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

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

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to Every Weekly Preparing for Worship Email. Again, you will notice - The Children's Bulletin activities, are available for two age groups (3+ and 7+) and match the same Lessons & Gospel with which WE are also reflecting on during Sunday Worship each week. There is also a unique to our church, SAFE & secure online "secret code" found in their bulletin, which gives you/them access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

ALSO,

you have an opportunity to ENJOY and share MORE activities throughout the week. Every Tuesday or Thursday, watch for the email with summer activity sheets. Every Wednesday, watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.

We hope you have taken the time to CHECK OUT these NEW programs from St. James, have opened the attachments, printed the pages, and ENJOYED the fun! Again, PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!!

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 August 21st, 2022 – 11th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

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.

Call to Worship: "Come, Bless the Lord"- A.J. Browning & Congregation AJ sings:

Come bless the Lord, All ye servants of the Lord. Which stand by night, In the house of the Lord. Lift up your hands, in the holy place. And bless the Lord, and bless the Lord.

*AJ sings:

Come bless the Lord.

All ye servants of the Lord.

Which stand by night,

In the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands,

in the holy place

And bless the Lord

and bless the Lord.

*Congregation echos:



*Repeat:

Let us stand, as you are able, and prepare our hearts for worship

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

Merciful God, we confess we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "This Is The Day" (Repeat two times)



Prayer of the Day:

O God, mighty and immortal, you know, as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

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

Read Psalm 103:1-8 responsively by whole verse

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all which is within me, bless God's holy name. ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits— ³who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases; ⁴who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; ⁵who satisfies your desires with good things so your youth is renewed like an eagle's. ⁶O LORD, you provide vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. ⁷You made known your ways to Moses and your works to the children of Israel. ⁸LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

¹⁸You have not come to something which can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order which was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight, Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") ²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." ²⁷This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

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

The Gospel Acclamation:

We sing: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel according to Luke:

We sing the response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord"

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit which had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things which he was doing.

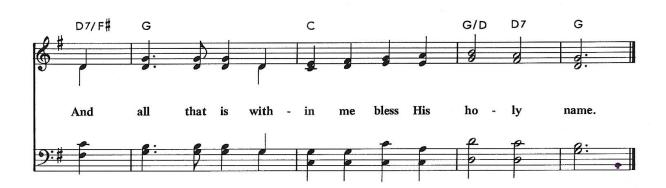
The Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon: "Bless the Lord"

Reflection Hymn: "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul" (Repeat three times)





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

P: In Your Mercy, (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying" after each prayer.
P: Amen. (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Passing of the Peace

.....and we say: and also with you.

Special Song: "I'll Fly Away" – A. J. Browning

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: "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "Eat This Bread"



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 praisewe join their unending hymn:

(C) sings: 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

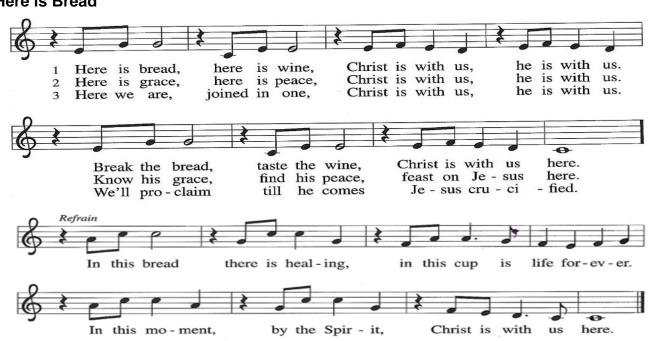
The Lord's Prayer

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

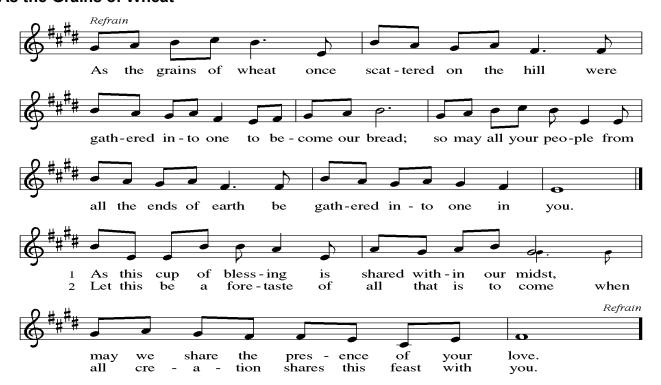
Invitation to Communion

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.

