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!

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

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

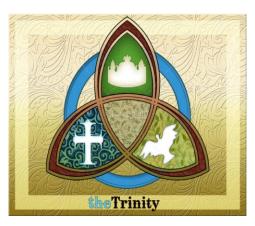
St. James Lutheran Church

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Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith, share our faith and serve with the love of God"

Sunday June 4th, 2023 – Holy Trinity Sunday



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 alland 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: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"



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: Genesis 1:1- -2:4a

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was

morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

²¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ^{4a}These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

Read Psalm 8 responsively by whole verse:

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! ²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger. ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, ⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them? ⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them. ⁶You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet: ⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea. ⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Hear the 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Paul writes: ¹¹Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.¹³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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The Gospel Acclamation:

Please stand, as you are able, to welcome the Gospel *We* <u>SAY:</u> 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 28:16-20

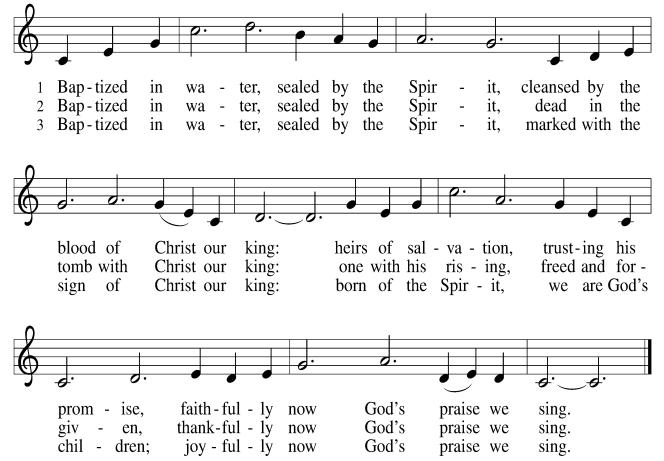
¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We SAY the response after the conclusion: "Praise to you, O Christ"

Sermon: "Three and Thee" Donna Zeigler, LPA

Reflection Hymn: "Baptized in Water"

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



Nicene Creed ELW #104

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the

Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

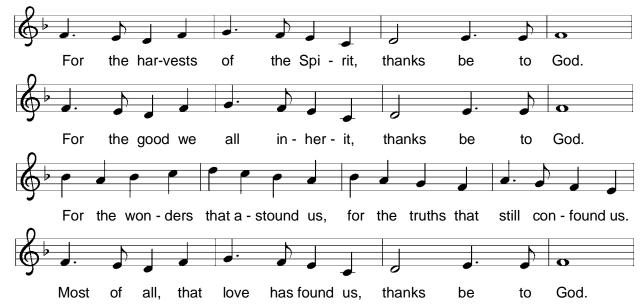
After each petition: P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer After final petition: ALL: Amen

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.

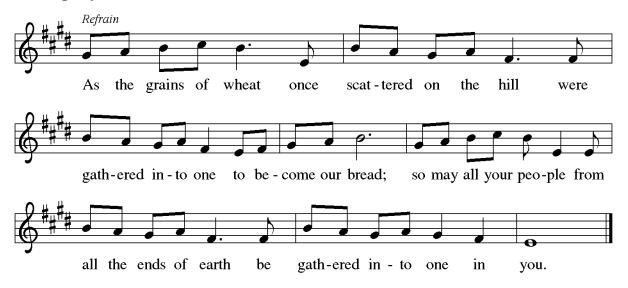
Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing **The Offering Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation"**



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"



