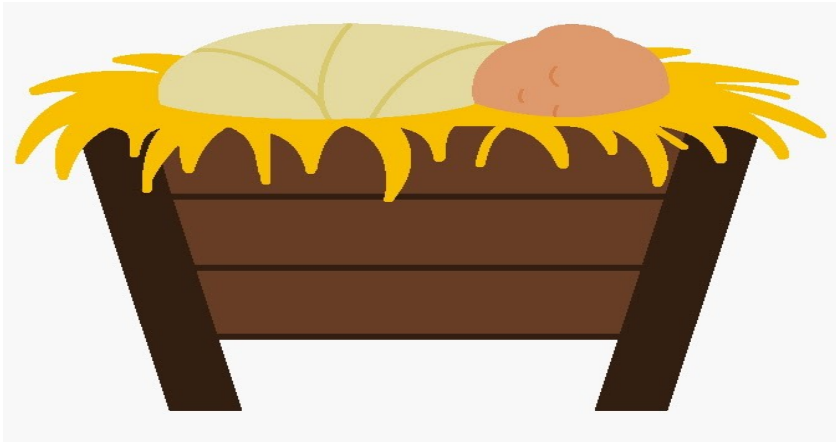
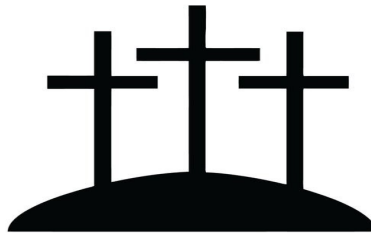


**Advent Midweek 3
December 17/18, 2019**



**THIS LITTLE CHILD, OF
LOWLY BIRTH, SHALL BE
THE JOY OF ALL THE
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Hymns-346-347-(SP)-338-(SJ)-Choir**



Hymn Sing: *Favorite Advent/Christmas Hymns*

Order of Worship: Responsive Prayer 2 (LSB, pg. 285ff)

Hymn: LSB #346 "When All the World Was Cursed"

Opening Versicles

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C: make haste to help me, O Lord,

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Psalm 146

¹Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free; ⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

¹There was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim of the hill country of Ephraim whose name was Elkanah the son of Jeroham, son of Elihu, son of Tohu, son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. ²He had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other, Peninnah. And Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. ³Now this man used to go up year by year from his city to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts at Shiloh, where the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were priests of the LORD. ⁴On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to Peninnah his wife and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵But to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶And her rival used to provoke her grievously to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. ⁷So it went on year by year. As often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. ⁸And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" ⁹After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD and wept bitterly. ¹¹And she vowed a vow and said, "O LORD of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head." ¹²As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. ¹⁴And Eli said to her, "How long will you go on being drunk? Put away your wine from you." ¹⁵But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation." ¹⁷Then Eli answered, "Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him." ¹⁸And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. ¹⁹They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰And in due time Hannah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, "I have asked for him from the LORD." ²¹The man Elkanah and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and to pay his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, "As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, so that he may appear in the presence of the LORD and dwell there forever." ²³Elkanah her husband said to her, "Do what seems best to you; wait until you have weaned him; only, may the LORD establish his word." So the woman remained and nursed her son until she weaned him. ²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I prayed, and the LORD has granted me my petition that I made to him. ²⁸Therefore I have lent him to the LORD. As long as he lives, he is lent to the LORD." And he worshiped the LORD there. ^{2:1}And Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation. ²⁴There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by his actions are

weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble bind on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness, for not by might shall a man prevail. ¹⁰The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces; against them he will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king and exalt the power of his anointed." ¹¹Then Elkanah went home to Ramah. And the boy ministered to the LORD in the presence of Eli the priest.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:57-80

⁵⁷Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸And her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child. And they would have called him Zechariah after his father, ⁶⁰but his mother answered, "No; he shall be called John." ⁶¹And they said to her, "None of your relatives is called by this name." ⁶²And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he wanted him to be called. ⁶³And he asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they all wondered. ⁶⁴And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea, ⁶⁶and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. ⁶⁷And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for he has visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; ⁷²to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, ⁷⁸because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." ⁸⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: LSB #347 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

Sermon: "Heard by God"

Text: 1 Samuel 1:1-2:11

Offering: Please sign the record of fellowship pad found in each pew so we know who is worshipping with us today.

(As the offering is brought forward, congregation stands, singing sts. 1 & 2 of LSB #781)

The Kyrie

P: O Lord, **C: have mercy.**

P: O Christ, **C: have mercy.**

P: O Lord, **C: have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven.
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Versicles

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

C: let my cry come to You.

P: In the day of my trouble I will call upon You,

C: for You answer me.

P: Hide Your face from my sins,

C: and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

C: and renew a right spirit within me.

P: Cast me not away from Your presence,
C: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
P: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C: and uphold me with a willing spirit.
P: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C: my lips will praise You.
P: For You have been my help,
C: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.
P: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C: unite my heart to fear Your name.
P: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C: and I will glorify Your name forever.
P: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
P: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.
P: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C: listen to my plea for grace.