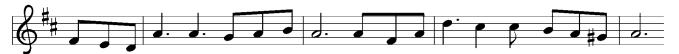
As communion is distributed, you are invited to sing the following hymns: "Here is Bread"



"As the Grains of Wheat"



"Blessed Assurance"



- Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight; Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood. an - gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech - oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love. watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

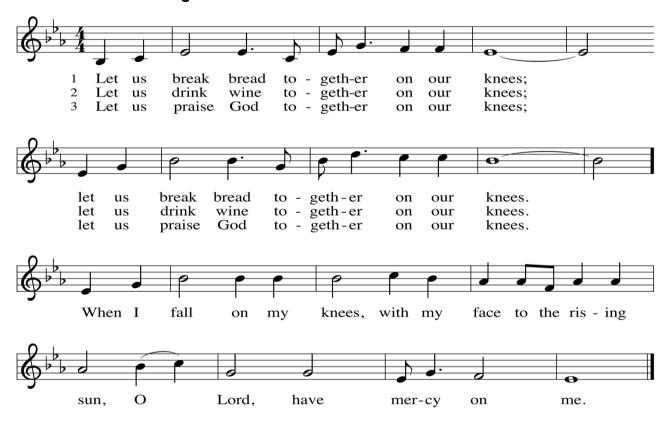


This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

"Let Us Break Bread Together"



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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Rejoice in the Lord Always" (Repeat three times)



Dismissal Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Thanks be to God.

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This SUNDAY!!!!

Vicky & Bill Thompson invite the members of St. James Lutheran Church to the Retirement Party for their son, Brent.

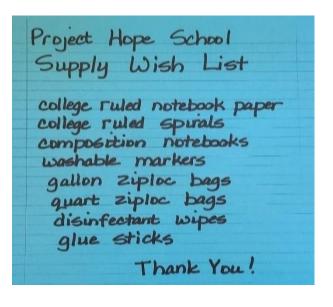


August Mission offerings.....

~ Your continued support benefits "Beartooth Manor" and "Meadowlark & Shipp's Assisted Living Facilities"

Also, St. James is continuing to collect this month.... School Supplies for Project Hope!!

FYI.....A tub is available for your items. Let us know if you need us to pick them up for you! THANKS!



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

August 2022 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

August 2022 Cleaner(s): Jamie Hess & Kim Behrent

August 2022 Reader(s): Donna Zeigler

August 21st, 2022 Communion Helper(s): Will someone help this Sunday?

Thank you, Sheri & Brian Luepke for helping with communion last Sunday

August 21st, 2022 Usher(s): Will someone help this Sunday?

Thank you, Larry Goehner for ushering last Sunday.

August 21st, 2022 Gate Keepers: Leslie Mullin & Rae Ellen Strickland

2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

Happy August Anniversary

Bob & Bev Kem 8/3; Jim Dickey & Sally Bisch 8/4; Mike & Lori Koski 8/25; Brian & Sheri Luepke 8/29;



Happy August Birthday

Quincy Davis 8/5; Nick Lofing 8/7; Connie Bokma 8/8; Mirah Lofing 8/18; Gwen Bjorkman 8/19; Steve Smith 8/20; Arianna Lofing 8/25; Danny Ames 8/30; Nathan Lofing 8/31

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."

FYI: At the annual meeting held Jan 16th, 2022.

\$96,100 was the yearly approved 2022 budget ÷ 12 months = \$8,008.33 needed each month.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

August 7th Offering gratefully received \$ 740.00 August 14th Offering gratefully received \$3,349.00 August Total so far: \$4,089.00

August Total 30 Ial. \$4,009.00

**Our 2022 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33

Jan (\$634.43) + Feb (\$1,718.33) + Mar (\$3,428.33) + Apr (\$1,868.33) + May \$6,476.91 + June \$(2,613.33) + July (2,248.33) =

YTD UNDER Monthly Budget by negative (\$6,034.17)

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).

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 healing and wisdom Lord for Joy Goehner; Pastor Tonia; Pete Hegg; Bev Kem; Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, Eva; Woody DeHaven; Steve Cowan; Zane Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Seymour.

Those living with cancer: Bob Rouane; Roger Mullin; Shane DeHaven; Mary Ann Conners; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those affected in our surrounding area by the recent flooding & the needs for its clean-up & lasting effects. Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects. Ukraine and her people

Please pray for all of those who serve in our military domestically & overseas, As well as their spouses and children.

REMINDER: WE have one more month to gather for this very important project for Lutheran World Relief!! Take time to clean out that unused fabric, purchase a few spools of thread and deliver to the church! Thank You. Donna



LUTHERAN SUMMER - PROJECT FABRIC KITS

Lutheran World Relief provides for our personal involvement in uplifting people around the world.

