



Congregations of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

St James Lutheran Church

1106 S. Main St. Necedah, WI 54646

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

Rev. Roger A. Erdman, Pastor



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

Second Sunday in Lent • Divine Service Setting Four (pg. 203ff)

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Hymns: 430, 581 (Sts. 1, 9, 11-12), 563, 617, 422

Pre-Service Prayers

As We Gather

By the Cross of Our Lord Jesus, We Inherit Life Everlasting with God

In His covenant with Abraham, the Lord promised to be with him, to bless him and to make him “*the father of a multitude of nations.*” It is “*an everlasting covenant*” in Christ Jesus, the seed of Abraham who is blameless before God Almighty. All who believe in this Lord Jesus are the offspring of Abraham and are blessed “*throughout their generations*” (Gen. 17:1–7), because the Christ has suffered many things. He was rejected and killed, and after three days He rose again (Mark 8:31). To comprehend this theology of the cross, we must set our minds “*on the things of God,*” and not “*on the things of man*” (Mark 8:33). “*God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” (Rom. 5:8). Therefore, having been “*reconciled to God by the death of his Son,*” much more “*shall we be saved by his life*” (Rom. 5:10). Baptized into His cross and resurrection, “*we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*” and by faith we rejoice in the hope of His glory (Rom. 5:1–2).

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 430

Confession and Absolution

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore give 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 22:22–31

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him,
and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him,
but has heard, when he cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will perform before those who fear him

²⁶The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!
May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD
and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

²⁸For kingship belongs to the LORD,
and he rules over the nations.

²⁹All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive.

³⁰Posterity shall serve him;
it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation;

³¹they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn,
that he has done it.

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 204

C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C  And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

¹When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ²that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–11

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:57–68

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-sixth chapter.

C  Glory to You, O Lord.

⁵⁷Then those who had seized Jesus led him to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders had gathered. ⁵⁸And Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high

priest, and going inside he sat with the guards to see the end. ⁵⁹Now the chief priests and the whole Council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, ⁶⁰but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward ⁶¹and said, “This man said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days.’” ⁶²And the high priest stood up and said, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” ⁶³But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” ⁶⁴Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What is your judgment?” They answered, “He deserves death.” ⁶⁷Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, ⁶⁸saying, “Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C  Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 581 (Sts. 1, 9, 11-12)

Sermon

Matthew 26:59-61; Commandment Eight

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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*

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 208

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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 208

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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

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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

**You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

**Distribution Hymn
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*LSB 563
LSB 617*

Nunc Dimittis 

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.

2 All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.

Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

Benedicamus 

LSB 212

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction 

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart

LSB 422

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Divine Service, Setting Four from Lutheran Service Book

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Our Gifts to God

St. James – Attendance: 31

Offering Plate (Envelopes & Loose): \$2,350.00
Radio Sponsorship: \$35.00
Sunday School: \$5.00
Total: \$2,390.00

St. Paul's – Attendance: 11

Offering Plate (Envelopes & Loose): \$1,036.00
Total: \$1,036.00

Stewardship Thought

Mark 8:32 – “**And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.**” Anytime we sin we are acting like Peter: thinking we know better than the Lord. But as Jesus says, such acts stem from Satan. So let us repent: let us trust our Lord Jesus and follow Him. For certainly He has earned our trust with His gracious sacrifice for us.

Lectionary Readings to prepare for next week's worship

Exodus 20:1-17, Corinthians 1:18-31, John 12:1-8

Daily Readings for Week 9 (as found in *The Lutheran Study Bible Two-Year Reading Plan*)

Feb 28: Divine Service

Mar 1: Exodus 34:1-35

Mar 2: Exodus 35:1-36:38

Mar 3: Exodus 37:1-38:31

Mar 4: Exodus 39:1-40:38

Mar 5: Leviticus 1:1-17

Mar 6: Leviticus 2:1-3:17

Life Thoughts What “rejoicing” (Romans 5:3) can we do when abuse, abandonment, and poverty complicate pregnancy? What “hope” (Romans 5:4) can we have when terminal illness takes a loved one’s faculties, functions, and future? Just this: Through Jesus, God takes up our crosses (Mark 8:34) that we may live under His—and live immediately, abundantly, and eternally (Mark 8:35).

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

Palmer Peterson

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 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

Confirmation Class will be Saturday, March 6th 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 \$2,671.00

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**

Convention Resolution Results: The results of the LCMS Convention Resolution to move the Synod Convention one year to 2023 have been tabulated. Congregations of the Synod that voted (63.32%) overwhelmingly voted "yes" (90.67%) to move the convention one year to 2023. This means that our South Wisconsin District Convention will also be moved one year to 2022. For a full report of the results, the LCMS website can be accessed at: lcmc.org. The report heading is titled: "LCMS National Convention Delayed for One Year." Thank you.

Those Serving in Worship Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Roger Erdman

Organist: (SP) Mrs. Tracey Draper, (SJ) Mrs. Sharon Lutz

SJ Elder for the Month (February): Ken Hornburg

SJ Trustee for the Month (February): Milt Smith

SJ Altar Care for the Month (February): Altar Guild Members

SP Altar Care for the Month (February): Denna Winters & Tracey Draper

SJ Radio Sponsors: Lindy & Joyce Hanson

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