WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

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.
- You continue to have the opportunity to watch FB Live or YouTube Live on our Website, if you still do not feel comfortable to attend in person.

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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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

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

Mission Offering for August 2021 benefits... Beartooth Manor, Meadowlark & Shipp's Assisted Living



.for your continued support of our monthly missions.
Your generosity is welcomed and so appreciated!

St. James Lutheran Church

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Sunday August 1st, 2021 – 10th 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."



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.

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty". (John 6:35)

Bread is present during most meals. We even refer to dining as a time we "gather to break bread." Bread is a mainstay; one can exist on bread and water. Every three years we spend five weeks immersed in sweet sticky dough. We hear scripture describing how Jesus is the bread of life.

When I was growing up there was bread served at every meal. Toast for breakfast, a sandwich for lunch, bread with dinner. Almost a ubiquitous food. Even in scripture. We think of how the Jewish people ate unleavened bread during Passover. We remember how God sent manna – the Bread of Heaven - to feed the Children of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness. We think of Jesus taking 5 loaves and feeding 5,000. We picture Jesus breaking bread during His last supper and telling His followers this is His body, given for them for the forgiveness of sin.

Bread is a staple in our diet. People want a sign, something tangible they can relate to when referring to God. In John we hear Jesus describe Himself this way, "I AM the bread of life, given for the life of the world." As bread fills our physical selves, Jesus as the Bread of Life feeds our spiritual selves.

Most countries have a specific bread which reflects their culture and during these next five weeks, we will celebrate the Eucharist with breads from across the world. A special thank you to Sheri Luepke & Pastor Tonia for providing the different bread for us each Sunday.

In this day and age unnatural ingredients have been added to bread and many are unable to tolerate bread in their diets, Jesus is still the pure bread of life given for you.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you alland also be with you.

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

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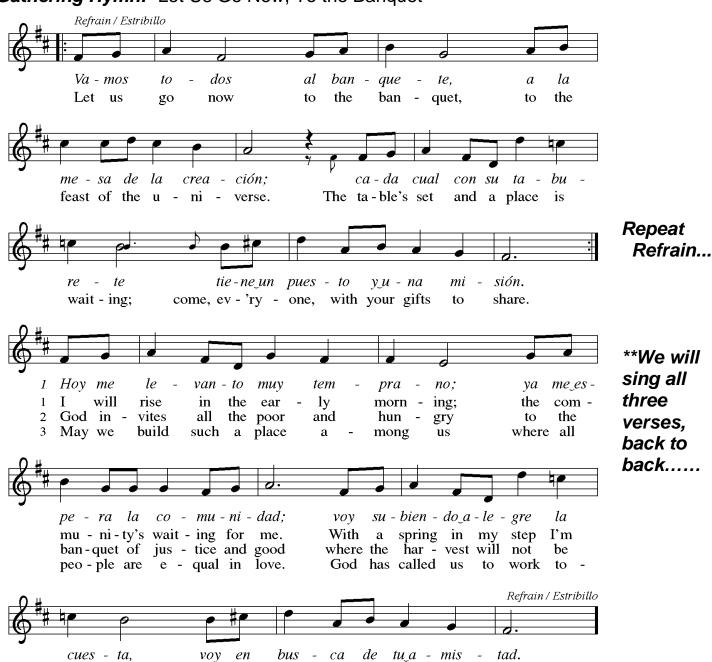
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Gathering Hymn: "Let Us Go Now, To the Banquet"



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Prayer of the Day:

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life which comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not." ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.' " ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 12"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know I am the LORD your God.'" 13In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat."

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

Read Psalm 78:23-29 responsively by whole verse:

²³So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven, ²⁴raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven. ²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough. ²⁶The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind, ²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds like the sand of the seas, ²⁸letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings. ²⁹So the people ate and were well filled, for God gave them what they craved.

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

The Holy Gospel according to John: Glory to you, O Lord.

