

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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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 8th, 2021 – 11th 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.

*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.

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: "Let Us Go Now, To the Banquet"


Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the




me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



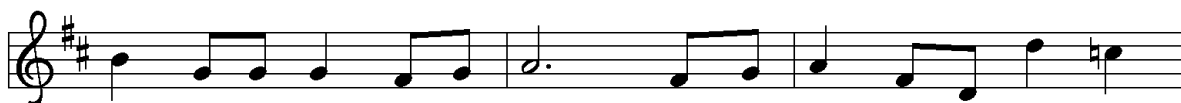
re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

**Repeat
Refrain...**




1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all

****We will
sing all
three
verses,
back to
back.....**



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

**After vs 1 to vs 2
After vs 2 to vs 3
After vs 3 back to
the refrain.....**

Prayer of the Day:

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and so, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

Read Psalm 34:1-8 responsively by whole verse:

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. **²I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.** ³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together. **⁴I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.** ⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. **⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.** ⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them. **⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Hear the 1st Reading: Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me

unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Sermon: "Bread for the Journey"

Hymn for Reflection: "Spirit of the Living God"

The musical score is written in F major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me. — Melt me. Mold me. Fill me. Use me. — Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me." The piano accompaniment includes various chords such as F, F7, Gm/BbD/A, Gm, F/C, Bb/C, C, F, Bb/C, Gm, D/A, Gm7, F/C, Bb/C, C7, F, F7, Bb, Bbm/Eb, F, Dm, G, C sus rit., C, and C7. The tempo marking "a tempo" appears at the beginning of the fourth system.

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

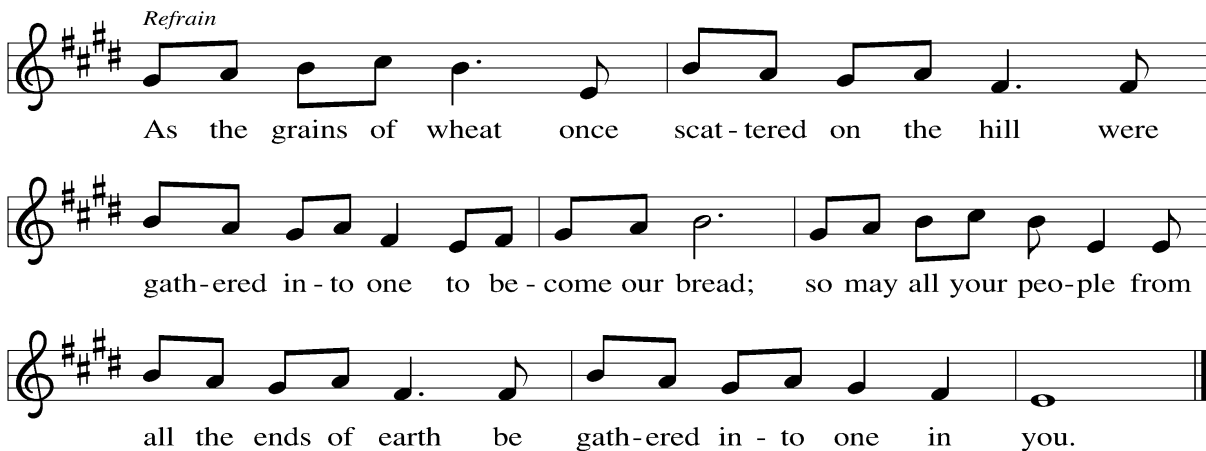
....we thank you for your faithful generosity to St. James in sharing your tithes and offerings which allows us to do God's work with our hands.

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)

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.

Today we will use BRÖTCHEN for our communion bread. Brötchen, meaning literally, 'little bread', is an everyday bun. It's still a daily staple today in Germany. The brötchen has been around for centuries, and is the ancestor of our American burger bun.

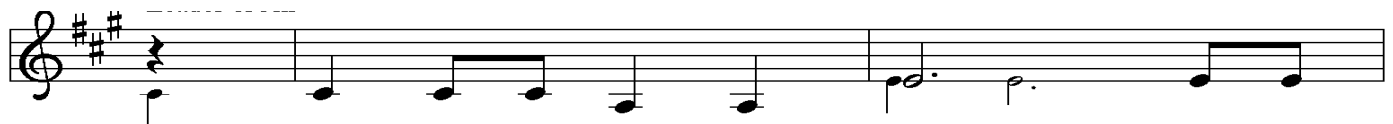
We remember in the eating of the bread, the body of Christ, that,

"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 Sheri Luepke for providing this bread.

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

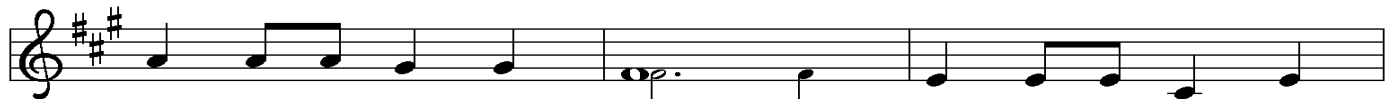
"I Am the Bread of Life" vs 1-3 only



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



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 Man and



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



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."

Refrain
All



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



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

“Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees”



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;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



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



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

“Eat This Bread”

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
 or Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
 Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Go My Children, with My Blessing"



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Dismissal:

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ, **sent to reflect the Light of Christ.**

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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:

Carli Lofing Davis and her unborn baby. Give wisdom to her doctors. Give strength, peace, and comfort to Carli and Rob. Be near to Kristi and Greg, the Lofing and Davis families, bring them comfort and faith in Your goodness and love on this journey. We pray for this precious baby and for Carli, we place them in Your hands and pray for health. Lord, thank You for Carli's gift of joy and we ask it be strength to her at this time. Amen

We offer continued prayers for:

Your continued comfort Lord for Dorcas Atzbach and your healing Lord for Teri Allsup; 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; Araceli 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

August 2021 Altar Guild: Denise Cowan

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

August 2021 Reader: Will you sign-up to help?

August 1st, 2021 Reader(s): Pastor Tonia

August 2021 Usher(s): Will you sign-up to help?

August 1st, 2021 Usher(s): Chris Fleury

August 2021 Communion Helper(s): Denise Cowan

Thank you, Kristi for helping your mom last Sunday. It was nice having you join us.

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 10th @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB August 11th 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 **SECOND** planning mtg will be held immediately after church Sunday August 15th. Please join us.

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!

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 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 SECOND PLANNING MEETING
Sunday 8/15, immediately after Church!!**

It will take ALL of us to make this happen!
**FYI: Watch for the email with copies of ideas presented
at the LAST meeting.**

Simple Reminders.....

THE PASTOR STOLE OUR SPOON!

A little birdie told me..... Pastor Tonia had dinner at the home of a couple from St. James. After she left, the wife said to the husband, “I think she stole my special spoon!” This bothered her for a whole year.



A year later the same couple invited Pastor Tonia to dinner again. Unable to resist, the wife asked, “Did you steal my special spoon last year?” Pastor Tonia replied, “No, I put it inside your Bible!” Uh oh..... 😊