Central & South America, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. "Sewing is a valuable skill that can help men & women earn reliable income". LWR promotes sewing kits as well as other kits that help in the daily lives of people in those countries.



Thankin advance for your donation of fabric & / or spools of thread.

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester) cut to size below: \checkmark 2 ½ yds of 58" – 62" wide or 3 yds of 42"-62" wide or 4 yds of 34"-37" wide
- Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

A REPEAT OF IMPORTANT INFORMATION......

The Department of Public Health and Human Services has launched a 988 Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

Calls made in Montana are routed to centers in Great Falls, Bozeman or Missoula.



Also.....

encourage faith and community organizations to be alert to elder abuse situations. Elder abuse has increased in Montana in the year 2021 to about 4,900 victims. Elder abuse can involve adults aged 60 and older and adults with disabilities aged 18-59. Adult Protective Services (APS) contact number is:

1-844-277-9300 or go to www.aps.mt.gov

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES TO REFLECT GOD'S LOVE TO EACH OTHER AND TO OUR NEIGHBORS

- > Tuesday August 23rd or Thursday August 25th,2022
 - "Having Fun with Faith" email with Summer Activity Sheets.
- Wednesday August 24th,2022 Watch Pastor Tonia's "Word on Wednesday" message on FB or open the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.
- Friday August 26th or Saturday August 27th,2022 The Weekly Preparing for Worship email arrives in your inbox with the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday Worship service and, also, the "Children's Worship Bulletins" series for you to open and enjoy &/or share with your family & friends.

Upcoming dates:

Sunday August 28th, 2022 – Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship.
You may START bringing your cookies for 9/11 – God's Work, Our Hand's Sunday.

Future dates:

Sunday September 11th, 2022 – God's Work, Our Hand's Service

St. James will be delivering cookie plates to our shut-in members and to those who "have to work" on Sunday's!!

Again, <u>START</u> bringing your cookies on Sunday 8/28 and 9/4. ** watch for more information about plating and distributing to the businesses and our shut-in's.





FOR SALE: T-shirts to wear during "God's work. Our hands." Sunday event & at other times when St. James serves our community. A mere **\$5.00** will get you one of these great shirts! We only have 15 left in a variety of sizes.

** FYI - Picture doesn't show exact color - The shirts are a bright yellow!! Pick one up at the church on Sunday!

- Sunday September 18th, 2022 "End of Summer" Picnic for St. James *** Watch for future information for this great event!
- > Sunday September 25th, 2022 Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship

MORE Community Events for St. James:

- Every Monday we are invited:
 - ~ To join us for coffee and visiting from 8-11am at the Stillwater Youth Center.

- 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 embroiderests are welcome.
- Every Wednesday we are invited to attend:
 - ~Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
- Every Thursday we are invited to attend:
 - ~ To join us for coffee and visiting from 8-11am at the Stillwater Youth Center.
 - ~The Men's group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 7pm for a bible study of Acts.
 - ~This has been cancelled for the time being. NEW Walking Group formed by UCC. Gather @ 8:30am @ the little Stone Church. All are Welcome! Coffee & rolls will follow at 9:15am



This Week's Events:

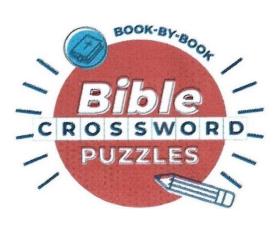
Kid's Dungeons and Dragons – Saturday 8/20 @ 1pm-4pm Join us for a new start up of D & D for kid ages 8+. Please call and pre-register. Space in the room is limited.

Montana Ties to the Titanic w/Zoe Anne Stoltz – MT Historical Society Monday 8/22 @ 6pm – 7:30pm

Join us for a Virtual program series. Anyone is welcome to join through Zoom. Please register at tinyurl.com/titanicMT.

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

** Check Wednesday 8/17 Email for these puzzles



2 Kings

- 1. Elisha
- 2. Cloak
- 3. Spirit
- 4. Staff (across)
- 4. Shunammite (down)
- 5. NONE
- 6. Leprosy
- 7. Jordan
- 8. Seven
- 9. Nebuchadnezzar
- 10.Zedekiah

Colossians

- 1. Firstborn
- 2. Above
- 3. Gentleness (across)
- 3. Greed (down)
- 4. Rejoice
- 5. Darkness
- 6. Philosophy
- 7. Grievance
- 8. Cross
- 9. Lord

A Prayer from Tonia's Techies....



Hey, Gabriel – I don't think the prayer Pastor Tonia asked us to write printed. Check it out, would ya?



