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

To our faithful followers at home or where ever you are, PLEASE let us know you are watching by writing a post or give your name. We'd love to hear from you!

Having Fun with Faith...

We hope you are enjoying the series of "Children's Worship Bulletins", attached to Every Weekly Preparing for Worship Email. Again, you will notice - The Children's Bulletin activities, are available for two age groups (3+ and 7+) and match the same Lessons & Gospel with which WE are also reflecting on during Sunday Worship each week. There is also a unique to our church, SAFE & secure online "secret code" found in their bulletin, which gives you/them access to online games that reinforce the message for the week. These games are geared toward all age levels, so, everyone can join in the fun!

ALSO,

you have an opportunity to ENJOY and share MORE activities throughout the week. Every Tuesday or Thursday, watch for the email with summer activity sheets. Every Wednesday, watch for the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.

We hope you have taken the time to CHECK OUT these NEW programs from St. James, have opened the attachments, printed the pages, and ENJOYED the fun! Again, PLEASE FORWARD & SHARE these with your kids, grandkids, friends & friend's friends!!!!!

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 September 4th, 2022 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost



Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving

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

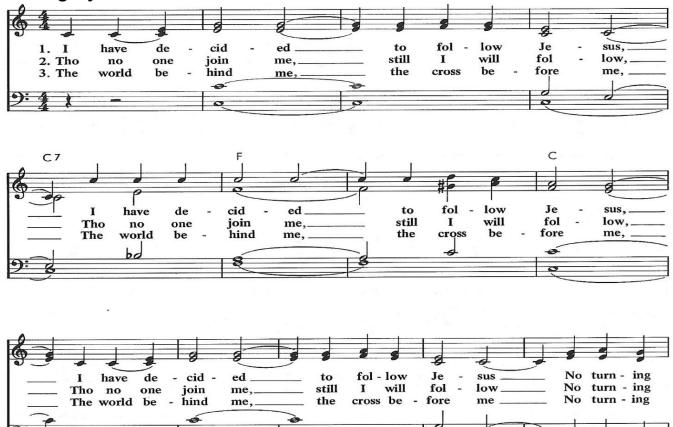
GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

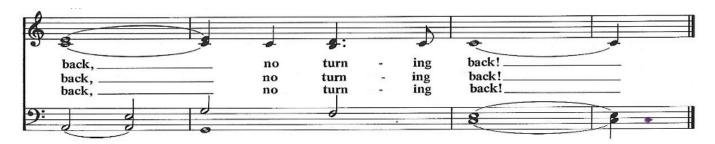
God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path which leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"



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4. Take the whole world but give me Jesus,.....I'll follow Him, I'll follow Him.

Prayer of the Day:

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, so in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

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

Read Psalm 1 responsively by whole verse

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful! ²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night. ³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper. ⁴It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. ⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous. ⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Hear the 2nd Reading: Philemon 1-21

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁶For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ³yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be

of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

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

The Gospel Acclamation:

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

The Gospel according to Luke:

We sing the response after the announcement: "Glory to you, O Lord"

Luke 14:25-33

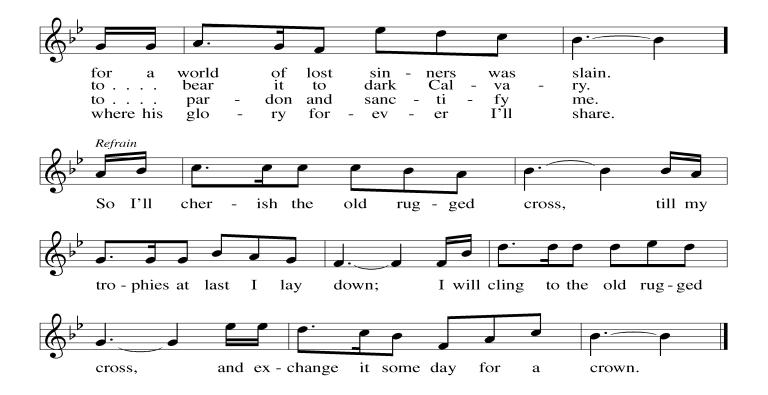
²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord:

We sing the response after the conclusion: "Praise to you, O Christ"

Sermon: "Refresh My Heart" Reflection Hymn: "The Old Rugged Cross"





Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P: In Your Mercy, (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying" after each prayer.
P: Amen. (C) sings: "Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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.

