful.

Thank YOU for your support & generosity to this very important ministry for our community!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

May 2024 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

May 2024 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Bob & Maureen Hemphill

May 5th, 2024 Reader(s): Pat Lashley

Thank you, Leanne Sekora for reading last Sunday

May 5th, 2024 Communion Helper(s):

Thank you, Brian & Sheri Luepke for serving communion last Sunday.

May 5th, 2024 Usher(s):

Thank you, Leanne Sekora for helping to usher last Sunday

May 5th, 2024 Gate Keepers: Pat Lashley & Brian Luepke

2024 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

OPPORTUNITIES to SERVE at ST. JAMES.....

*Would you consider helping each Sunday with **Ushering**,
being the **Reader**, assisting during **Communion** w/Pastor Tonia,
being a member on the **Altar Guild**, OR*

*offering to **Clean** our church (with another family) one or two times per year?*

If you are interested in helping, please let Pastor Tonia or Bill S. know!!

More detailed information on our opportunities may be found on our website:

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org Click on the "Serve With Us" tab. Thanks!

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which are *found on our website.*

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these bulletins with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!



Every Tuesday,

Bible Study is held at St. James 2:00pm.

We study the upcoming Sunday lessons.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE

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. Enjoy!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES
TO REFLECT GOD'S LOVE 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.
 - ~ The Columbus Senior Center exercise class at 10:30am
- 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 join:
 - ~ Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
 - ~ The Stillwater Youth Center for coffee and visiting from 8-10am
- Every Thursday we are invited to join:
 - ~ The Columbus Senior Center exercise class at 10:30am
 - ~ A Community Co-ed Yoga Class at 5:45pm @ the Little Stone Church starting March 7th.

For more Library information, see the "Table Posters" at St. James.



Join the fun each week.....

STORYTIME - EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 10AM

BINGO is EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 1pm!

Crochet and Knit club Every Saturday from 10 – 11:30am



Local authors, Robert L. Mitchell and Gail Cushman, AKA Helene Mitchell, share from their books and their writing experiences.

Today, May 4th 1:00pm

UPCOMING 2024 DATES:

- Chorale Practice - Always from 6 – 7:00pm @ Congregational Churches
May 7th – Col May 14th – Abs May 21st – Col May 28th - Abs

➤ **May 3rd thru May 5th – Stillwater Balloon Rally**

2 more days to enjoy this rally!



Future “save” the dates....

➤ May 12th –



➤ May 26th – Council Meeting immediately after worship

➤ May 27th –



➤ June 15th - Special K Ranch Open House – noon

**** Watch for more information.....**

St. John's United



“Summer Concert” series starts

Thursday, June 20th - Thursday, August 1st

****See poster on bulletin board and watch here for information.**