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.**

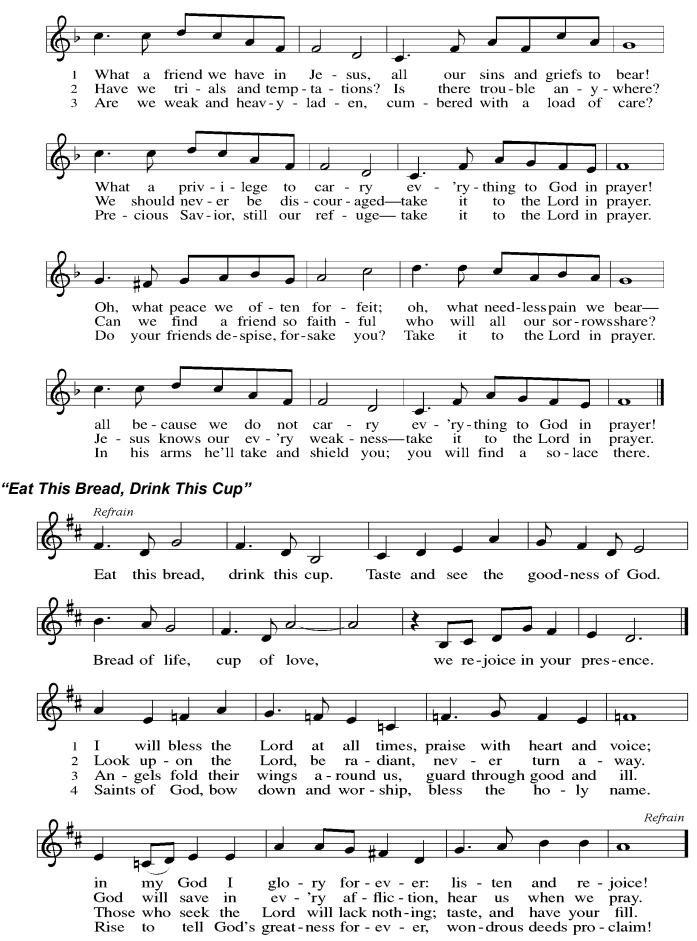
Mystery of our Faith. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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:

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"



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SENDING

Benediction..... and we say: Amen. Sending Hymn: "Come Join the Dance of Trinity" 1 Come, join the dance of be - fore all Trin - i - ty, worlds be - gun— Beth - le - hem; Come, see the face of 2 Trin - i - ty, new - born in Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, wind and tongues of flame 3 as With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun, 4 the in - ter-weav-ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, blood-ied by side Je - ru - sa - lem. then crown of thorns out a Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav-ior's name. peo - ple free at set of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, we sing the prais - es The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance, Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone: The dance of We yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth; know the

rise and in - ter-weave, by

Son.

Son.

love and hope set free,

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

Dismissal: Go in peace. Share the Harvest. Thanks be to God. Music Published by Permission, CCLI #11445215 Worship Service recorded by Permission, CSPL #168651

NOTICE: Donna Zeigler, a Lay Pastoral Associate, has been authorized by the Bishop of the Montana Synod to provide pastoral services in this congregation Laurie Jungling, Bishop MT Synod this Sunday.

Readings for 6/11/23 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service: Hosea 5:15- -6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26



Thank You for your participation!

Because of your generous contributions of \$373.83, we were able to purchase.....



1 Goat & 2 Chickens, 3 Ducks, Education for Girls, Medicine & Medical Care, Child Protection & Poverty in America.

> "Your coin **MADE** a difference. Jesus said, 'feed my sheep'. You are feeding God's people." Donna Zeigler

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 4th,2023 Reader(s): Brian Luepke June 4th,2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help? *Thank you, Brian & Sheri Luepke for helping with communion last Sunday* June 4th,2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today? *Thank you, Carrie Williams for ushering last Sunday*.

June 4th,2023 Gate Keepers: Brian Luepke & Leslie Mullin 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 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; Aracelii 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......

May 7th Offering gratefully received	\$1,540.00
May 14 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,725.00
May 21 st Offering gratefully received	\$5,490.00
May 28 th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$ 710.00</u>
Total received this month	\$9,465.00

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.

<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; 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!

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! **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:

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee,

FEAR NOT; I will help thee.

Isaiah 41:13

Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.



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



THIS SUNDAY JUNE 4TH – Join Pastor Tonia for the Fellowship Service @ Meadowlark Assisted Living – 2pm

Future 2023 Dates:

June Mission Offering benefits...



Columbus Fire & Rescue

**In memory of Randy Sekora & Harold Houghton!

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

- June 9th Graveside service for Dennis Nickels @ 11am. Donna Zeigler, LPA officiating.
- June 10th Flag Retirement Ceremony 11:00 am Itch-Kep-Pe Park, Columbus, Montana Community Event – Complimentary Lunch Provided





• June 10th – Special K Ranch Open House - NOON!



• Saturday, June 17th @ 5:00pm

Get ready for 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

Sunday, June 18th



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

