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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-1:30pm
Friday Closed

Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:15am;
Thursday 2pm
Sept. -May

Sunday School

9-10:15am Sept.—May

St. James Worship Service

Sunday 10:30 am
Wednesday 6 pm

St. Paul's Worship Service

Sunday 8:00 am
Bible Study 9:00 am

Organists

Mrs. Sharon Lutz
Mrs. Tracey Draper

***Congregations of the Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
December 24, 2019
Christmas Eve***

Our Mission

"Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In with the Lord!"



***St. James Lutheran Church
1106 S. Main St. Necedah, WI 54646***



***St. Paul's Lutheran Church
N15296 19th Ave. Nekoosa, WI 54457
(New Miner)***

The Members of St. James and St. Paul's
welcome you to the family of our Lord Jesus Christ!

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Sunday Worship services at St. James are broadcast live by Mauston radio WRJC AM 1270 and 92.9FM

Christmas Eve

December 24, 2019

Hymns—379-621-380-368-366-363



Pre-Service Prayers (see inside front cover of LSB)

As We Gather

The Light of Christ Shines Forth in the Darkness

Heaven and earth rejoice on this night because the glory of the Holy Trinity is manifested in the human birth of “*our great God and Savior Jesus Christ*” (Titus 2:13), through whom the Father’s grace and mercy permeate the world. Death’s silence is nullified by this “*good news of great joy that will be for all the people*” (Luke 2:10). And all we who have gone astray like lost and wandering sheep, who have “*walked in darkness*” of doubt, fear and sinful unbelief, behold “*a great light*” in the nativity of Jesus Christ (Is. 9:2). In Him, “*the grace of God has appeared*” (Titus 2:11). For this child of Mary who is born for us, this dear Son of God who is given to us, bears the burden of our sin and death in His own body on the cross. By initiating and fulfilling His earthly journey from nativity to crucifixion, Christ establishes a government of peace, “*with justice and with righteousness,*” which shall have no end. This is not by any work of man, but “*the zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this*” (Is. 9:7).

Prelude “O Holy Night”

Lynne Oens

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #379 “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

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Introit

Psalm 2:1–2, 4–6; antiphon: Liturgical Text

When all was still, and it was midnight,

your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

Why do the nations rage

and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together,

against the Lord and against his anointed.

He who sits in the heavens laughs;

the Lord holds them in derision.

Then he will speak to them in his wrath,

and terrify them in his fury, saying,

“As for me, I have set my King

on Zion, my holy hill.”

When all was still, and it was midnight,

your almighty Word, O Lord, descended from the royal throne.

♫ **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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Collect of the Day: O God, You make this most holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that as we have known the mysteries of that Light on earth we may also come to the fullness of His joys in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♫Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Special Music: “Welcome To Our World” Penny Oens & Aliyah Davis , Lilly Oens, Stevie Emanuel, Isabella Emanuel , Stephanie Emanuel

Epistle Reading

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Alleluia and Verse -Pg. 205

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn of the Day: LSB #621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Sermon: "A Thief in the Night"

Text: Luke 2:1-20

Nicene Creed

Our Prayers

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)

Our Prayers

The Divine Service of the Sacrament-Pg. 208

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table all who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is professed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to

receive the Sacrament, must first speak with the pastor or the elder. For those who are in need of non-alcoholic wine, that is provided in the middle of the tray. Also, if you are in need of a gluten-free wafer please speak to an elder or the pastor before the service.

Distribution Hymns:

LSB #380 “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

LSB #368 “Angels We Have Heard on High”

LSB #366 “It Came upon the Midnight Clear”

Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 211 “Nunc Dimittis”

Benediction– Pg. 212

Hymn of Departure: LSB #363 “Silent Night, Holy Night” (Candle Light)

Accompaniment Terry Schulz

As we prepare to sing “*Silent Night, Holy Night*,” arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Jesus said: “*I am the light of the world; whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*” We declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. For God who said, “*Let light shine out of darkness,*” made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. No longer will the sun be your light by day or the moon by night: I, the Lord will be your eternal light. You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before all, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for the fruit of light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

(For the Candle Lighting, please tilt your unlit candle to the lit candle.)

Those Serving in our Worship Today:
Preacher, Lector and Celebrant-Rev. Roger Erdman
Organist-Mrs. Tracey Draper
Organist-Mrs. Sharon Lutz
Guitar-Terry Schulz
Crucifer: Dayton Oens
Acolytes: Mitchel and Rosie Gatzke

Elder for the Month of December Dan Peterson
Trustee for the Month of December Milt Smith
St. James Altar Care for the Month of December Nicole Burke/Debby Ennis
St. Paul’s Altar Care for the Month of December Denna & Tracey
Flowers: Poinsettia
Radio Sponsors:

Special Needs for
Necedah Food Pantry
VA Christmas Cards/Stamps Hot Chocolate (sugar free too!)

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)

Ginny Link

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)

Vicki Rummel (Linda Randall's sister)

Darold Hamburg (Friend of Amanda Hatfield)

Margie Lawson (Vivian Kueker's sister)

Tusty Rummel (Linda Randall's brother)

Christine Dietz (ex-wife of Peter Taraban)

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.

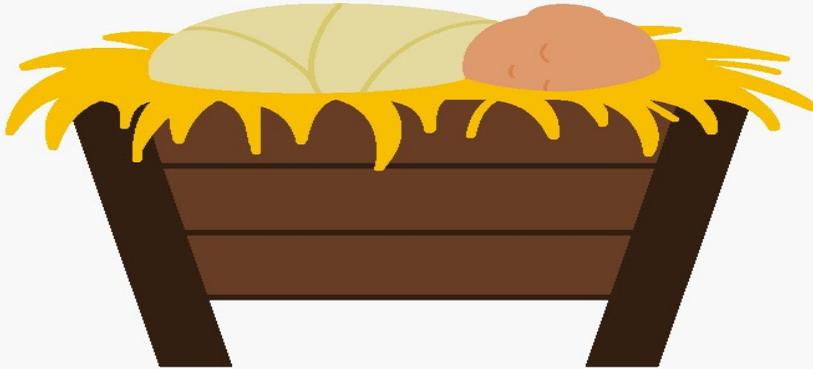
Our Gifts to God for December 18,22

<u>St. James</u>	
Budget Amt. Needed/wk.	\$ 1,538.46
<u>Total Gifts to God</u>	<u>\$ 3,607.78</u>
Total Weekly Budget (over)	\$ 2,069.32

Attendance: 12-18 (28) 12-22 (48)

<u>St. Paul's</u>	
Plate	\$ 5.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 561.00</u>
Total	\$ 566.00

Attendance: 12-17 () 12-22 ()



Week of December 22-28

St. Paul's
Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

St. James
Worship Service: 10:30 w/c

Tuesday-Christmas Eve Worship Service at St. James 7pm w/c
Wednesday Christmas Day Worship Service at St. Paul's w/c 9am
Saturday St. James Family Night 5pm-8pm

Sunday, December 29, 2019

St. Paul's
Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

St. James
Worship Service: 10:30 am w/c

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Please Note Service time change on December 29, 2019 will be 8:30 a.m.

(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) 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.