

# 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](http://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 August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – 10<sup>th</sup> 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: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.  
2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
3 All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er, Je-sus Christ is liv-ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.  
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.  
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



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### Prayer of the Day:

*Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food all the starving world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## WORD

### Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I

made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

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

### ***Read Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 responsively by whole verse:***

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.** <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup>**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season.** <sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup>**You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works.** <sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully. <sup>19</sup>**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them.** <sup>20</sup>You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy. <sup>21</sup>**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

### ***Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9:1-5***

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

### ***The Gospel Acclamation:***

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

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

### ***The Gospel according to Matthew:***

We sing the response after the announcement: **“Glory to you, O Lord”**

#### ***Matthew 14:13-21***

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” <sup>17</sup>They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” <sup>18</sup>And he said, “Bring them here to me.” <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

### ***The Gospel of the Lord:***

We sing the response after the conclusion: **“Praise to you, O Christ”**

### ***Sermon: “Swag”***

## Reflection Hymn: ELW #712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

*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 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,  
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;  
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light  
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:  
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.  
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,  
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;  
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,  
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas - sion bids us bear,  
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.  
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.  
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.  
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

## Apostle's Creed ELW #105

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**

After each petition: *P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer*

After last petition: **All: AMEN.**

**Passing of the Peace** .....and 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: ELW #679 "For the Fruit of All Creation" vs 3**

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: ELW #465 "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:

**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:

### "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" ELW #484



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.  
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

**“We Come to the Hungry Feast” ELW #479**



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.  
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased  
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is  
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,  
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.  
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

**“Let us Break Bread Together” ELW #471**



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

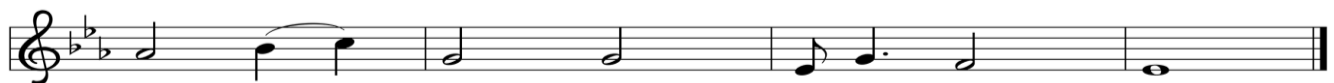


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let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
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**REFRAIN:**



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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

## SENDING

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

**Sending Hymn: ELW #674 “Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ”**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

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

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**Readings for 8/13/23 – 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:**

Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

**This is “STAY & INVITE” Sunday –**

**Donna Zeigler & Leslie Mullin INVITES your family and/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!

**Rae Ellen Strickland signed up for the taxi service this Sunday 8/6 for Sandy!**

**Thanks!**



Thank  
YOU

Thank you Bob Kem for your message last Sunday!  
And Thank you Marge Sunvold for ALL of the wonderful music last Sunday!

### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING**

August 2023 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

August 2023 Cleaner(s): Kim Behrent and Pete & Amber Lofing

August 2023 Reader: Maureen Hemphill

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

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

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

*Thank you, Carrie Williams for ushering last Sunday*

August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Gate Keeper(s): Bill Strickland & Donna Zeigler

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames



A big **THANK YOU** to Betty Ames, Kim Behrent, Steve & Denise Cowan, Bill & Rae Ellen Strickland & Leslie Mullin who have already volunteered to offer a ride for Sandy to Church on Sunday's.

**Reminder.....** sign-up sheet continues to need volunteers.

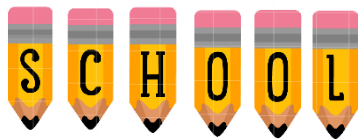
**Thank you** in advance for your kindness!

### **August Mission Offering benefits...**

## **\$\$ for Project Hope's Backpack Program**

ALSO: for Project Hope:

Purchase



Suggested supplies: College ruled: notebook paper & composition notebooks; Bottles of white glue; Washable Markers; Lg box of Kleenex; Disinfectant wipes

*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."**

**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; Auto pay thru your bank and [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly).

[Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) (click on this "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)**

#### **FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....**

July 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$1,158.00
July 9 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$3,230.00
July 16 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$1,410.00
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> Offering gratefully received	\$ 565.00
July 30 <sup>th</sup> Offering gratefully received \$	<u>\$ 720.00</u>
<b>Total received this month</b>	<b>\$7,083.00</b>

## KEEP IN PRAYER...

For those hospitalized, in nursing homes and homebound, and those battling cancer or other illnesses.

### ***We offer continued prayers for:***

Joy Goehner and her family, Larry, Eric and Allen. God of Love & life, We lift up Joy and pray for Your presence, peace and comfort. Strengthen Larry and be with Eric and family and Allen and family.

