

Good Friday

April 10, 2020



[Jesus said:] “It is finished!”
(John 19:30)

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

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Office Hours: Mon. –Thurs. 8:30am-1:30pm; Friday Closed

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

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April 19, 2020

Hymns: 427 - 425 - 447 - 450 (stanzas 1, 3, and 7)



✠PREPARATION✠

AS WE GATHER

God is dead. Not figuratively. Literally. Today—Good Friday—we let that truth sink deep into our repentant hearts.

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PSALM

Psalm 31:1-5

¹In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
in your righteousness deliver me!

²Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

³For you are my rock and my fortress;

and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;

⁴you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,

for you are my refuge.

⁵Into your hand I commit my spirit;

you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

HYMN: LSB # 427 “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

PRAYER OF THE Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, graciously behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same 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

Zechariah 12:10-14

¹⁰[Thus declares the LORD] “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn. ¹¹On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. ¹²The land shall mourn, each family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the Shimeites by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴and all the families that are left, each by itself, and their wives by themselves.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1-8

¹And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

⁶Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

SERMON TEXT: Zechariah 12:10–14

SERMON TITLE: “God is Dead”

HYMN OF THE DAY: LSB #425 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

PRAYERS: Bidding Prayer (see insert)

++ THE TENEBRAE ++

HYMN: LSB #447 (stanzas 1-3) “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

The Word of Forgiveness

Luke 23:33–38

When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they don’t know what they are doing.” And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. The crowd watched and the leaders scoffed. “He saved others,” they said, “let him save himself if he is really God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.” The soldiers mocked him, too, by offering him a drink of sour wine. They called out to him, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” A sign was fastened above him with these words: “This is the King of the Jews.”

The First Candle is Extinguished

HYMN: LSB #447 (stanzas 4-6) “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

The Word of Promise

Luke 23:39–43

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” But the other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Second Candle is Extinguished

HYMN: LSB #447 (stanzas 7-9) “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

The Word of Love

John 19:25-27

Standing near the cross were Jesus’ mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary (the wife of Clopas), and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother standing there beside the disciple he loved, he said to her, “Dear woman, here is your son.” And he said to this disciple, “Here is your mother.” And from then on this disciple took her into his home.

The Third Candle is Extinguished

HYMN: LSB #447 (stanzas 10-12) “Jesus, in Your Dying Woes”

The Word of Forsakenness

Mark 15:25-35

It was nine o’clock in the morning when they crucified him. A sign announced the charge against him. It read, “The King of the Jews.” Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. The people passing by shouted abuse, shaking their heads in mockery. “Ha! Look at you now!” they yelled at him. “You said you were going to destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days. Well then, save yourself and come down from the cross!” The leading priests and teachers of religious law also mocked Jesus. “He saved others,” they scoffed, “but he can’t save himself! Let this Messiah, this King of Israel, come down from the cross so we can see it and believe him!” Even the men who were crucified with Jesus ridiculed him. At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o’clock. Then at three o’clock Jesus called out with a loud voice, “*Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?*” which means “My God, my

God, why have you abandoned me?" Some of the bystanders misunderstood and thought he was calling for the prophet Elijah.

The Fourth Candle is Extinguished

HYMN: LSB #447 (stanzas 13-15) "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

The Word of Suffering

John 19:28-29

Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips.

The Fifth Candle is Extinguished

HYMN: LSB #447 (stanzas 16-18) "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

The Word of Victory

John 19:30

When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!" Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

The Sixth Candle is Extinguished

HYMN: LSB #447 (stanzas 19-21) "Jesus, in Your Dying Woes"

The Word of Trust

Luke 23:44-47

By this time it was about noon, and darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. The light from the sun was gone. And suddenly, the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn down the middle. Then Jesus shouted, "Father, I entrust my spirit into your hands!" And with those words he breathed his last. When the Roman officer overseeing the execution saw what had happened, he worshiped God and said, "Surely this man was innocent."

The Seventh Candle is Extinguished

HYMN: LSB #450 (stanzas 1, 3, 5, 7) "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken softly)*

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.

