

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

****On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James FB link"**

To our faithful followers at home or wherever you are, PLEASE let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name. We'd love to hear from you!

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"*

**Sunday June 18th, 2023 –
3rd Sunday after Pentecost**



Prelude, Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

**"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will
walk in the light of your presence, LORD...You are their glorious strength.
It pleases you to make us strong." (Ps 89:15,17)**

*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 with you.*

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

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

*Merciful God, we confess we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked
the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and
grant us your mercy.*

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "I Saw the Light" by Hank Williams

Vs. 1 I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin.
I would-n't let my dear Savior in.
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord, - I saw the light.

Refrain:

I saw the light. I saw the light.
No more – darkness, no more - night.
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord, - I saw the light.

Vs 2 Just like a blind man I wandered along,
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight.
Praise the Lord, - I saw the light. **Refrain.**

Vs 3 I was a fool to – wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord, - I saw the light. **Refrain.**

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Exodus 19:2-8a

²The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a}The people all answered as one: "Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do."

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

Read Psalm 100 responsively by whole verse:

¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! ²**Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.** ³Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. ⁴**Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.** ⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 5:1-8

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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The Gospel Acclamation:

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

We **SAY: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

The Gospel according to Matthew:

We **SAY the response** after the announcement: **“Glory to you, O Lord”**

Matthew 9:35- -10:8

³⁵Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” ^{10:1}Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ²These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

We **SAY the response** after the conclusion: **“Praise to you, O Christ”**

Sermon: “Marching Orders”

Reflection Hymn: “Precious Lord”

*At this time, you are invited to go forward and light a candle of remembrance,
as we take time to reflect on God's word*

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

After each petition: *P: Lord, in Your mercy,* **C: hear our prayer**

After final petition: **ALL: Amen**

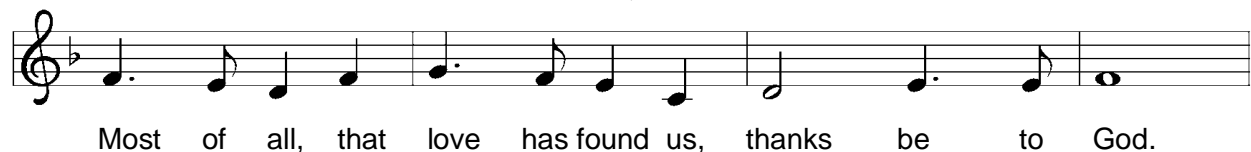
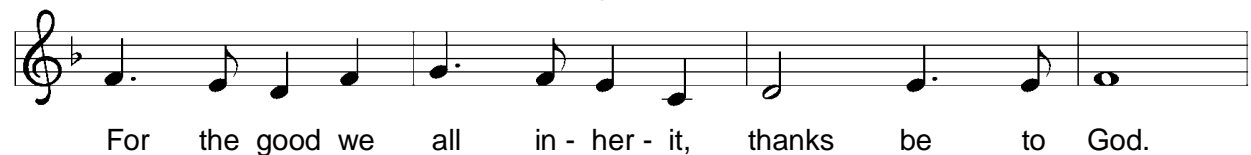
Passing of the Peaceand we say: **and also with you.**

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: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

