## 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.
- We will be using our ELW Hymnals today during worship.

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.

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 June 20th, 2021 – 4TH 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 us stand, as you are able, and prepare our hearts for worship

# Call to Worship Hymn: "You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord" To the tune of "What Child Is This"

- Vs 1 You formed us in your image, Lord; You call us your own children. In you, each one is loved, adored Unique among the millions. Bless, Lord, the families, who know the joy: Christ claims and frees! Bless, too, the ones who weep, forgetting that you love them.
- Vs 2 You made our homes to honor you with love the strong foundation. In serving God and neighbor too, we find our life's vocation.

  Bless families large and small who love and serve you when you call. Bless, too, the ones who fear Whose trust and love are shattered.
- Vs 3 Christ loved and honored family, yet showed us what is greater.

  He taught a higher loyalty to God our good Creator.

  Bless, Lord, the ones who long to build up homes where faith is strong.

  Bless children, women, men who risk to serve your kingdom.
- Vs 4 In home and church our faith is formed; we learn your love and caring. From here we're called to face the storm, your love and justice bearing. Each day your Spirit sends! We go to strangers, neighbors, friends. Peace, justice, joy we bring to all your human family.

#### **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: "This Is My Father's World"



## Prayer of the Day:

O God of creation, eternal majesty, You preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. We pray that when evening comes, You will by Your strength pilot us, by Your power preserve us, by Your wisdom instruct us, and by Your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### WORD

## Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. <sup>4</sup>"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?— <sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

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

#### Read Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 responsively by whole verse:

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good, for God's mercy endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe, ³gathering them in from the lands; from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. <sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships, plying their trade in deep waters. <sup>24</sup>They beheld the works of the LORD, God's wonderful works in the deep. <sup>25</sup>Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose, which tossed high the waves of the sea. <sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths; their souls melted away in their peril. <sup>27</sup>They staggered and reeled like drunkards, and all their skill was of no avail. <sup>28</sup>Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD, and you delivered them from their distress. <sup>29</sup>You stilled the storm to a whisper and silenced the waves of the sea. <sup>30</sup>Then were they glad when it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor they desired. <sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love and your wonderful works for all people. <sup>32</sup>Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

## Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with Him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ¹truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ³in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ³as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. ¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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 Mark: Glory to you, O Lord.

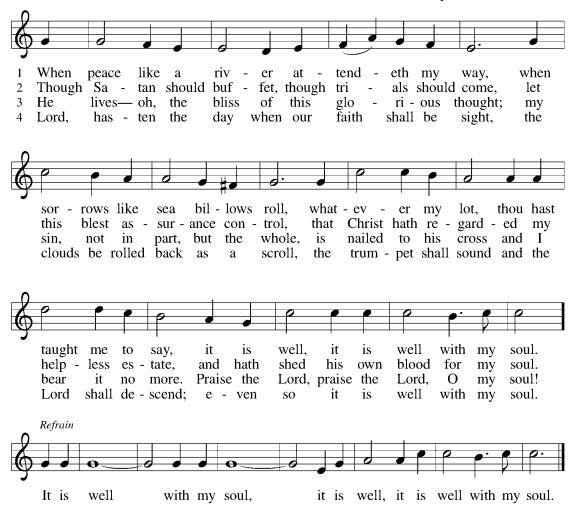
## Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

Sermon: "We Do Not Lose Hope"

### Hymn for Reflection: "When Peace Like a River It is Well with My Soul"



### 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:** Today's prayers were written by Delores Etchart Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

## Passing of the Peace

.....and also with you.

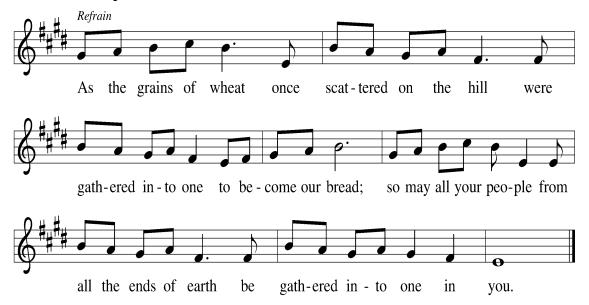
#### **MEAL**

....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: "As the Grains of Wheat"



### 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:

"In The Singing"



- 1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pect-ant, o-pen,
- 2 In the question, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cept-ance,



in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble, in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,





"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" \*\*1st & 2nd verse only

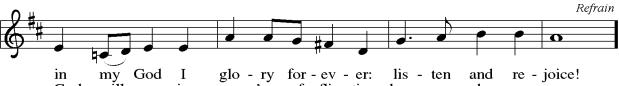


Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.





- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up on the Lord, be ra diant, nev er turn a way. 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor ship, bless the ho ly name.