Collect

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Collect for the Word

P: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen

Luther's Evening Prayer

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

Benedicamus

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

C: Amen.

(SP) Hymn: LSB #338 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(SJ) Choir: "Walk In The Light"

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE (*Divine Service with Candlelight*): St. James at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY (*Divine Service*): St. Paul's at 9:00 a.m.

Prayers for those in our family of faith and those close to us...

St. James Members

Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility

Gertrude Kirtz, Lois Lazeration

Those with special concerns....

Charlene Sitas

Tyler Burke

Lindy and Joyce Hanson

Alvina (nee Pollock) O' Connor

Daryl Fabian

Cindy Smith

St. Paul's Members

Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility

Vernie Prust, Eleanor Van Meter

Those with special concerns...

Denna Winters, Mary Lou Trutt, Lowell Pals,

Gregg Winters (Son of Sharon Winters)

Mary Shear (Sister-in-law of Donna Klein)

Glen Skibba

Lori J

Leann Winters (wife of Dale Winters)

Karen Smedbron (Daughter of Delores Smedbron)

Jacqueline Webb (Susan Bennett's sister)

Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)

Amber Pfloughoeft (Granddaughter of Milt and Cindy Smith)

Catherine Hafkey (Sister of Cindy Smith)

Judy Ahlers (Sister of Deb Ennis)

Pastor John Siedschlag and Virginia

Dave and Judy Berna (son-in-law and daughter of Gert Kirtz)

Marylin Fuss (Megan's friend)

Karen Roy (Friend of Bonnie Augustynowicz)

Keira Koslowski (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Becky Smith (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Montey Stratton (Cousin of Christina Fischer)

Ed Kindschi (Sandy Harry's Nephew-in-Law)

Nikki Ravenscroft (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Dr.Scott Nicol (Friend of Sharon Lutz)

Dan Messer (Son-in-law of Vivian Kueker)

Vicki Rummel (Linda Randall's sister)

Darold Hamburg (Friend of Amanda Hatfield)

Margie Lawson (Vivian Kueker's sister)

Those who are persecuted for Christ's Sake.

Pastor Ryan and Emily McDermott & their family .

Remember in Prayer: If you have a prayer request for yourself or a loved one, or are hospitalized either by an emergency or by planned care, please inform Pastor Erdman as soon as possible by calling his cell 920-312-2079, via his email pastor@stjamesnecedah.com or call the church office at 565-7252 and the information will be given to Pastor Erdman. Anyone who needs to reach Pastor Erdman, whether it is an emergency or non-emergency situation, please contact him by calling the church office at 565-7252 or his cell 920-312-2079.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SJ) I would like to send a huge thank you to the Sunday School and Confirmation students and their parents for helping us have a wonderful Christmas Program on December 15. Without the commitment from parents to get their children to practices and the hard work on the part of the children, our program would not have been a success. Thank you as well to Pastor, Sharon, Sandy, Megan, and Lisa for everything you did!!! Sue Kunferman

(SJ) Children Christmas Gift Bags-Thank You to Thrivent Financial and all the members who donated to the children's treat bags today.

(SJ) Children Christmas Program- Sunday School Teachers would like to Thank Pastor Erdman for all his help with the program. And Thank You parents and Grandparents for bringing the children to rehearsals for the Christmas Program.

(SJ) Trustee Thank You- Don Ennis for repairing the furnace in the St. James Sanctuary.

(SJ) Elder Thank You-Ken Hornburg for the donating a wheelchair to St. James Church for Cindy Smith to use for her recovery following knee surgery.

(SJ) Stewardship Commitment Forms-If anyone needs a new form please ask me. Please put your form in a sealed envelope, put your name on the outside of the envelope & put envelope in the offering plate. Thank You, Sharon

(SJ) Family Night- Will be meeting on **Saturday December 28**, from 5pm to 8pm Any questions contact Christina Fischer.

(SJ) Prayer Chain and Fellowship Lists-any additions or deletions please contact Sharon Lutz or Vivian Kueker.

St. James Bible Study/Ladies Aid- Will resume meeting again Monday, January 20th the group meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 PM.

(SJ) Thank You – Thank you to Sandy Harry who constructed our Advent/Christmas banners. The one hangs above the pulpit; the other two hang above the middle entrance doors to the sanctuary. May they be used to the honor, praise and glory of God.

LLL Breakfast Bible Study-Saturday January 11,2020 at St. James, 8am. *All are Welcome.*

St. Paul's Soup 'n Sandwich-Everyone is invited to St. Paul's the 2nd Wednesday of each month from November-March for the annual Soup'n Sandwich Luncheon. Join us for warm soups and even warmer fellowship! Our next luncheon will be on January **15th from 11:30am-1pm**. Please join us! There is no charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid Next LWML/Ladies Aid meeting is going to be March 9, 2020. And Noisy Sunday for mites will be January 26, 2020.