

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!



Click on image OR

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

**On the website, scroll down to "Click here for the St. James FB link"

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!

TODAY: God's Work, Our Hand's Sunday

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

THANK YOU for signing-up to bring &/or plate the cookies.

**We hope you all can stay for our "Picnic" in the basement
and possibly help deliver after!!!**

St. James Lutheran Church

205 E 1st Ave. N. Columbus, MT 59019 (406) 321-5100

Leader: Pastor Tonia Fisher

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Our Mission: "We worship together, grow in faith,
share our faith and serve with the love of God"

**Sunday September 10th, 2023 –
15th 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 alland also with you.

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

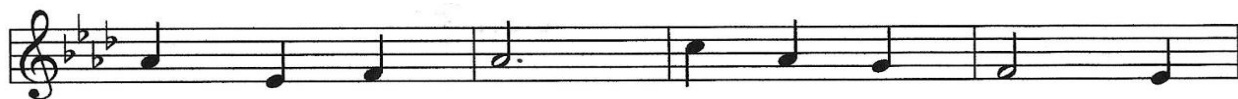
GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Steadfast and faithful God, you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

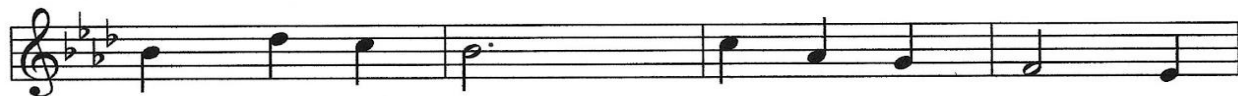
Gathering Hymn: "God's Work, Our Hands"



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your Gos - pel.

Prayer of the Day:

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything which is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Listen to these words of serving:

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

Ps 90:1; 13-17

Lord, you have been our help, generation after generation. Come back to us, LORD! Please, quick! Have some compassion for your servants! Fill us full every morning with your faithful love so we can rejoice and celebrate our whole life long. Make us happy for the same amount of time that you afflicted us—for the same number of years that we saw only trouble. Let your acts be seen by your servants; let your glory be seen by their children. Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us. Make the work of our hands last. Make the work of our hands last!

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so we would walk in them.

John 6:28, 29

Therefore they said to Jesus, "What shall we do, so we may work the works of God?" Jesus replied, "This is the work of God—that you believe in the One He has sent."

Luke 6:46-48

"Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and don't do the things I say? I will show you what someone is like who comes to Me, hears My words, and acts on them: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. When the flood came, the river crashed against that house and couldn't shake it, because it was well built.

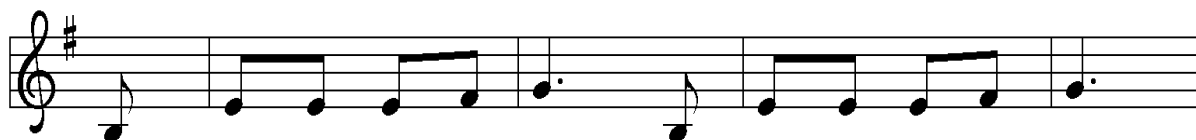
Word of Wisdom, Word of God. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Sermon: "Our Service, Service"

Thank you to Dannetta Haywood, SYC Youth Director for your message.

Reflection Hymn: ELW #538 "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

*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*




En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta_es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,



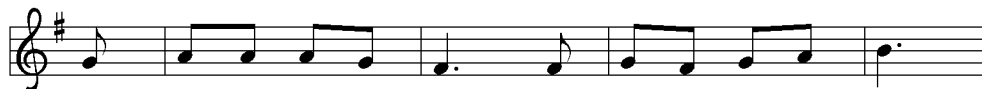
pa - ra cons-truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.

REPEAT THE ABOVE TWO STANZAS.....


NOW SING THE BELOW STANZAS



Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain



un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;



me ha to - ca - do_a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.



A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.



REPEAT THIS SECTION AND END.