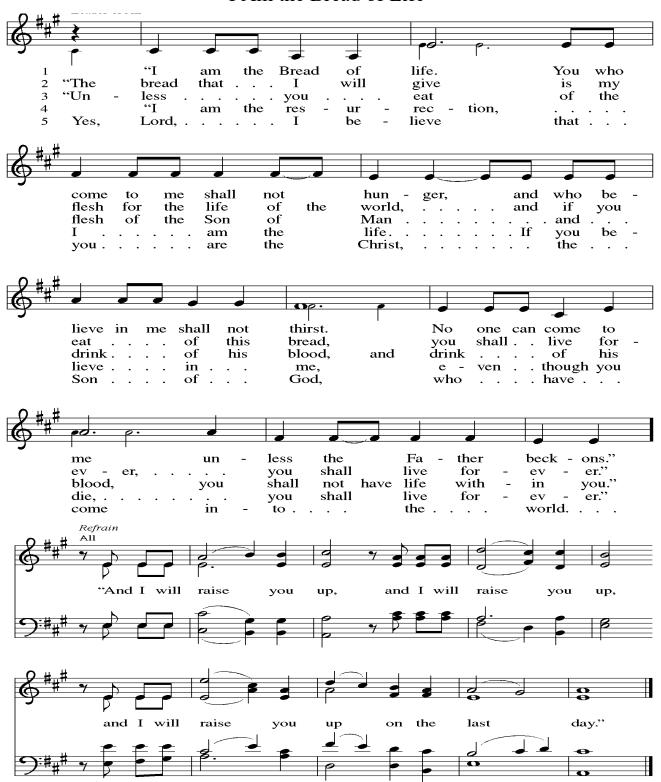


God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.

Those who seek the Lord will lack noth-ing; taste, and have your fill.

Rise to tell God's great-ness for - ev - er, won-drous deeds pro - claim!

### "I Am the Bread of Life"



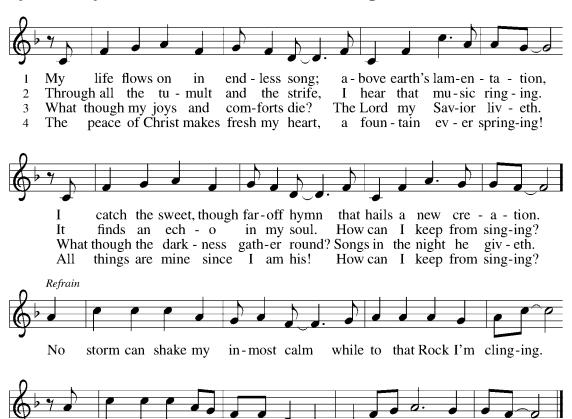
Prayer after Communion.....

and we say: Amen

## **SENDING**

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

### Sending Hymn: "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

#### Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ, sent to reflect the Light of Christ.

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# Mission Offering for June 2021 benefits...

## Columbus Volunteer Fire Department

(In memory of Randy Sekora & Harold Houghton)

#### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

June 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

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

June 2021 Reader(s): Larry & Joy Goehner

June 2021 Usher(s): Carrie Williams.

June 2021 Communion Helper(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke

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

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

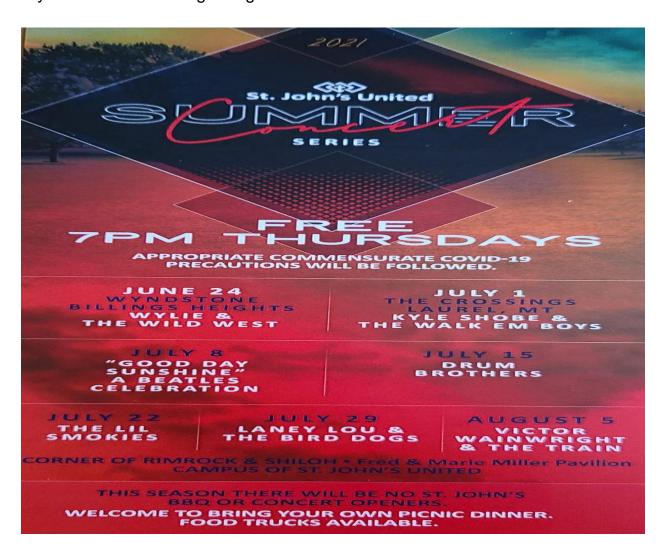
Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames



## Reminders.....

## Coming this week....

- Bible Study -Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB June 23<sup>rd</sup> or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the weekly preparing for worship email.
- The first St. John's Summer Concert Series will be Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm @ the Wyndstone in the Billings Heights.



## St. James has INTERNET!

TO CONNECT YOUR DEVICE, PHONE or IPad/TABLET,

CLICK ON - St. James

Then, USE THIS PASSWORD: 95theses1517





Take a few minutes to visit our St. James' Website.

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

www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org \*\*

\*\*Bookmark this page for your own future use

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 Patty Sundberg's mother, Joan Elser; Mina's parents, Jean & Gary; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Vanessa Gneiting Cameron; 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 June Birthday

Megan Rouane 6/2; Bill McDonald 6/3; Corey Adams 6/4; Laura Riensche 6/11; 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; Dennis & Merridy Gauthier 6/23; Rusty & Nancy Stennerson 6/23; Pete & Amber Lofing 6/25

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.