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: John 6:24-35

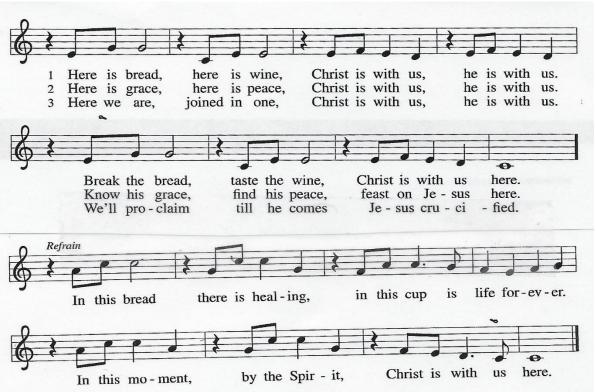
²⁴ When they saw Jesus and his disciples had left. They got into the boats and went to Capernaum to look for Jesus. ²⁵ They found him on the west side of the lake and asked, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered, "I tell you for certain you are not looking for me because you saw the miracles, but because you ate all the food you wanted. ²⁷ Don't work for food which spoils. Work for food which gives eternal life. The Son of Man will give you this food, because God the Father has given him the right to do so." ²⁸ "What exactly does God want us to do?" the people asked. ²⁹ Jesus answered, "God wants you to have faith in the one he sent." ³⁰ They replied, "What miracle will you work, so we can have faith in you? What will you do? ³¹ For example, when our ancestors were in the desert, they were given manna to eat. It happened just as the Scriptures say, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat." ³² Jesus then told them, "I tell you for certain, Moses wasn't the one who gave you bread from heaven. My Father is the one who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ And the bread which God gives is the one who came down from heaven to give life to the world." ³⁴ The

people said, "Lord, give us this bread and don't ever stop!" ³⁵ Jesus replied: "I am the bread which gives life! No one who comes to me will ever be hungry. No one who has faith in me will ever be thirsty."

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

Sermon: "Bread Enough"

Hymn for Reflection: "Here is Bread"



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.

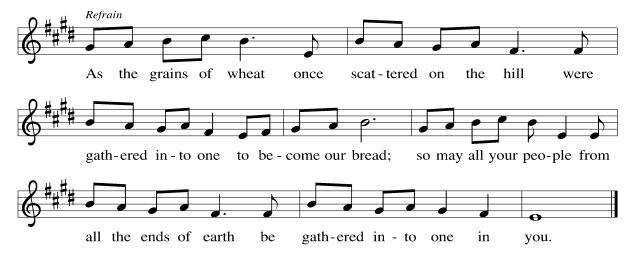
MEAL

....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 only)



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 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.

Today we will use NAAN for our communion bread. Naan, a flat bread, typically of teardrop shape, is a bread common to India. One of the main ingredients in this bread is yogurt, giving it protein as well as flavor. First introduced in 1300 AD it was baked on hot pebbles. It was prepared for consumption on special occasions and then only for royals. It is traditionally baked on the side of hot clay tandoor ovens.

We remember in the eating of the bread, the body of Christ, that, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

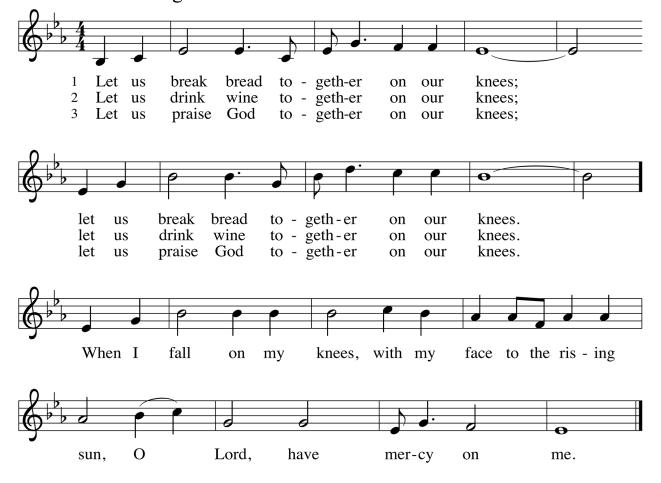
A special thank you to Pastor Tonia for providing this bread.

As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns:

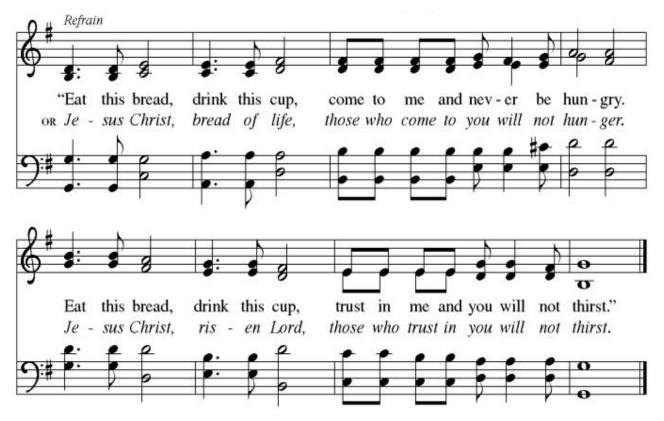
"I Am the Bread of Life" vs 1-3 only



"Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees"



