

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.*

The following is the same as last Sunday.....

- We 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 to receive your bread & 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 from our seats.

***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 or YouTube Live on our webpage.
Also, recorded versions later in the day are available.***

*****See below for specific details***



Thank you! Donna!

for officiating today during worship service!

Mission Offering for June 2021 benefits...

**Columbus Volunteer Fire Department
(In memory of Randy Sekora & Harold Houghton)**

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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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

****Scroll down to "Click here for the St. James YouTube link"**

St. James Lutheran Church

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Sunday June 6th, 2021 –
2nd 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

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: "Gather Us In"



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayer of the Day:

O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a spring from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Read Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 responsively by whole verse:

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, O Most High; ²to herald your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night; ³on the psaltery, and on the lyre, and to the melody of the harp. ⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands. ¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. ¹³Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God; ¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age; they shall be | green and succulent; ¹⁵that they may show how upright the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is no injustice.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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 4:26-34

²⁶Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." ³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

Sermon: "Sprout & Grow"

Donna Zeigler, LPA

Hymn for Reflection: “To What Can the Kingdom of God Be Compared?”

****To the tune of “To God Be the Glory”**

Vs 1 To what can the kingdom of God be compared? A mustard seed falls where a field's been prepared,
And there, where predictable plantings should be, there grows up a wild bush — as big as a tree!
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is amazing, your ways still astound, just like that new life springing forth from the ground.

Vs 2 A small bit of leaven will change the whole bread: A poor woman sees that her neighbors are fed,
A church reaches out to the youth in the town, A man shares his faith and God's blessings abound.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is among us, creation is blessed, when even a few faithful lives change the rest.

Vs 3 While some look for treasure or one priceless pearl, God's reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world.
A girl sells possessions to help those in need; A boy chooses faithfulness rather than greed.
God of love, here on earth, hidden things still surprise:
Loving deeds ... signs of birth ... faithful, Spirit-filled lives.
Your reign is a treasure that wise ones pursue; May we seek your kingdom in all that we do.

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

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"

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:

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:
"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, 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.

Refrain

in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
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"

Leader or All

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of the Man and . . .
 I am the life. . . . If you be -
 you are the Christ, the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, and you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in . . . me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of . . . God, who have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world. . . .

Refrain
 All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

and I will raise you up on the last day."

“In The Singing”



1 In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
2 In the ques - tion, 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,



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;



Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: “In Christ There is No East or West”



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Dismissal:

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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):

June 2021 Communion Helper(s):

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

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

Remember, a link to watch our Sunday Service is available on this 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

Reminders.....

Coming this week....

**Montana Synod
Assembly!**

All are welcome to
watch the Montana
Synod Assembly this
Friday and Saturday!



Assembly Links:

Use these links to watch the assembly live!

Friday, June 4th at 1pm: <https://youtu.be/G9XKOHj3ovI>

Saturday, June 5th at 9am: <https://youtu.be/WGiiBUA2oYY>

- Bible Study -Tuesday June 8th @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB June 9th or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to the weekly preparing for worship email
- 2021 Special K Ranch Open House **June 12th at Noon**. This event will feature a delicious BBQ lunch, plant & tomato sales, and creations from the Rescued & Reborn program. Come see us for fun, fellowship and food with residents and staff. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

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 new prayers for:

Patty Sundberg's mother, Joan Elser, who is currently in the Columbus Hospital for medical care.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued healing Lord for Mina's parents, Jean & Gary; Jerry Brown; 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.**



Irmgard says "HELLO" to everyone at St. James!

"HELLO" back to you, Irmgard from your friends at St. James!

"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).



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



A few pictures of our wonderful friends at Special K Ranch from there website!



**Remember –
2021 Open House is Saturday June 12th @ noon!**

Go say HELLO!

