

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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www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

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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 July 2nd, 2023 –
5th 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

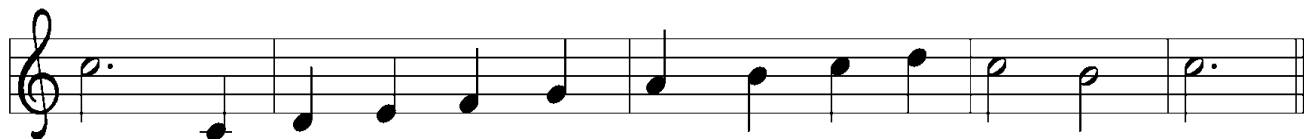
Gathering Hymn: ELW #893 "Before You, Lord, We Bow "



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your
all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Prayer of the Day:

Oh God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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

Read Psalm 13 responsively by whole verse:

¹How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? ²How long shall I have perplexity in my mind, and grief in my heart, day after day? How long shall my enemy triumph over me? ³Look upon me and answer me, O LORD my God; give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death; ⁴lest my enemy say, "I have defeated you," and my foes rejoice that I have fallen. ⁵But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart is joyful because of your saving help. ⁶I will sing to the LORD, who has dealt with me richly.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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The Gospel Acclamation:

**** Please stay seated for the reading of 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 10:40-42

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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

Sermon: "How Long, Oh Lord?"

Reflection Hymn: ELW #812 "Faith of our Fathers"

*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 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
 2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and
 3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy
 con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate
 all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

Refrain



when - e'er we hear that glo - rious word.
 if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,
 by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

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: God, 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"

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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 only

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of earth
be gathered into 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:

ELW #856 "How Great Thou Art"

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!
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- 2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; **Refrain**
- 3 But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**
- 4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" **Refrain**

ELW #515 "Break Now the Bread of Life"



- 1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
- 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
- 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #890 "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"



1 Mine eyes have seen the glo - ry of the com - ing of the Lord;
2 He has sound - ed forth the trum - pet that shall nev - er call re - treat;
3 In the beau - ty of the lil - ies Christ was born a - cross the sea,



he is tram - pling out the vin - tage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he is sift - ing out the hearts of men be - fore his judg - ment seat.
with a glo - ry in his bos - om that trans - fig - ures you and me.



he has loosed the fate - ful light - ning of his ter - ri - ble swift sword:
Oh, be swift, my soul, to an - swer him; be ju - bi - lant, my feet!
As he died to make men ho - ly, let us live to make men free,



his truth is march - ing on.
Our God is march - ing on.
while God is march - ing on.

Refrain



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah!



Glo - ry, glo - ry! Hal - le - lu - jah! His truth is march - ing on.

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

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Readings for 7/9 /23 –6th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

This is "STAY & INVITE" Sunday –

KIM BEHRENT INVITES your family or your "pew neighbor" to **STAY**
after worship **TODAY** for fellowship & laughter!



Reminder..... We are providing our act of our kindness
 "Taxi" Service for Sandy Yoder!

***We regret to tell Sandy that this Sunday (July 2nd) we will NOT
 be able to provide taxi service to church.***

Sign-up sheet available for the following Sundays' Taxi Services.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

July 2023 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

July 2023 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sydne Wanner and Leslie Mullin & Betty Ames

July 2nd, 2023 Reader(s): Thank you, Donna Zeigler for reading last Sunday

July 2nd, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

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

July 2nd, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Carrie Williams for ushering last Sunday.

July 2nd, 2023 Gate Keepers: Leslie Mullin & Bill Strickland

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 new prayers for:

Joy Goehner, who took three falls last week. She fractured her sternum and found out she has AFib. God of healing, we bring Joy before You and pray for strength, comfort, and healing. Bring healing to her body, comfort her heart, and give her peace. Give compassion to her doctors, nurses, CNA's, and technologists. Strengthen Larry and give him peace. Be with Eric and Allen as they are concerned for her and are far away. Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

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; 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***



Happy July Birthday

Ty France 7/1; Vi Ekle 7/4; Alex Tangen 7/5; Chris Fleury 7/7; Karen McDonald 7/17; Lindsey Adams 7/17; Jim Dickey 7/21; Betty Ames 7/22; Gloria Brown 7/22; Lanita Maurer 7/22; Ken Hegg 7/23; Sally Bisch 7/23; Evelyn Williams 7/25; Pat Lashey 7/28; Denise Cowan 7/29; Judy Martin 7/30



Happy July Anniversary

Ian & Joni Morse 7/6; Butch & Kim Behrent 7/10; Brian & Sydne Wanner 7/18; Ken & Pete Hegg 7/23; Bill & Rae Ellen Strickland 7/24

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



**Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's
 Other members, check your mailbox!**

 **american greetings ecard!**

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 11th Offering gratefully received	\$1,510.00
June 18th Offering gratefully received	\$1,192.47
June 25th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$ 975.00</u>
Total received this month	\$4,442.47

Continued reminder of how to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

NOTE:

If you are giving a cash offering in church and would like to have it recorded on your yearly giving sheet, please place your cash into an envelope & include your name.

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).

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!

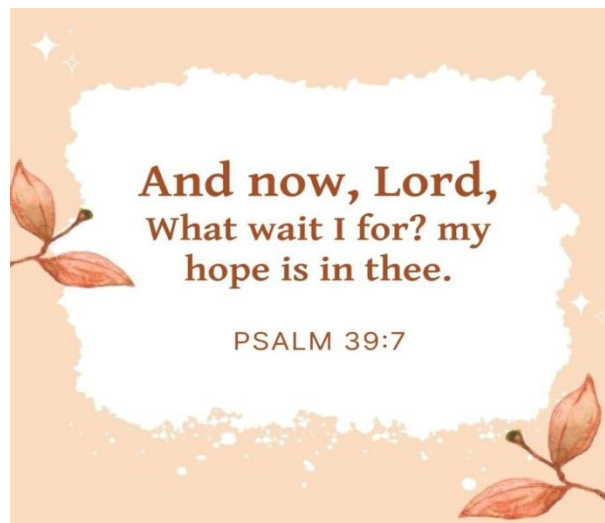
ALSO, attached to the weekly *Preparing for Worship*, watch for the email with the “Challenge Kits for Kids” for the summer.

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:



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



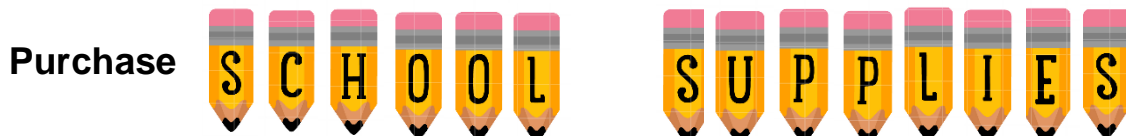
Future 2023 Dates:



July Mission Offering benefits...

Special K Ranch

Project Hope’s Monthly Need:



for the upcoming 2023 – 2024 school year!!



Happy Independence Day
Tuesday, JULY 4th



St. John's United 2nd Summer Concert is this Thursday 7/6!

St. John's United

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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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