**Note:** Joy is now residing at the Meadowlark Assisted Living. We are encouraged to visit her but let's make sure she doesn't tire from TOO many or TOO often.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Joan Elser; Pastor Tonia; Merridy Gauthier; LaNita Maurer; Steve Cowan; Bonny Rouse; Pete Hegg; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble.

Those living with cancer: Father Fenton; 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.

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 August Birthday***

Quincy Davis 8/5; Maggie Devries 8/6; Nick Lofing 8/7; Connie Bokma 8/8;  
Mirah Lofing 8/18; Randy Shelton 8/18; Gwen Bjorkman 8/19;  
Steve Smith 8/20; Julie Fouhy 8/20; Liz Cox 8/24; Arianna Lofing 8/25;  
Danny Ames 8/30; Nathan Lofing 8/31



### ***Happy August Anniversary***

Bob & Bev Kem 8/3; Jim Dickey & Sally Bisch 8/4; Mike & Lori Koski 8/25;  
Randy & KayDel Shelton 8/26; Brian & Sheri Luepke 8/29



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

**Check your inbox for yours &/or your children's ecard!**

**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](http://www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org)

These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

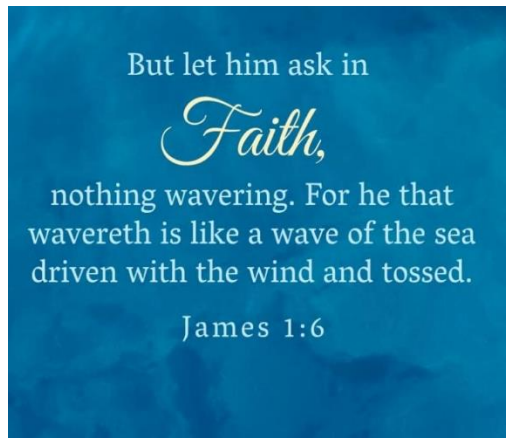
**ALSO, attached to the weekly Preparing for Worship,** watch for the email with the "Challenge Kits for Kids" for the summer.

**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:**

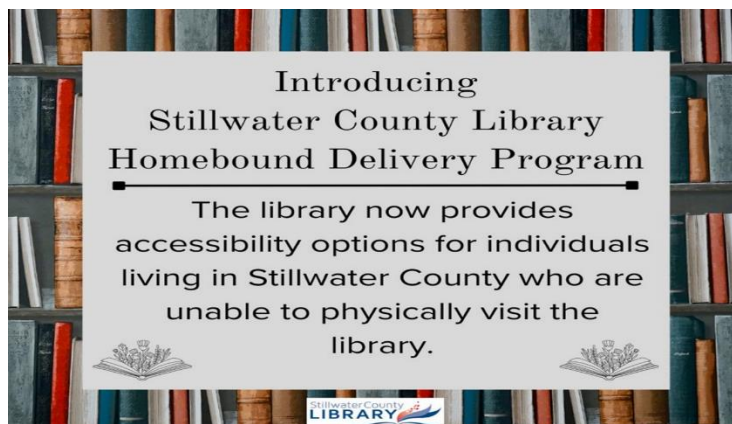
You know we can't sit still here! Summer reading officially came to a close yesterday with those prize winners chosen during regular story time.

If you joined us, you saw the GIANT board game on the bulletin board. All you need to do to start is grab your reading log bookmark. For every hour you read, you get to spin. Bring your friends to see who completes the board first!

**EXCITING!!**



**MORE  
EXCITING  
NEWS!!**



## **Future 2023 Dates:**



# **Thursdays in August**

## **4-6:30pm**

# *Downtown*



# **FARMERS MARKET**



## **BTLC Fall Women's Retreat**



August 26th

9:00am to 12:30pm

Duffy Place

33 Upper Deer Creek Rd.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/BTLCWelca2023>

We often hear about the historical church fathers, but what about our historical mothers in the faith? This community women's retreat, led by Pastor Julia, will cover the faith and faithfulness of some of our foremothers and sisters in faith. Come learn about how their dedication shaped the church and the Christian tradition as it is today. This 3.5-hour retreat will have a learning portion, a craft time, and plenty of food and fellowship. Feel free to invite (and register) a friend. Please register by August 10th, so we can adequately plan for food and supplies.

