



**Congregations of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod**

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

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



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

*Rev. Roger A. Erdman, Pastor*



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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday. 9 am – 2 pm - Closed on Friday  
Sunday Worship services at St. James are broadcast live by Mauston radio WRJC 1270AM and 92.9FM

**First Sunday in Lent • Divine Service Setting Three (pg. 184ff)**

**February 21, 2021**

**Hymns: 424, 581 (Sts. 1, 10-12), 602, 707, 422**

## Pre-Service Prayers

### As We Gather

#### *Christ Jesus Defeats Our Temptation and Saves Us by His Faithfulness*

In faith and the fear of God, Abraham prepared to sacrifice his beloved son, Isaac. At the Word of the Lord, he *“took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son.”* And *“when they came to the place of which God had told him,”* Abraham bound Isaac *“and laid him on the altar”* (Gen. 22:6, 9). Then God stayed Abraham’s hand and provided *“for himself the lamb for a burnt offering”* (Gen. 22:8). That Lamb is God’s own beloved Son, Jesus, in whom *“all the nations of the earth”* are blessed (Gen. 22:18). As the Substitute for all the sons of men, Jesus is driven by the Spirit *“into the wilderness”* to be *“tempted by Satan”* (Mark 1:12–13) in order to endure and defeat all temptation. We are tempted by our own desire, which conceives and *“gives birth to sin”* (James 1:14–15). But this blessed Man, Christ Jesus, remained *“steadfast under trial,”* and He has received *“the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him”* (James 1:12). His faithfulness, His victory and His life are now given to us by His grace in the Gospel.

## Hymn of Invocation

LSB 424

## Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Psalm

*Psalm 25:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>To you, O LORD,

**I lift up my soul.**

<sup>2</sup>O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

**let not my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup>Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;

**teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

**for you I wait all the day long.**

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,

**for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;

**therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup>He leads the humble in what is right,  
**and teaches the humble his way.**

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
**for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**☩ 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.**

Kyrie 

LSB 186

**☩ Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**☩**  **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through 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

*1 Kings 21:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>Now Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard in Jezreel, beside the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. <sup>2</sup>And after this Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near my house, and I will give you a better vineyard for it; or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its value in money.” <sup>3</sup>But Naboth said to Ahab, “The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.” <sup>4</sup>And Ahab went into his house vexed and sullen because of what Naboth the Jezreelite had said to him, for he had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed and turned away his face and would eat no food.

<sup>5</sup>But Jezebel his wife came to him and said to him, “Why is your spirit so vexed that you eat no food?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money, or else, if it please you, I will give you another vineyard for it.’ And he answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” <sup>7</sup>And Jezebel his wife said to him, “Do you now govern Israel? Arise and eat bread and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

<sup>8</sup>So she wrote letters in Ahab's name and sealed them with his seal, and she sent the letters to the elders and the leaders who lived with Naboth in his city. <sup>9</sup>And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth at the head of the people. <sup>10</sup>And set two worthless men opposite him, and let them bring a charge against him, saying, 'You have cursed God and the king.' Then take him out and stone him to death." <sup>11</sup>And the men of his city, the elders and the leaders who lived in his city, did as Jezebel had sent word to them. As it was written in the letters that she had sent to them, <sup>12</sup>they proclaimed a fast and set Naboth at the head of the people. <sup>13</sup>And the two worthless men came in and sat opposite him. And the worthless men brought a charge against Naboth in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth cursed God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death with stones. <sup>14</sup>Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned; he is dead."

<sup>15</sup>As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money, for Naboth is not alive, but dead." <sup>16</sup>And as soon as Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab arose to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*James 1:12–18*

<sup>12</sup>Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. <sup>13</sup>Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup>But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. <sup>15</sup>Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

<sup>16</sup>Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. <sup>17</sup>Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:9–15*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

**C**  **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opening and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C**  Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## Hymn of the Day

*LSB 581 (Sts. 1, 10-12)*

## Sermon

*1 Kings 21:1-16: Commandments Nine & Ten*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## Offertory

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

**Offering - Please sign the record of fellowship pad found in each pew so we know is worshipping with us today.** *Temporarily the offering is collected at the back of the sanctuary at both congregations*

**Prayer of the Church**

## **(SJ) Service of the Sacrament**

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.

**Preface** 

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus** 

*LSB 195*

**C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### Lord's Prayer

*LSB 196*

- C** 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.**

### The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

*LSB 197*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei

*LSB 198*

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

### Distribution Hymn

*LSB 602*

### Distribution Hymn

*LSB 707*

### Nunc Dimittis

*LSB 199*

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,

**for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
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.**

## Thanksgiving

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  give you peace.  
**C** Amen, amen, amen.