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: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer*

After last 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: ELW #870 "We Praise You O God"**

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.

Offering Prayer

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table so all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: ELW #472 "Eat This Bread"

Refrain
"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

Great Thanksgiving ELW #153

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:

ELW #659 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

ELW #708 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

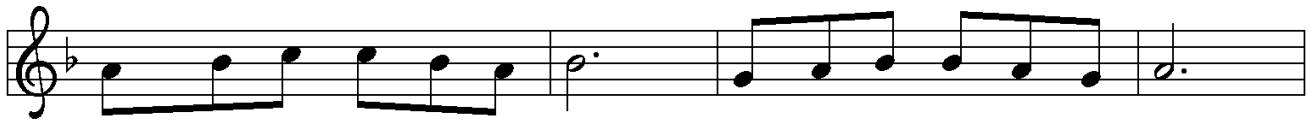
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
 2 Neigh - bors are wealth - y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 neigh - bors are near - by and far a - way.
 all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 this is the way we will live with you.

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

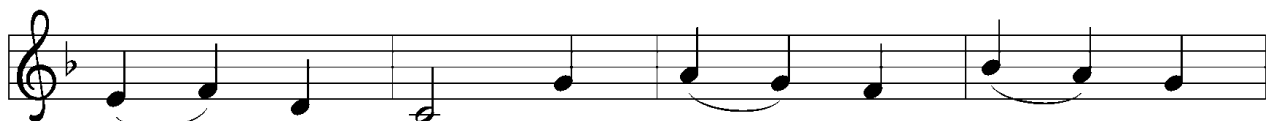
SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: ELW #551 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Dismissal: Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

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Readings for 9/17/23 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service:

Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35



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 thru Sept.**
Thank you in advance for your kindness!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

September 2023 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

September 2023 Cleaner(s): Sheri & Brian Luepke and Mina Morse & Jean Voldseth

September 2023 Reader: Will someone offer to help this month?

September 10th, 2023 Communion Helper(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Kim Behrent & Carrie Williams for helping with communion last Sunday

September 10th, 2023 Usher(s): Will someone offer to help today?

Thank you, Bill Strickland for ushering last Sunday.

September 10th, 2023 Gate Keepers: Brian Luepke & Leslie Mullin

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

September Mission Offering benefits...

\$\$ for Columbus



Lunch & Milk Program

We certainly hope you are

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you have enjoyed the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", which will **AGAIN** be attached to each Sunday's **Preparing for Worship - Email Bulletin**

and are also found on our website: www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

PLEASE PRINT or FORWARD & SHARE these bulletins
with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!



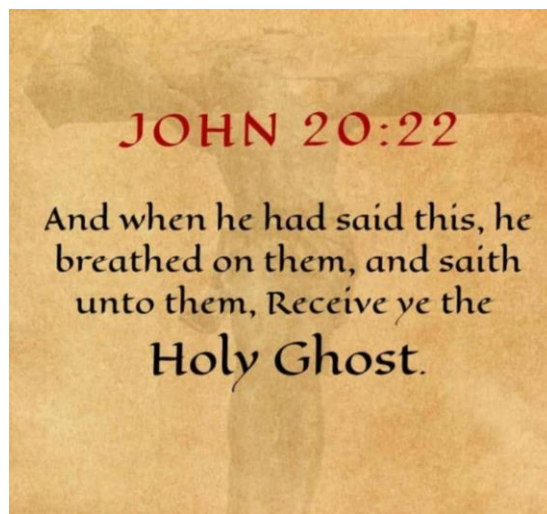
Every Tuesday,
Bible Study is held at St. James 2:00pm.
We study the upcoming Sunday lessons.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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:



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.....

