

# 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”.  
*\*\*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!**

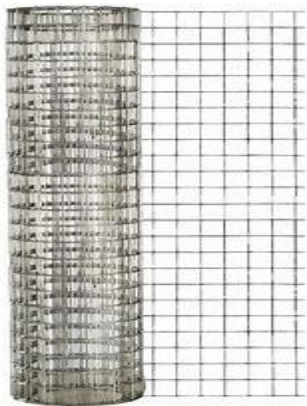


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[www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org](http://www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org)

**\*\*Scroll down to “Click here for the St. James YouTube link”**



## **FOR SALE...**

**The church parsonage fencing and posts around the garden area has been removed. We have approximately 35-40 posts and 5' of fence.**

**ASKING: \$2 a post and \$20 for the fence.**

**Contact Pastor Tonia if you are interested!**

# Mission Offering for September 2021 benefits...

## Pastor's Discretionary Fund



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

## St. James Lutheran Church

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**Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 -  
16<sup>th</sup> 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.

*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 be with you.*

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

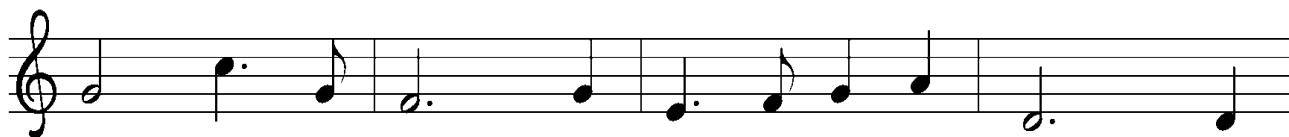
### **GATHERING**

#### **Confession & Forgiveness:**

*God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.*

#### **Assurance of God's Love**

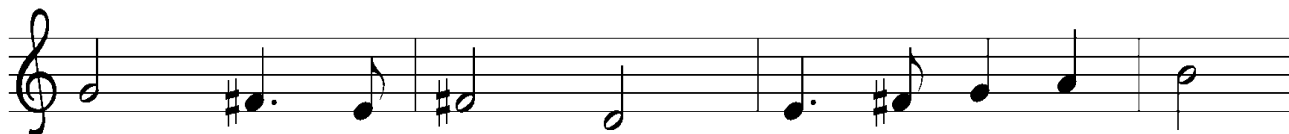
## Gathering Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"



Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till



all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,  
2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied  
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Refrain*



our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

### **Prayer of the Day:**

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Welcome to our newest member Jane Braten*

## WORD

### **Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, so I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps

me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

### **Read Psalm 116:1-9 responsively by whole verse**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication, <sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given ear to me whenever I called.** <sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; came to grief and sorrow. <sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”** <sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD and righteous; our God is full of compassion. <sup>6</sup>**The LORD watches over the innocent; I was brought low, and God saved me.** <sup>7</sup>Turn again to your rest, O my soul. for the LORD has dealt well with you. <sup>8</sup>**For you have rescued my life from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling;** <sup>9</sup>I will walk in the presence of the LORD in the land of the living.

### **Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: James 3:1-121**

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

*Word of Wisdom, Word of God. THANKS BE 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: Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

**Sermon: “What’s My Name”**

## Hymn for Reflection: "Will You Come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



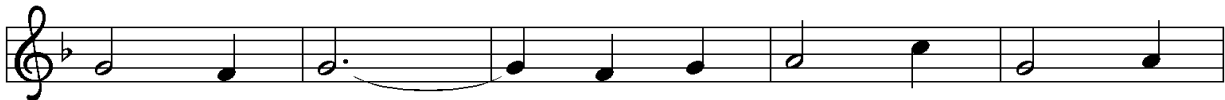
your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

### Nicene Creed

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:***

*Lord in your mercy, receive 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***

*God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### ***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***

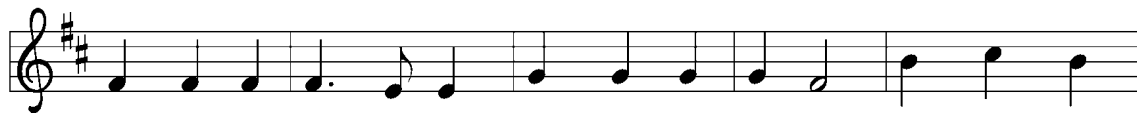
*In this meal of bread and wine, we believe Christ is truly present forgiving sin, reconciling us to God and one another, and giving new life. Christ is host. Christ is the one who invites us to the table even while it is properly understood as the meal of the baptized. All are welcome at the Lord's Table.*

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

# SENDING

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

## **Sending Hymn: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

### *Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

## **Dismissal:**

*Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. Thanks be to God.*

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## *An opportunity to care for the Lord's Table....*

**Altar Guild is looking for new members.....** The schedule has been arranged to be more flexible to meet your needs. A specific task list and personal instruction will be

given to anyone who would like to be involved in this ministry.

For more information, please contact:

**Kim Behrent** (406) 321-2535 or **Pastor Tonia** (406) 656-9557

### **STILL SERCHING.....**

***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](mailto:toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com)***

### **PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...**

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

#### ***We offer new prayers for:***

Teri Allsup who has been physically weakened during her illness. She has been in the hospital this week and is doing PT. Pray God Strengthens her and for a full recovery.

Steven Cowan who is recovering from a heart attack. HE IS HOME. He just needs to be careful for a couple weeks. No restrictions except lifting. Dr visit in 2 weeks. Praise God for answered prayers. Good news indeed.

Vi Ekle's brother Ron, who is in the hospital being treated for Covid Pneumonia. Bring healing to Ron, give compassion to those ministering to him and bring Your comfort to Vi.

Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola as she lives cancer. Give wisdom to her oncologists as they prescribe treatment. Strengthen Lola and give comfort to her family as they journey with her.

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

Baby Quincy Kay Davis, born August 5<sup>th</sup> to Carli (Lofing) & Rob Davis. We pray for strength & God's healing for Quincy and peace to her parents, grandparents, Kristi and Greg Lofing and family & friends.

Your continued comfort Lord for Dorcas Atzbach and the family of Curtis Preece.

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Dennis Gauthier; Teri Allsup; Bev Kem; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

Those living with cancer: 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.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

**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**



September 2021 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill  
September 2021 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Chris Fleury  
**September 2021 Reader: Will you sign-up to help?**  
**September 2021 Usher(s): Will you sign-up to help?**  
**September 2021 Communion Helper(s): Will you sign-up to help?**  
September 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 September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB September 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

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[www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org](http://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](http://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 September Birthday*

Bob Maurer 9/4; Steve Cowan 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; Mina & Joe Morse 9/4;  
Greg & Kristi Lofing 9/27

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?

- 1) YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED YOUR EMAIL INVITATION AND WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE RESPOND TO Carrie Williams or Denise Cowan WITH YOUR RSVP INFORMATION.
- 2) If you don't have email, WATCH YOUR P.O. BOX for YOUR INVITATION AND PLEASE RESPOND TO Carrie W. & Denise C.
- 3) IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SUNDAY SERVICES – Pastor will send sign-up sheets around with the items that we hope you can help us with to make this a successful event.
- 4) IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING AS OF YET, the 1<sup>st</sup> of October we will be calling our members to ask you to sign up to help bring, donate, setup, decorate etc. WE DO HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER HELPING AND ATTENDING THIS VERY CELEBRATION.