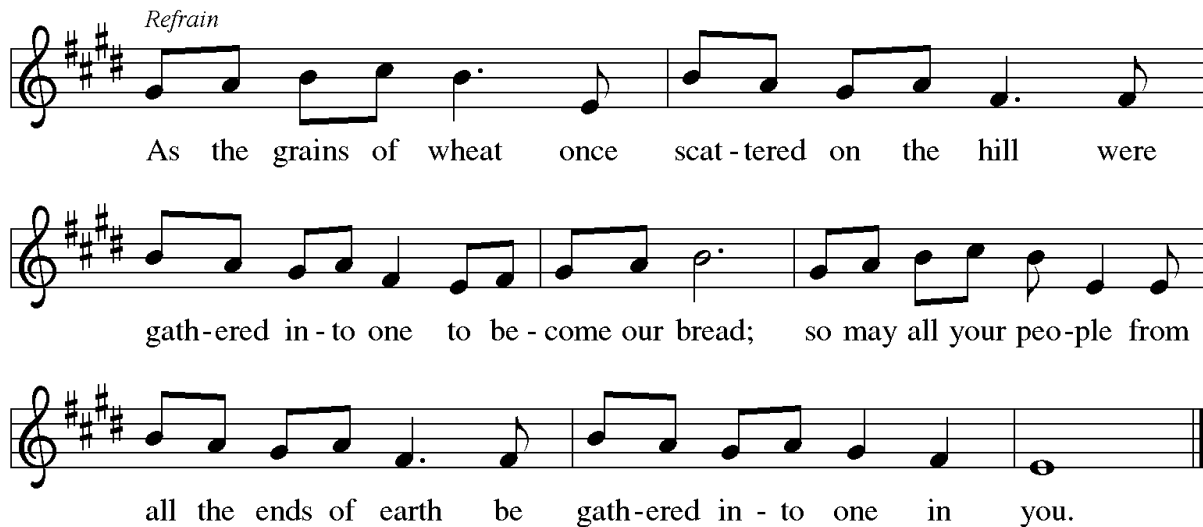


Offering Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. **Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, so the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Table Setting Hymn: "As the Grains of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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:

(words spoken, not sung)

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

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

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:

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
- 3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;



I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

“Here is Bread”



- 1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
- 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
- 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

Refrain



In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Dismissal: Go in peace. Share the Harvest. Thanks be to God.

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Readings for 6/25/23 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

**TODAY:
Sunday, June 18th**



June Mission Offering benefits...



Columbus Fire & Rescue

****** *In memory of Randy Sekora & Harold Houghton!*

Project Hope's Food Bank could always use donations!!

Reminder.....



**Sandy's TAXI SERVICE –
GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS**

SANDY YODER is back in Columbus visiting for the summer. WELCOME BACK!!

This Sunday's (June 18th) taxi service will be provided by Kim Behrent.

Thanks!

HER ADDRESS IS: 44 E. 2 Ave N.

(The big blue house west of the grade school)

Sandy's cell phone # is (206) 341-2633 but please know that her service is a bit spotty and she doesn't always answer.

Pastor Tonia continues to send the sign-up sheet through the congregation for the following Sunday's Taxi Service.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

June 2023 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

June 2023 Cleaner(s): Rae Ellen Strickland & Chris Fleury and Larry & Joy Goehner

June 2023 Reader(s): Will someone offer to help?

June 18th,2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help?

Thank you, Bill Strickland & Kim Behrent for helping with communion last Sunday

June 18th,2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Carrie Williams for ushering last Sunday.

June 18th,2023 Gate Keepers: Brian Luepke & Chris Fleury

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer continued prayers for:

Joan Elser and her family. Lord of love and life, we give You thanks and praise for her good days, as she continues on her journey.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Sheri Luepke; Clara Wegner; Joy Goehner; Pastor Tonia; Joy Goehner's sister, Karen Clemons; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Tessa Rouane's husband, Conner; Steve Cowan; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Kaci Thomason; Brian Wanner; Bob Rouane; Araceli Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Shane Fouhy; Jim Wilson & Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

The children of the world, this is a big request, but God is big. Children who are food & home insecure.

Nathanael-Volmer Lutheran Church in Dagmar, MT who recently lost their entire church to a fire.

Ukraine and her people; Victims of violence and of natural disasters.

***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."

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

June 4th Offering gratefully received	\$ 765.00
June 11 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,510.00
Total received so far this month	\$2,275.00

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 or set up auto-pay with your bank or through Tithe.ly.

[Tithe.ly](https://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).



