

The Three Days

Mauddy Thursday's Prayer

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet, he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, now and forever. **Amen.**



THURSDAY APRIL 1ST -

**Watch the recorded service from UCC's FB Page



** Click on the picture to take you directly to their service
OR

**Search (if link does not work):

Columbus Community Congregational United Church of Christ

.....scroll down to April 9th, 2020

Good Friday's Prayer

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, & to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



Good Friday Service – April 2nd

** Download the attached Good Friday Bulletin to follow along

**Watch the recorded service from our FB Page



** Click on the picture to take you directly to our service
OR

**Search (if link does not work):

Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana

.....scroll down to April 10th, 2020

Through the remembrance of Good Friday, we come to a fuller realization of the gracious gift of God and are able to more fully celebrate Easter Morning!

You also have the opportunity to reflect on the Good Friday Service, shared with you by the bishops of Region 1 of the ELCA.

[Click here to download bulletin](#)



Click on picture to follow link to YouTube video OR

Hover over this picture – press: Ctrl + Click to follow link

OR Copy and paste this link in your browser window: <https://youtu.be/BddpDlaLzkY>

Resurrection of Our Lord

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Easter Day Prayer

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Easter Sunday Services April 4th

St. James' Service 9:30am
In-person worship or FB live



FYI: No early service on the hill is planned; **No** brunch before or after service at St. James is planned.

Procedure for Easter Sunday in-person Worship:

Please continue wearing your mask for the love of your Neighbor.

Our ushers will personally seat you & your family.



Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



Into these days in the Easter season, please receive the gift of these reflections, provided for you by pastors of our congregations, LPAs and lay leaders, Bishop Jungling, and the staff of the Synod. As the Montana Synod is focused on equipping God's people for the work of ministry, (*based on Eph. 4:11-12*), it is helpful to focus together on a text and devotional reflection that encourages us to walk together as the Montana Synod being equipped to be the people of God, followers of Jesus, and bearers of the good news of God's love and grace.

Download these Easter Season Devotions.....

starting on Resurrection Sunday, April 4th, 2021 and continuing for the fifty days of the Easter season until the day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 23rd, 2021.



Synod 2021 Easter
Season Devotional.pdf

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WELCOME to St. James Lutheran Church

For the "Love of One Another" at St. James, we will continue to take every reasonable precaution to protect those who worship in-church each Sunday by honoring the 3 W's.....

"WATCH" our physical distancing

"WEAR" our masks properly and for the entire service

"WASH" and/or sanitize our hands

Please, if you do not feel comfortable to attend in person, you have the opportunity to watch FB Live or a recorded version later in the day.

Blessings to all of you, whether you are joining us in the house of God, joining us by watching the FB Live service or in spirit and prayer.

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!

[FB Search: Saint James Lutheran Church of Columbus, Montana](#)

St. James Lutheran Church

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**April 4th, 2021 –
Easter Sunday**

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



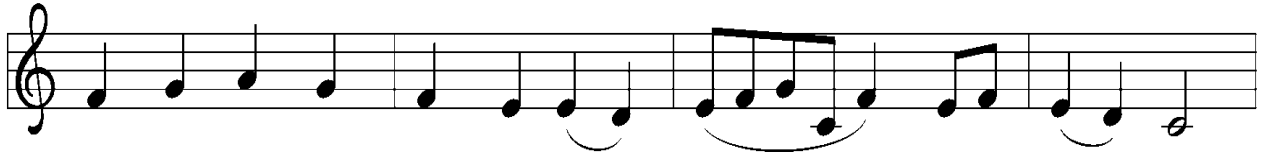
I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Ps 122:1

Welcome, Announcements & Opportunities for Serving
Let us stand, as you are able, and prepare our hearts for worship

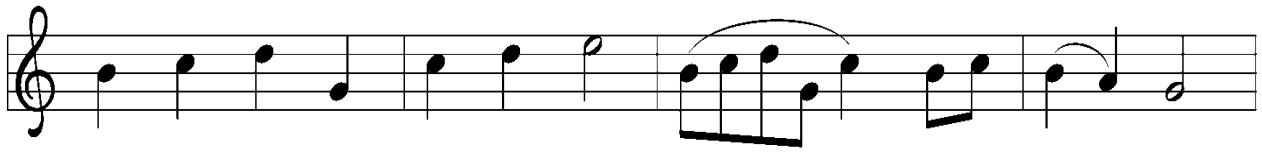
Call to worship: "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

