

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 8 FB Page

From the Stillwater Billings Clinic. We are up 27 cases with **5 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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St. James Lutheran Church

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August 9th, 2020 – 10th 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 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As thou hast died for me, oh may my love to thee,
pure war, & changeless be, a living fire!

Prayer of the Day:

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

Hear the 1st Reading: 11 Kings 19:7-18

⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven

thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

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

Hear the Reading of Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the Lord God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. ¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. ¹²The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. ¹³Righteousness shall go before the Lord and shall prepare for God a pathway.

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 14:22-33

²²Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” ²⁸Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” ²⁹He said, “Come.” So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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

Sermon: “Stormy Weather”

Hymn for Reflection: “God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

Vs. 1: God of Tempest, God of whirlwind, as on Pentecost descend!
Drive us out from sheltered comfort; past these walls your people send!
Sweep us into costly service, there with Christ to bear the cross,
There with Christ to bear the cross!

Vs 2: God of earthquake, God of thunder, shake us loose from lethargy!
Break the chains of sin asunder, for earth’s healing set us free!
Crumble walls that still divide us; make us one in Christ our Lord,
Make us one in Christ our Lord!

Vs 3: God of passion, God unsleeping, stir in us love’s restlessness!
Where the people cry in anguish, may we share your heart’s distress.
Rouse us from content with evil; claim us for your kingdom’s work,
Claim us for your kingdom’s work!

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: "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

Vs 1: My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Vs. 2: Through all the tumult and the strife, The Lord my Savior liveth.
It finds an echo in my soul. Songs in the night he giveth. **NO refrain, next vs.**

Vs 3: The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

Refrain:

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

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 11th: *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 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.

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 songs!

*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 comfort & peace for Joe & Mina Morse and Pastor Julie Long.

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 2nd Offering Gratefully Received \$1,480 under monthly budget (\$6,528.33)

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 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...*

Here it goes.....



*I hope we can continue to slow down
and enjoy God's blessings day-by-day!*