

# 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".....**



Stillwater County News

Aug 14<sup>th</sup> FB Page

From the Stillwater Billings Clinic. We are up 30 cases with **10 active.**

**The mask directive is again in effect.**

**We want you to wear your mask during the entire worship service. 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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**August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – 11<sup>th</sup> 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: "All Are Welcome"**

Vs 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

#### **Refrain**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

Vs 2 Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Back to Refrain**

Vs 3 Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Back to refrain**

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

*God of all peoples*, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, so your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **WORD**

### **Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup>And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

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

## **Hear the Reading of Psalm 67**

<sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us. <sup>2</sup>Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>4</sup>Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth. <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. <sup>6</sup>The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us. <sup>7</sup>May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

## **Hear the Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

Paul writes, <sup>1</sup>I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2a</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup>For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*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: 15: 21-28**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

## **Sermon: "All Are Welcome"**

### **Hymn for Reflection: "As the Grains of Wheat"**

#### **Refrain:**

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill  
Were gathered into one to become our bread;  
so, may all your people from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.

**Vs 1** As this cup of blessing is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love. **Back to Refrain**

**Vs 2** Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come  
when all creation shares this feast with you. **Back to Refrain**

## **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**

### ***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.*



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 after the invitation. 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.

### ***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.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

### ***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.*

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

## **SENDING**

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

### **Sending Hymn: "Jesus Loves the Little Children"**

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

Ev'rything is beautiful in its own way,  
like a stary summer night or a snow-covered winter's day.  
Ev'rybody's beautiful in their own way,  
under God's Heaven the world's gonna find a way. **Because.....**

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

### **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.....**

**Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup>:** \*Bible Study @ 2:00pm  
\*B.Y.O.B.& B. - *Bring your own Beverage and Bible.*

## **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING US**

*August 2020 Altar Guild: Karen McDonald*

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

*August 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*



*Bev Kem for letting us borrow your keyboard for our outdoor services!*

*Luepke's and Bjorkman's  
for gifting the  
St. James' Parsonage with a  
new Lawn Mower and Anders Bjorkman  
for assembling it for Pastor!  
She thanks you for your generosity.*



*For new prayer requests, please contact **Judy Bjorkman**  
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**PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER...**

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

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

We pray for healing to Judy Bjorkman for stomach problems of unknown origin. Give wisdom to her doctors as they search for a diagnosis. May God give her healing, comfort and peace.

***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 – July 2020) (\$11,176.69) under budget**

August 2 <sup>nd</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,480</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$6,528.33)</i>
August 9 <sup>th</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$3,790</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$2,738.33)</i>

***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 August Anniversary*

*Bev & Bob Kem 8/3; Jim Dickey & Sally Bisch 8/4;  
Harold & Laura Riensche 8/4; Mike & Lori Koski 8/25;  
Brian & Sheri Luipke 8/29*



## *Happy August Birthday*

*Nick Lofing 8/7; Connie Bokma 8/8; Mirah Lofing 8/18;  
Gwen Bjorkman 8/19; Steve Smith 8/20; Arianna Lofing 8/25;  
Danny Ames 8/30; Nathan Lofing 8/31*

### *Update on how Irmgard Is doing.....*

Irmgard is now living at Shipp's Assisted Living in Absarokee.  
She is happy there, making friends, and being helpful.  
She loves to have visitors.

Shipp's is open. It is best to call ahead (328-7361).  
They will take your temperature, require masks, and  
they practice physical distancing.

*From Shipp's Assisted Living FB Page*

[Click here to watch.](#) *Then click on the picture to hear Elvis!  
Irmgard enjoying her new friend Eleanor's Birthday Party!!*

Shipp's is at 103 Brooke Avenue (West on Church Street, they are at the end of the Church on the left) Entrance is on the North side (the door is off their deck)



## *Cookbooks have arrived!!*

*How exciting!*

*They are for sale **NOW!***

***\$10 each***

*Pick yours up at church on Sunday  
or get in touch with Pastor Tonia, Karen, Denise or Betty and  
we will make sure you get a copy or two or three. 😊*

## *Mission Offering for August benefits...*

### *Meadowlark Assisted Living, Beartooth Manor and Shipps Assisted Living*

*Since Covid-19 and facilities are still closed, we will be purchasing gift cards for the Directors to use for Special Treats, rent a New Movie, Donuts for staff, have a Special BBQ etc.*

## *Simple Reminders...*

When I woke up this morning, I asked myself, "What is life about?" I found the answer in my room...the fan said, "Be cool." The ceiling said "Aim high." The window said, "See the world!" The clock said, "Every minute is precious." The mirror said "Reflect before you act." The calendar said, "Be up to date." The door said, "Push hard for your goals." The floor said, "Kneel down and pray. **CAN I GET AN AMEN?**