

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!



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"**

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

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**May 9th, 2021 –
6th 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.**

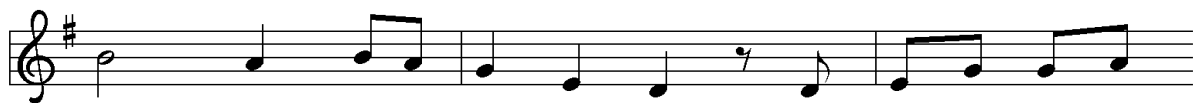
Let us stand, as you are able, and prepare our hearts for worship

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

.....Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "Light Dawns on a Weary World"



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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 whole verse:

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

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory, you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³*You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.*

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵*Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.*

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷*Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who dwell therein.*

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹*The 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 who conquers the world but the one who believes 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 Holy Gospel according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus said: “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 my joy may be in you, and 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 you may love one another.”

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

Sermon: “Love Makes the World Go Around”

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.

6th Sunday of Easter Verse

From the dawning of creation, You have loved us as Your own;
 Stay with us through all temptation, make us turn to You alone.
 Make us turn to You alone.

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, 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:

ELW 359 "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.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

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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SOMEONE IN NEED...

Pastor received a call from Gabriella DuBe who will be interning at Stillwater Mine this summer. Gabriella is from Colorado and is looking for an apartment where she can stay during her internship. If you know of an apartment which is or will be available by mid-May, please give Tonia a call.

*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 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....

- Bible Study - Tuesday May 11th @ 2pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB May 12th 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.
- 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.

"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!**



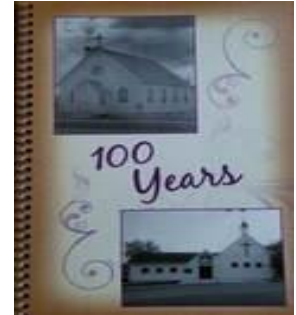
STILL AVAILABLE.....

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@stjohnsunitied.org

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