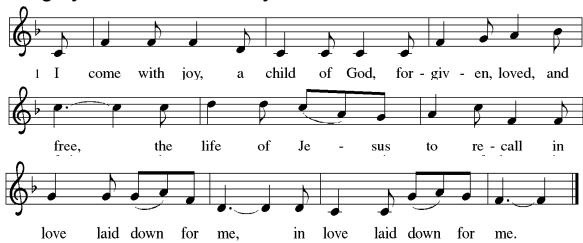
Bread & Wine and Our Gifts are brought forward...... while we sing The Offering Hymn: "We Are an Offering"



Offering Prayer

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

Table Setting Hymn: "I Come with Joy"



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:

(C) sings: 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.

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

"Spirit of the Living God"



"Heavenly Father, I Appreciate You"





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

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Lift High the Cross"



September Mission offerings.....

~ Your continued support benefits "Pastor's Discretionary Fund"

Also, we are collecting...... YUP! CRACKERS!



for the Project Hope Food Bank!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

September 2022 Altar Guild: Maureen Hemphill

September 2022 Cleaner(s): Brian & Sheri Luepke and Mina Morse & Jean Voldseth

September 4th,2022 Reader(s): *Will someone sign up to help this Sunday?*September 4th,2022 Communion Helper(s): Maureen Hemphill & Chris Fleury

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

September 4th, 2022 Usher(s): Larry Goehner

Thank you, Carrie Williams for ushering last Sunday.

September 4th,2022 Gate Keepers: Chris Fleury & Joy Goehner

2022 Musician(s): Marge Sunvold & Betty Ames

Happy <mark>September Anniversar</mark>y

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

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

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."

FYI: At the annual meeting held Jan 16th, 2022,

\$96,100 was the yearly approved 2022 budget ÷ 12 months = \$8,008.33 needed each month.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER.....

August 7 th Offering gratefully received	\$ 740.00
August 14 th Offering gratefully received	\$3,349.00
August 21 st Offering gratefully received	\$ 329.00
August 28 th Offering gratefully received	\$1,340.00
Total received this month \$5,758.00	

**Our 2022 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33

Jan (\$634.43) + Feb (\$1,718.33) + Mar (\$3,428.33) + Apr (\$1,868.33) + May \$6,476.91 + June (\$2,613.33) + July (\$2,248.33) + August (\$2,250.33) =

YTD UNDER Monthly Budget by negative (\$8,284.50)

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!

<u>Tithe.ly</u> (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).

For new prayer requests, please contact **Pastor Tonia.** Text or call her at (406) 656-9557 or email her at toniafisherclarkmt@gmail.com

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...

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

We offer continued prayers for:

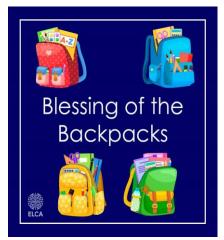
Your healing and wisdom Lord for Joy Goehner; Pete Hegg; Bev Kem; Pastor Kim Wilker's daughter, Eva; Woody DeHaven; Steve Cowan; Zane Fluery; Gary Lofing; Kyme Noble; Victoria Seymour.

Those living with cancer: Pastor Tonia; Bob Rouane; Roger Mullin; Shane DeHaven; Mary Ann Conners; Aracelii Enano; Ashley Foster; Jenny Hansen Cheff; Rick Cox; Delbert Goehner; Les Lane; Jim Wilson and Sandy Yoder's daughter in law, Lola.

Those with COVID and those dealing with its lasting effects.

Ukraine and her people

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



Dear God,

As our loved ones get ready to start another year in school, we ask your blessing on their backpacks, and especially on these special students who will wear them.

We ask that you protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school.

As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world.

As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

REMINDER: WE have one more month to gather for this very important project for Lutheran World Relief!! Take time to clean out that unused fabric, purchase a few spools of thread and deliver to the church! Thank You. Donna



SUMMER - PROJECT FABRIC KITS

Lutheran World Relief provides for our personal involvement in uplifting people around the world.

Central & South America, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. "Sewing is a valuable skill that can help men & women earn reliable income". LWR promotes sewing kits as well as other kits that help in the daily lives of people in those countries.



Thankin advance for your donation of fabric & / or spools of thread.

Include the following items in each Fabric Kit:

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton-blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester) cut to size below: \checkmark 2 ½ yds of 58" – 62" wide or 3 yds of 42"-62" wide or 4 yds of 34"-37" wide
- Two spools of matching or neutral-colored general-purpose thread, 250-300 yards each

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES TO REFLECT GOD'S LOVE TO EACH OTHER AND TO OUR NEIGHBORS

- > Tuesday September 6th or Thursday September 8th,2022 "Having Fun with Faith" email with Activity Sheets.
- Wednesday September 7th,2022 Watch Pastor Tonia's "Word on Wednesday" message on FB or open the Word(s) on Wednesday email with a copy of Pastor Tonia's weekly message and two Bible Crossword Puzzles.
- Friday September 9th or Saturday September 10th,2022 The Weekly Preparing for Worship email arrives in your inbox with the bulletin for the upcoming Sunday Worship service and, also, the "Children's Worship Bulletins" series for you to open and enjoy &/or share with your family & friends.

