

WELCOME TO:

St. James' Outdoor Service "On the Lutheran Lawn" - 9:30am
Clap Your Hands as We Sing to the Lord!

Bring a Lawn Chair & Umbrella

We will be honoring the 3 W's.....

"WATCH" our physical distancing –

We are set-up on the west lawn for our service so we have a full lawn of shade and a greater opportunity to be 6' apart & safe!

"WEAR" masks for the "Love of One Another" during singing....

We encourage you to wear your mask but since we have greater distancing it is not being required during the service.

AGAIN, we are requiring you to wear during singing. Thanks.

"WASH" and/or sanitize our hands

We ask you to, if you wish.....



**PRINT THIS BULLETIN..... to follow along with Sunday's
Worship Service - Streaming live or watch later!**

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St. James Lutheran Church

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July 26th, 2020 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Welcome to Worship! We are glad you have joined us here at St. James Lutheran Church.

Prelude

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

GATHERING

Confession & Forgiveness

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe you provide enough for all. We fail to steward Your creation. We fail to love others. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so, we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Assurance of God's Love

Gathering Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Vs 1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior Divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day be wholly thine!

Vs 2 While life's dark maze I tread & griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

Prayer of the Day:

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, so we may treasure the life which comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-14

**** See insert**

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

Please sing along or reflect on these words to:

Psalm 42: "As the Deer" *singing led by Brian & Sheri Luepke and Larry Goehner*

Vs 1 As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

Refrain: *You alone are my strength, my shield; To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.*

Vs 2 You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King,
I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.

Back to refrain:

Vs 3 I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.

Back to refrain:

Hear the 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-39

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

Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel.

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

Hear the reading of the Gospel: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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

Sermon: “Santa and Solomon”

Hymn for Reflection: “Father, I Adore You”

Father, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You!

Jesus, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You!

Spirit, I adore You, Lay my life before You. How I love You!

Prayers of the People:

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Passing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Nourish us through these gifts, so we might proclaim your steadfast love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. 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

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.

The body of Christ given for you; the blood of Christ shed for you.

The love and forgiveness of God.



You were given a pre-packaged wafer and cup of juice or wine when you arrived. We will partake of the elements together as the words are spoken. When you are invited to eat the bread, you will peel back the seal and eat the wafer. When you are invited to drink the wine, you will peel back the seal and drink the wine. Because they come prepackaged with wine and wafer, if you are unable to drink the juice or wine or to eat the bread, know that, because Christ is sacramentally under, over and within both the bread and the wine, one receives the fulness of Eucharistic grace though just one element.

If you do not drink all of the juice or wine please pour it out and return it to the earth. If you do not partake of the bread, please toss it out on the ground also, to feed the birds. After the service please put the cup and wrappers in the garbage along with your bulletin and song sheets.

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

The Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Sending Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Vs 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling, take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

Vs 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face
Our faith ever sharing in love ever caring
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Dismissal:

Go in peace. Christ is with you as we are sent out to reflect the love of God.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JAMES THIS WEEK & BEYOND.....

TODAY: Church Council Meeting – after worship service in person w/
physical distancing
Tuesday July 28th: *Bible Study @ 2:00pm
**B.Y.O.B.& B. - Bring your own Beverage and Bible.*



**Mission Offering for July benefits...
Our Local Stillwater Youth Center**

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US

July 2020 Altar Guild: Sheri Luepke

August 2020 Altar Guild: Karen McDonald

July 2020 Cleaner(s): Bob & Toni Rouane and Brian & Sydne Wanner

August 2020 Cleaner(s): Jamie Hess & Kim Behrent and Corey & Lindsay Adams

July Gate Keepers: Donna Zeigler, Brian & Sheri Luepke & Larry & Joy Goehner

(Any member attending church at this time is encouraged to help w/ this opportunity to serve. Thanks)

Musician(s): Marge Sunvold and Betty Ames

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 continued prayers for:

God’s healing for Terry Rudio; Dennis Gauthier; Aubree Mitchum; Bonnie Sherwood; Denise Cowan; Harold Riensche; Pete Hegg; Sally Bisch; Gary Lofing and Jenny Steffenson.

We lift up those living with cancer: Dennis Gauthier; Les Lane; Kevin Ramer; Arvid Barnam 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.

FOR YOUR REVIEW AND PRAYER **Our 2020 monthly budget to meet is \$8,008.33

FYI.....YTD (Jan – June 2020) (\$7,801.36) under budget

July 5 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 190</u>	under monthly budget (\$7,818.33)
July 12 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,548</u>	under monthly budget (\$6,270.33)
July 19 th Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$2,190</u>	under monthly budget (\$4,080.33)

Continued reminder to give your monthly tithe or offering to your church.....

Remember that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

We should consider His church to be the same.

(Hebrews 13:8).

“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.



Happy July Anniversary

Ian & Joni Morse 7/6; Brian & Sydne Wanner 7/18;
Ken & Pete Hegg 7/23



Happy July Birthday

Vi Ekle 7/4; Alex Tangen 7/5; Chris Fleury 7/7; Karen McDonald 7/17;
Lindsey Adams 7/17; Jim Dickey 7/21; Betty Ames 7/22;
Gloria Brown 7/22; Lanita Maurer 7/22; Ken Hegg 7/23; Sally Bisch 7/23;
Evelyn Williams 7/25; Pat Lashley 7/28; Denise Cowan 7/29; Judy Martin 7/30.



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create such a wonderful memory for us. As soon as Karen receives the order (approx. July or Aug) these books will be ready for purchase! Watch for the notice!

Also, for purchase "sometime" this year, will be beer mugs and wine glasses which have our logo etched on them. Please watch for that notice as well.

Keep watching for "Save the Date" information for events re-scheduled in the year 2021. We will have so much to celebrate next year. Until then, we gather to worship each week in the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

Calling all those who can sew!



St. John's United has been affected by the personal protective equipment national gown shortage and is currently accepting homemade cloth gowns. Gowns should be made of medium weight cotton fabric. Ready to go sew kits with cut out material, bias tape, elastic is at the Lillis Center or you can check out to this link for a gown pattern:

[Pattern for Isolation Gowns](#)

Completed gowns can be dropped off at the St. John's campus check in points off of Rimrock or Poly. Please call Margie Prokop at 655-5218 with any questions.

#AloneTogether Letter Writing Campaign

The elders of St. John's United have been separated from their loved ones due to COVID19 crisis. You can be a friend and provide a bit of joy to someone by sending mail to our residents! For many elders, especially those who do not use technology, receiving mail can be the highlight of their day. We have residents who would love to connect with a long-term pen pal.

If you are interested, please contact Carissa at 655-7727.

You can also send general cards or letters of encouragement to:

St. John's United, Letter Writing Campaign
2429 Mission Way Billings, MT 5910

*Simple
Reminders...*

**Whatever it is that is
worrying you right now,
let it go, forget about it.
Take a deep breath and
trust God. Worrying doesn't
change anything. Prayer does.
This is the day that the Lord
has made; we will rejoice
and be glad in it.**