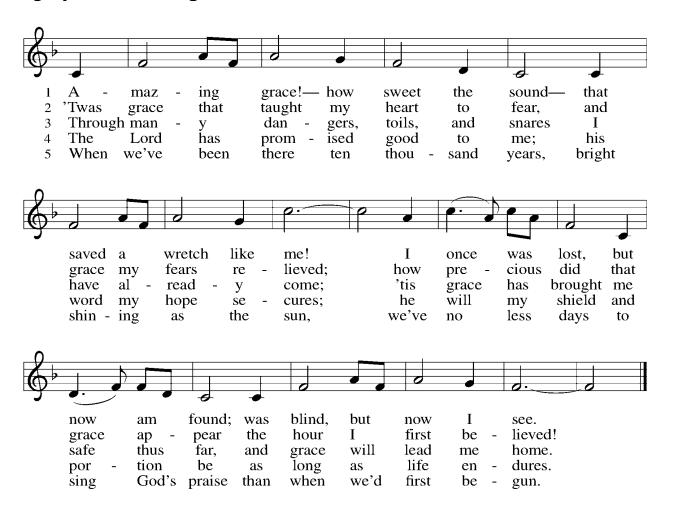
"Eat This Bread"



SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Amazing Grace"



Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ, **sent to reflect the Light of Christ.**Music Published by Permission, CCLI #11445215 Worship Service recorded by Permission, CSPL #168651

Is there any member interested in assuming the ministry of Prayer Chain requests?



A group email list of those who have been interested in receiving this information, will be provided to you. Church members will contact you with a prayer request, providing you with names (ask for sp. if you are unsure) and all pertinent and correct information. You will then email the request to the specified group. Please let Pastor Tonia or Betty Ames know if you'd be interested in this ministry.

Thank you for your consideration.

In the meantime, continue to contact Pastor Tonia with your requests, either by text (406) 656-9557 or email toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.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:

Dorcas Atzbach as she has been placed under the care of Hospice. Lord comfort Dorcas on her journey and give compassion to those who will be ministering to her. Give peace to Liz. Amen.

We offer prayers, with updated information from Leanne, for:

Teri Allsup, who has been in the hospital with what they thought was viral pneumonia not Covid. Because of her RA she didn't want antibiotics so ended up in the hospital. She's felt it was her heart all the time. So they were running tests on her heart. Leanne will try and update us when she hears something. Thank you Leanne for this information. Lord, bring Your healing to Teri. Be with her medical team, give them wisdom as they treat her.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued healing Lord for Bev Kem; Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola; Pastor's Step Mother, Sharon and her sister in laws family, Harry Peck; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

We lift up those living with cancer: Lorrie Peck; Aracelii Enano; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; Dennis Gauthier; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson

Our dry land. We pray for cooler weather and rain to restore it - and the people who live upon - to health. We lift up those fighting fires and preparing for more fires. For strength for the first responders, for miracles, and comfort for those who grieve.

All countries affected by the Coronavirus/Covid-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.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

July 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent August 2021 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan July 2021 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sydne Wanner

August 2021 Cleaner(s): Jamie Hess and Kim Behrent

July 2021 Reader: Donna Zeigler

August 2021 Reader:

July 2021 Usher(s): Steve Cowan, last Sunday

August 2021 Usher(s):

July 2021 Communion Helper(s): Denise Cowan & Carrie Williams, last Sunday

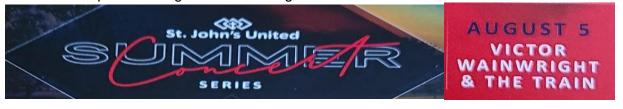
August 2021 Communion Helper(s):

August 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 August 3rd @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB August 4th or recorded on our FB Page or catch up on past letters you may have missed attached to an email or can be found on our Website.
- The **FINAL** St. John's 2021 Summer Concert Series will be Thursday August 5th 7pm @ the St. John's United Campus featuring "Victor Wainwright and the Train"



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

"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 July Birthday

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 Lashley 7/28; Denise Cowan 7/29; Judy Martin 7/30

Happy July Anniversary

Ian & Joni Morse 7/6; Brian & Sydne Wanner 7/18; Ken & Pete Hegg 7/23; Bill & RaeEllen Strickland 7/24



Happy August Birthday

Maggie Devries 8/6; Lofing 8/7; Connie Bokma 8/8; Mariah Lofing 8/18; Gwen Bjorkman 8/19; Steve Smith 8/20; Arianna Lofing 8/25; Danny Ames 8/30; Hathan Lofing 8/31



Happy August Anniversary

Bob & Bev Kem 8/3; Jim Dickey & Sally Bisch 8/4; Harold & Laura Riensche 8/4; Brian & Sheri Luepke 8/29

St. James wants to CELEBRATE this year - 2021!



"Celebrate Good Times Come On"

What does the planning team need us to do to make this happen in 2021?



ATTEND the PLANNING MEETING this Sunday 8/1, immediately after Church!!

To those of you who knew you would be out of town, Thank You for contacting me to offer your ideas and help in the future months.

It will take ALL of us to make this happen!

FYI: I will email you copies of ideas presented at the meeting.