

# 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.....*



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Worship Service - Streaming live or watch later!**

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**St. James Lutheran Church**

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**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 – 9<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: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

Vs 1 Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy;  
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

**Refrain:** *Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!*

Vs 2 Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and indeed express. **Back to refrain:**

Vs 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! **Back to refrain:**

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

*Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food which satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

**Amen.**

## WORD

#### **Hear the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5**

"Ho, come to the water! Are you penniless? Come anyway—buy and eat. Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk. Buy without money—everything's free! Why do you spend your money on junk food, your hard-earned cash on cotton candy? Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best, fill yourself with only the finest. Pay attention, come close now, listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words. I'm making a lasting covenant commitment with you, the same that I made with David: sure, solid, enduring love. I set him up as a witness to the nations, made him a prince and leader of the nations, and now I'm doing it to you: You'll summon nations you've never heard of, and nations who've never heard of you will come running to you because of me, your GOD, because The Holy of Israel has honored you."

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

#### **Hear the Reading of Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works. <sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup>The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, and you give them their food in due season. <sup>16</sup>You open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. <sup>17</sup>You are righteous in all your ways and loving in all your works. <sup>18</sup>You are near to all who call upon you, to

all who call upon you faithfully. <sup>19</sup>You fulfill the desire of those who fear you; you hear their cry and save them. <sup>20</sup>You watch over all those who love you, but all the wicked you shall destroy. <sup>21</sup>My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.

**Hear the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Romans 9:1-5**

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - <sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*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 14:13-21**

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When Jesus went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

**Sermon: "The Hungry Feast"**

**Hymn for Reflection: "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"**

Refrain:    You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.  
                  Come give to us O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

Vs 1            With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude,  
                  That you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food. *To Vs 2:*

Vs 2            Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
                  Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord?    **Back to refrain:**

Vs 3            The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell;  
                  Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell.    *To Vs 4:*

Vs 4            You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be,  
                  To serve each other in your name in truth and charity.    **Back to refrain:**

**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: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

Vs 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Vs 2 Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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

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

**Meadowlark Assisted Living, Beartooth Manor  
and Shippo 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.*

## **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!*

*Brian & Sheri Luepke and Larry & Joy Goehner for leading our song last Sunday!*

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

Joe & Mina Morse and their family as they grieve the loss of Joe's father, Joseph. Please pray for God's comfort and peace for them during this time.

Eric Graff, friend of Pastor Julie Long, as he was injured in a motorcycle accident last week on Laurel Rd. Please pray for Eric's comfort and complete healing.

***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**

July 5 <sup>th</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 190</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$7,818.33)</i>
July 12 <sup>th</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$1,548</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$6,270.33)</i>
July 19 <sup>th</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$2,190</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$4,080.33)</i>
July 26 <sup>th</sup> Offering Gratefully Received	<u>\$ 705</u>	<i>under monthly budget (\$3,375.33)</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



**Exciting note:** 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 59105

*Simple  
Reminders...*