August 6 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,630.00
August 13 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,293.00
August 20 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 955.00
August 27 th Offering gratefully received	<u>\$ 880.00</u>
Total received this month	\$4,758.00

Comparison view of YTD financials: (A I = Actual Income; A E = Actual Expenses)

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Actual totals
A I:	\$5,750.00;	\$6,767.26;	\$6,445.00;	\$17,107.20;	\$9,715.00;	\$4,692.47;	\$7,083.00;	\$4,758.00	= \$62,317.93
A E:	\$8,078.28;	\$7,756.78;	\$8,448.60;	\$8,431.02;	\$6,629.30;	\$7,488.61;	\$8,209.49;	\$7,399.94	= <u>\$62,442.02</u>

We are **BELOW on Income** for meeting YTD EXPENSES **minus \$875.91**

September 3 rd Offering gratefully received	\$1,242.00
Total received so far this month	\$1,242.00

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**.

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)

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 the Goehner family as they begin their transition and move to Missoula into The Village Senior Living Facility. Bring peace to all for this very important and difficult decision. Amen.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for KayDel Shelton; Jim Dickey; 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; Aracelii 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; Fire disasters in Maui, Hawaii

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



Happy September Birthday

Bob Maurer 9/4; Steve Cowan 9/6; Marge Sunvold 9/6; Barbara Salte 9/15; Kyla Rouane 9/17; Thea Morse 9/18; Bob Kem 9/20; Crystal Gauthier 9/24; Pete Lofing 9/30



Happy September Anniversary

Nathan & Stacy Lofing 9/2; Joe & Mina Morse 9/4; Greg & Kristi Lofing 9/27



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

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

Other members, check your mailbox!

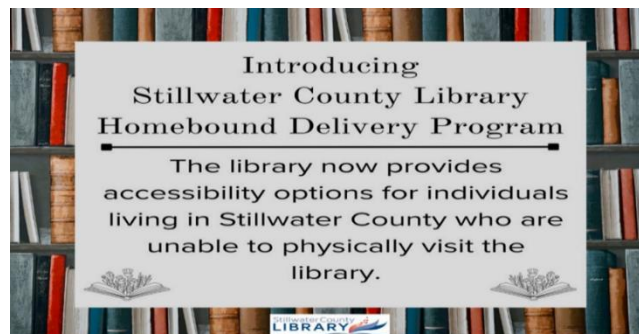
OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES to REFLECT GOD'S LOVE to OURSELVES, to EACH OTHER and to OUR NEIGHBORS

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
- 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



**For more information,
see the "Table Posters"
at St. James.**



WOW! EXCITING UPCOMING STILLWATER COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS....

Have you seen the Beehive? We have bees hidden around that have traveled too far from the hive and have a scavenger hunt for them for the kids. Their prize is a honey stick from Sunshine Apiary, which they kindly donated. You are so thoughtful, Patty & Lance!!



STILLWATER COUNTY LIBRARY PRESENTS

MONDAY MANIA

GAME NIGHT FOR ALL AGES!

SEPTEMBER 11 @ 5:00
SEPTEMBER 25 @ 5:00

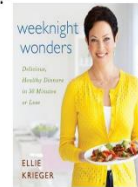
27 N 4TH ST., COLUMBUS, MT 59019

Make it...Sample it...Discuss it!

COOK THE BOOK

Do you love browsing through cookbooks, trying new recipes and techniques, and sharing good food with others?

Register at the Stillwater County Library, and choose a recipe from this month's selected cookbook, Weeknight Wonders. Make it at home, and bring it in to share on Saturday, September 16, @ 11:00 am.



27 N. 4th St, Columbus, MT 59019 | PH: 406-322-5009 | slibrary@mtlib.org

MLN Virtual Programming Series:

Bison Archaeology in Glacier National Park

with Kyle Langley, GNP

September 25, 2023
6 - 7:30 pm on Zoom

Register at tinyurl.com/GNPbisonMT
Free and open to all

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY
A DIVISION OF MONTANA LIBRARIES

Future 2023 Dates:

**SEPTEMBER
23RD, 2023**



September 24th – Church Council meeting immediately after worship.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!!

Wednesday October 18th – **SAVE THIS DATE!!! BINGO FUN and FOOD!**
**** More information coming soon!**