Future dates:

Sunday September 11th, 2022 – God's Work, Our Hand's Service

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 cookies and again, BRING your cookies THIS Sunday 9/4 OR NEXT Sunday 9/11.

** watch for more information about plating and distributing to the businesses and our shut-in's.





FOR SALE: T-shirts to wear during "God's work. Our hands." Sunday event & at other times when St. James serves our community. A mere \$5.00 will get you one of these great shirts! We only have 15 left in a variety of sizes.

** FYI - Picture doesn't show exact color - The shirts are a bright yellow!! Pick one up at the church on Sunday!

- Sunday September 18th, 2022 "End of Summer" Picnic for St. James *** Sign up to bring your choice of side dish for this great event!
- > Sunday September 25th, 2022 Church Council Meeting immediately after Worship

MORE Community Events for St. James:

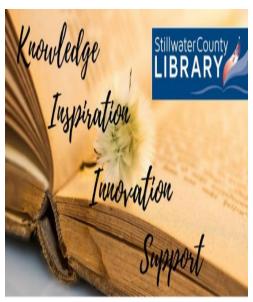
- Every Monday we are invited:
 - ~ To join us for coffee and visiting from 8-11am at the Stillwater Youth Center.
- Every Tuesday we are invited to attend:
 - ~ The Women's Adult Group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 9:30am and/or 7:00pm for an inductive study on Revelation
 - ~ Absarokee Quilting Group 10am in the basement of the Cobblestone building. Knitters, crocheters and embroiderests are welcome.
- Every Wednesday we are invited to attend:
 - ~Social Hour at the Columbus Senior Center at 9:30am
- Every Thursday we are invited to attend:
 - ~ To join us for coffee and visiting from 8-11am at the Stillwater Youth Center.
 - ~The Men's group at the Stillwater Youth Center at 7pm for a bible study of Acts.
 - ~This has been cancelled for the time being. NEW Walking Group formed by UCC. Gather @ 8:30am @ the little Stone Church. All are Welcome! Coffee & rolls will follow at 9:15am
 - ~ Columbus Farmers Market Granite Peak Park 4:00pm

An opportunity for you......



Do you enjoy working with children? As the Youth Programs Coordinator at Stillwater County Library, you have the opportunity to bring the love of reading to children in the library and in the schools and preschools throughout the county. The position is currently 29 hours a week (Tuesday-Friday) with occasional weeknights and Saturdays.

Apply today at https://stillwatercounty.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=78



Upcoming Future Library Events:

Learn to use the Heritage Quest database with Yellowstone Genealogy Forum - Saturday Sept. 10th @ 11:00 - Noon

Saturday Sept. 17th -

Writing Montana with Dave Caserio @ 10:00am - 12:00pm An outdoor workshop based on close observation of the natural world

exploration of the area. Contact the Library to register & mtg details.

The Foundations of English @ 1:30pm - 3:30pm

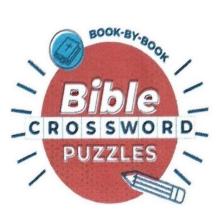
From Beowulf to Chaucer to Shakespeare - Dramatic, interactive, and sometimes comic presentation.

"Banned Book" Week - Sunday Sept. 18th - Saturday Sept. 24th Banned book trivia Night, Age 14+ - Tuesday Sept. 20th 6:00-7:00pm

"Sunflower Oil Pastel Drawing - Saturday, Sept. 24th 10:30am -11:30am All supplies are included for FREE! AGES: 12 and up!

THIS WEEKS ANSWERS:

** Check Wednesday 8/31 Email for these puzzles



- Humble
- Wisdom (across) 2.
- Wealth (down)
- 3. Fire
- 4. NONE
- 5. Forty
- 6. Rehoboam
- 7. Jehoshaphat
- 8. Athaliah
- 9. Uzziah

2 Chronicles 2 Thessalonians

- 1. Firstfruits
- 2. Trouble (across)
- 2. Truth (down)
- 3. Wonders
- 4. Teachings
- 5. Encouragement
- 6. Rebellion
- 7. Good
- 8. Perseverance
- 9. Disruptive

The newest picture from Joy Goehner!

Just beautiful! Thank you!



"In honor of my sisters and all women" said Joy!