## Hymn to Depart

*LSB 422*

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## Our Gifts to God

### St. James – Attendance: 17

Offering Plate (Envelopes & Loose): \$2,059.68  
Radio Sponsorship: \$175.00  
Sunday School: \$5.00  
Total: \$2,239.68

### St. Paul's – Attendance: No Service

Offering Plate (Envelopes & Loose): \$0.00  
Total: \$0.00

## Stewardship Thought

**Mark 1:13** – “**And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.**” God the Father cares for Jesus even in the midst of his temptation in the wilds. God cares for us in every situation as well. Jesus realized this and always acted from the basis of trust in God the Father’s provision. This is likewise the basis for our life lived in Christ: God cares for us, so we need not act out of fear or greed.

## Lectionary Readings to prepare for next week’s worship

*Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 26:57-68*

## Daily Readings for Week 8 *(as found in The Lutheran Study Bible Two-Year Reading Plan)*

Feb 21: Divine Service

Feb 22: Exodus 23:1-24:18

Feb 23: Exodus 25:1-27:21

Feb 24: Exodus 28:1-29:46

Feb 25: Exodus 30:1-31:18

Feb 26: Exodus 32:1-35

Feb 27: Exodus 33:1-23

**Life Thoughts:** “Do not lay your hand on the boy ... the Lord will provide” (Genesis 22:12-14). Don’t mothers and fathers experiencing surprise pregnancies have the need—and the right—to hear this plea from God Himself? And what a privilege we have to repeat the holy prohibition and promise! Jesus Christ has stepped into every sinner’s place (Mark 1:9, 13), and no other death is necessary or sufficient. His alone will atone for all of our shortcomings.

## Announcements

**Confirmation Class** will be Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and posted to Facebook

**Thrivent**-All Thrivent members are asked to please check their accounts to see if they have earned any "Choice Dollars". You must designate where this money is to go (such as-St. James or St. Paul's etc) prior to March 31 or the money is lost. Don't let this money be wasted. To check your account, go on line or call 1-800-847-4836. Thanks.

**The Furnace Donation Amount is Currently \$2,253.00**

## Lent/Easter Sermon Schedule

Lent has begun with our sermon series on the Ten Commandments for the Sundays in Lent and Holy Week. Kindly note our Lenten Midweek service dates and times: St. James’ services are Wednesdays

at 5:30 p.m. There will be no Lenten Midweek services at St. Paul's. **The midweek services will be livestreamed from St. James for those who are not able to attend in person**

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

**St. Paul's Members:**

**Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility**

Eleanor Van Meter

**Those with Special Concerns**

Denna Winters

Mary Lou Trutt

**Loved Ones of the Congregation**

Gregg Winters (son of Sharon Winters)

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

Glen Skibba

Leann Winters (wife of Dale Winters)

Karen Smedbron (daughter of Delores Smedbron)

Todd Wallender (son of Patsy Wallender)

Ginny Link

Delores Smedbron

**St. James Members:**

**Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility**

Gertrude Kirtz

**Those with Special Concerns**

Tyler Burke

Alvina (nee Pollock) O' Connor

Daryl Fabian

Linda Randall

Vivian Elliott

MaryAnn Peterson

**Those Who Grieve For**

Catie Newsome

**Loved Ones of the Congregation**

Judy Ahlers (sister of Deb Ennis)

Dave and Judy Berna (family of Gert Kirtz)

Marylin Fuss (Megan's friend)

Karen Roy (Friend of Bonnie Augustynowicz)

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

Christine Dietz (ex-wife of Peter Taraban)

Ken Finke (Brother of Deb Ennis)

Donna Wick (sister of Bill Gatzke)

Delaney Kraemer (Friend of the Fischer Family)

Daniel O' Connor (husband of Alvina O' Connor)

Steve & Edie Norling

Arie Loewenhagen (Friend of Sandy Harry)

Ronald Hansen (Brother of Joyce Hanson)

Darlene Oens (Christina Fischer's Aunt)

Laudon Reddick (Friend of Christina Fischer)

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](mailto: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.

# Those Serving in Worship Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Roger Erdman  
Organist: (SP) Mrs. Tracey Draper, (SJ) Mrs. Sharon Lutz  
SJ Elder for the Month (January): Ken Hornburg  
SJ Trustee for the Month (January): Milt Smith  
SJ Altar Care for the Month (January): Altar Guild Members  
SP Altar Care for the Month (January): Denna Winters & Tracey Draper  
SJ Radio Sponsors: Ken Hornburg in Memory of Anna  
SJ Altar Flowers: No Altar Flowers During Lent

## Special Needs for February

- At this time the VA is not accepting donations
- Necedah Food Pantry – Any non-perishable food items

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### St Paul's

Worship: Sunday 8:00 am  
Bible Study: 9:00 am

### St James

Worship: Sunday 10:30 am, Wednesday 5:30 pm  
Sunday School (Sept.- May): 9:00 am  
Bible Study (Sept.- May): Sunday 9:15 am, Thursday 1:30-3:00 pm