Happy June Birthday

Megan Rouane 6/2; Bill McDonald 6/3; Corey Adams 6/4; Ethan Short 6/12; Joy Goehner 6/13; Donna Zeigler 6/13; Merridy Gauthier 6/15; Abby Makoff 6/15; Mina Morse 6/18; Sandy Yoder 6/18; Bob Rouane 6/28



Happy June Anniversary

Bob & Toni Rouane 6/2; Ken & Mary Hajek 6/14; Ted & Chris Fleury 6/17; Corey & Lindsey Adams 6/18; Bob & Maureen Hemphill 6/19; Rusty & Nancy Stennerson 6/23; Pete & Amber Lofing 6/25

****If we have your email,**



Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's

Other members, check your mailbox!

 american greetings ecard!

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.**

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

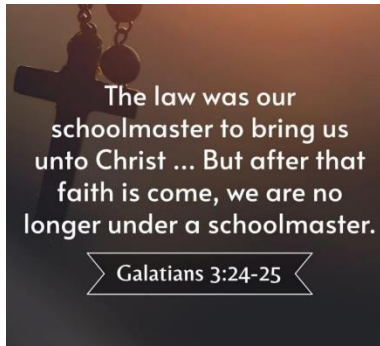
ALSO, attached to the weekly Preparing for Worship, watch for the email with the "Challenge Kits for Kids" for the summer.

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

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. Print the Bible WORDsearch Puzzles. Enjoy!



This week's Answers:



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES
to REFLECT GOD'S LOVE to OURSELVES, 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.
- 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
~ Absarokee Quilting Group – 10am in the basement of the Cobblestone building. Knitters, crocheters and embroiderettes are welcome.
- 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



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Summer Reading Programs in the county:

Park City
Tuesdays @ 10 am
Southwest Methodist Fellowship Hall
Columbus
Wednesdays @ 10 am
Stillwater County Library
Rapelje
Thursdays @ 2 pm
Stockman Cafe
Absarokee
Thursdays @ 10 am
Absarokee Lending Library
Fishtail
Thursdays @ 11:15 am
The Community Center
Reed Point
Fridays @ 10 am
Sawyer Ott Memorial Park

TODAY: Saturday June 17th.

Drop In Craft
Watercolor Leaf Prints
Saturday June 17th
1 - 3 PM

Stillwater County LIBRARY
Ages 13+

TONIGHT: Saturday June 17th @ 5:00pm

The 6th Annual Stillwater Brewfest - a benefit for the Museum of the Beartooths. Enjoy local breweries, food trucks, and live music by El Wencho at the Stillwater County Fairgrounds.



Get your tickets now!

VIP tickets available for early entrance at 4 PM -

\$45/\$50 at the gate

General Admission - \$35/\$40 at the gate

Designated Driver - \$10 at the gate

Future 2023 Dates:

June 21st



CALLING ALL YOU CRAFTY PEOPLE!

Independence Day CRAFTING

Sunday, JUNE 25, 1:00 p.m.

Columbus Community Congregational Church

Master crafter RHONDA PETERSON

will teach you to make.....

Wooden Firecracker decorations!



Contact Rhonda 406-321-4203 or Pastor Kate 423-650-0780 to sign up, to assure that we have supplies for ALL.

*** \$15 donation suggested for supplies *** See you there!

**St. John's United Announces
the start of their Summer Concert Series!**

St. John's United

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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JUNE 29 THE CROSSINGS, LAUREL
OPENER: TAMMY BRADLEY STAPLES

JULY 6 SJU CAMPUS THE PACK RATS
OPENER: TOM BLANKENSHIP & JOHN COOKE

JULY 13 SJU CAMPUS JOHN ROBERTS - Y PAN BLANCO
OPENER: CHUCK HOLLAND & JASON MAHONEY

JULY 20 SJU CAMPUS THE CORE
OPENER: ELANA HAYDEN

JULY 27 SJU CAMPUS HELLROARING
OPENER: CORY LEONE JOHNSON

AUGUST 3 WYNDSTONE, HEIGHTS JESSICA EVE
OPENER: ANGIE LANGELIERS & ELISA OLSON

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