.....**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn: "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Prayer of the Day:

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Hear the Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever. ²Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever." ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. ¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!" ¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. ¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter." ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hear the 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news which I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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 Mark: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Hear the Reading of the Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the

tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

Sermon: "The Awesome Mystery of Easter"

Hymn for Reflection: "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
death we are re - born; though you die in all of
his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
rise with ev - 'ry morn.

Easter Verse

Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you,
If we learn to live your story, we may die to rise anew.
We may die to rise anew.

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

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 love, **you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. 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

Communion will look a little different during our season of Covid-19. It will still be the Lord's supper.

We **will** partake the body of Christ **with Pastor.**

We **will** partake the blood of Christ **with Pastor.**

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

SENDING

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

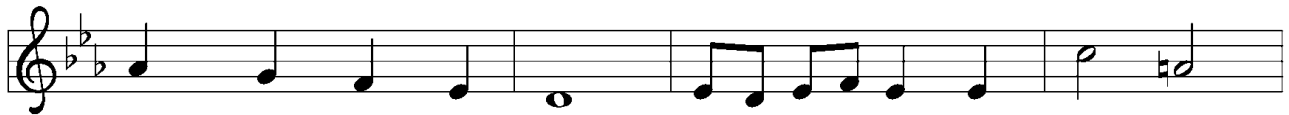
Sending Hymn: "Thine is the Glory"



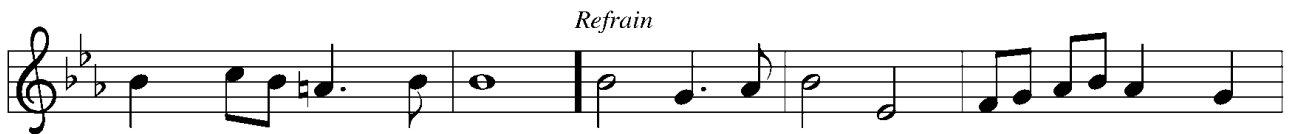
1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Dismissal:

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING

April 2021 Altar Guild: Kim Behrent

April 2021 Cleaner(s): Greg & Kristi Lofing and Chris Fleury & RaeEllen Strickland

April Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Carrie Williams, Steve & Denise Cowan,
Larry & Joy Goehner and Brian & Sheri Luepke.

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

Mission Offering for April 2021 benefits...
The Special K Ranch



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

For new prayer requests, please contact **Judy Bjorkman** at 321-2988, text or call or by email at jdbjorkman@hotmail.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:

Comfort Lord for the family and friends of Ruth Gaustad as they mourn her death.

We ask the Lord to bring His healing to Clara Wagner as she heals from her broken hip.

David Hollingsworth, Brett's dad, who has been diagnosed with aggressive lymphoma. Lord, comfort

David may he feel your presence in his life. Bring your healing and peace to him at this time.

We offer continued prayers for:

Your comfort God for the family of Ric Hanson on his passing and Bev & Bob Kem on the passing of her brother, Arthur.

Your continued healing God for Leslie's parents; Roger Mullin and Gary Lofing.

We lift up those living with cancer: Barb Potzman; Delbert Goehner; Dennis Gauthier; Arvid Barnam, Les Lane and Jim Wilson

All countries affected by the Coronavirus/Cofid-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.**

"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).



Would you like the opportunity to serve on St. James' church council?

Your council is accepting nominations for yourself or for the name of another member to serve.

Please let a council member or Pastor Tonia know of your interest.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Church Council Members

Betty Ames, President bytames@yahoo.com

Steven Cowan, Vice-President denisecowan48@yahoo.com

Joy Goehner; Brian Luepke; Carrie Williams; Donna Zeigler

Church Financial Team:

Amber Lofing, Financial Treasurer & interim Financial / Council Secretary

****See your church directory or website for all council members phone #'s and email**