

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!

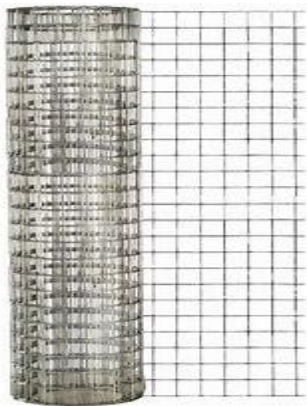


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Click on image or the link below to be directed to our website:
www.lutheranchurchcolumbusmt.org

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



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 19th, 2021 -
17th 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 alland 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

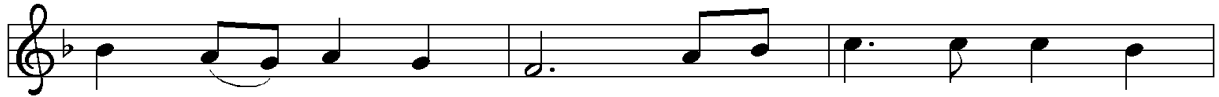
Gathering Hymn: "All Are Welcome" Vs. 1, 3 & 5



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Prayer of the Day:

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

Read Psalm 54 responsively by whole verse

Save me, O God, by your name; in your might, defend my cause. ²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.** ³*For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.* ⁴**Behold, God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life.** ⁵*Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.* ⁶**I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.** ⁷*For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye looks down on my enemies.*

Hear the 2nd Reading: James 3:13—4:3m 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ^{4:1}Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so, you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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

The Holy Gospel according to Mark: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰Jesus and the disciples went on and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

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

Sermon: "Welcome the Child"

Hymn for Reflection: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"

**Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world;
Red, brown, yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight;
Jesus loves the little children of the world! REPEAT.....**

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, 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: "I Love to Tell the Story"

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove, of
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry, 'tis pleas - ant to re - peat what
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best seem

Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love. I
 seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet. I
 hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest. And

love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know 'tis true; it sat - is - fies my
 love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard the mes - sage of sal -
 when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song, 'twill be the old, old

long - ings as noth - ing else can do. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill
 va - tion from God's own Ho - ly Word. I love to tell the sto - ry, 'twill
 sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain C

be my theme in glo - ry, to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Dismissal:

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



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

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer new prayers for:

The family of Dennis Gauthier, who passed away Friday, September 17. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears be with those who mourn today. We pray Dennis will now rest in peace free from pain and full of energy as he walks with You into eternity. We thank You for showing Your love and compassion to Merridy, her family and friends as they grieve. Amen
People of God, this prayer is also for you as you grieve the loss of our friend, Dennis. May God comfort you during this time. We are shocked, we are hurting. May God bless you as you show your compassion to the Gauthiers.

Teri Alsup's family and friends as they mourn her death. Teri passed away September 15th. We thank you for Teri, for her service, her friendship and for the joy she has brought to our lives. Information will be coming on her service, soon.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your healing and wisdom Lord for Steve Cowan; Baby Quincy Davis; Dorcus Atzbach; Bev Kem; Jerry Brown; Victoria Seymour; Zayden Sundberg; Bob Steinberg; Denise Cowan; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

Those living with cancer: Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola; Ashley Foster; Aracelii Enano; Ann Pomeroy; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects, especially Vi's brother, Ron.

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

Reminders..... Coming this week....

- Quick 100th Celebration meeting immediately after worship **TODAY**.
- Bible Study Tuesday September 21st @ 2:00pm
- Watch Pastor Tonia's a "Word on Wednesday" live on FB September 22nd 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.

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

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 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 1st 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.