SYMBOLIC REMOVAL OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

The removal of the Christ Candle symbolizes that our Savior hung in darkness for three God-forsaken hours before he died for the sins of the world.

SHUTTING OF THE TOMB

SILENT RECESSIONAL

The congregation leaves the church in silence. The offering is received at the rear of the sanctuary as you leave.

SILENT PRAYER

Holy Spirit, empower me to look upon the Pierced One—the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. In Jesus name. Amen.

Those Serving in our Worship Today:

Elder for the Month of April is Thomas Emanuel

Trustee for the Month of April is Sandy Harry

St. James Altar Care for the Month of April is Sandy Harry, Tammy Erdman, Penny Oens

St. Paul's Altar Care for the Month of April is Denna & Tracey

Flowers: *No flowers on the altar during Lent*

Radio Sponsor: Mason Stott/Thrivent

Special Needs for April

Denture-Bath, Cleaner or Adhesive Nail Clippers

Necedah Food Pantry– Any non-perishable food item



ZECHARIAH

YOUR
KINGDOM
COME

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

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,

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

Delores Smedborn

Amber Pfloughoelt (Granddaughter of Milt and 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)

Marilyn Fuss (Megan's friend)

Karen Roy (Friend of Bonnie Augustynowicz)

Montey Stratton (Cousin of Christina Fischer)

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

Nikki Ravenscroft (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Darold Hamburg (Friend of Amanda Hatfield)

Margie Lawson (Vivian Kueker's sister)

Christine Dietz (ex-wife of Peter Taraban)

Ginny Link

Ken Finke (Brother of Deb Ennis)

Donna Wick (sister of Bill Gatzke)

Delaney Kraemer (Friend of the Fischer Family)

Joan Crabtree (Mother-in-law of Cathy Crabtree)

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

IN RESPECT TO THE COVID-19 (NOVEL CORONAVIRUS) MANDATES, WE ARE SUSPENDING ALL OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, CLASSES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

An abbreviated Sunday worship service (no Holy Communion) will be broadcast at 10:30 a.m. on SMASH Country (WRJC) – 92.9 FM.

Those desiring Holy Communion are invited to call the church office (608-565-7252) to set up an appointment. Keep in mind, the limit for each appointment is nine people. Both the common cup and individual cup will be available.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER RADIO BROADCASTS – Kindly note the radio broadcast schedule for Holy Week/Easter. As you know, we are not able to hold regular worship services during this time because of the “Safer at Home” order in effect. Therefore, in addition to our 10:30 Sunday morning worship at St. James, the Maundy Thursday (7:00 p.m.) and the Good Friday (2:00 p.m.) worship services will be broadcast on SMASH COUNTRY – 92.9 FM. Those who have a smart phone can download the station’s app for livestreaming.

Keep in mind at St. James there will not be a 7:00 p.m. Good Friday worship service broadcast or a SONRISE worship service broadcast; nor will there be an Easter Breakfast. At St. Paul’s there will not be an Easter Brunch.

Thank you for your patience during this time of national emergency, as many of our worship services, classes and other activities have been curtailed. We will notify you with any changes to our scheduled worship services, classes and other activities, as things change regarding this matter.

THANK YOU – Recently St. James’s Church Council approved the updating of the major church office equipment – computers and copier/printer. The computer updates by Delacom Computer (Al Delap), Mauston; the copier/printer from Rhyme Business Products, Portage. Cathy Crabtree, Sandy Kriese, Stevie Emanuel, Pastor Erdman, and the many others who use this equipment are especially grateful. These updates provide to make us more efficient in serving the needs of our congregations. A special ***Thank You*** to St. James’s Ladies Aid for providing the funding for the copier/printer. May this office equipment be used to the praise, honor, and glory of God.

THANK YOU – During this time with no worship services at St. James because of the “Safer at Home” order in effect, the Trustees have taken the time to do clean the fellowship hall carpeting. It looks great! It is greatly appreciated.

After much communication with the SWD-LWML, it has been decided, because of Governor Evers “Stay at Home” order, we will be postponing the Spring Rally at Good Shepherd until Saturday May 16th. Everything will remain the same expect the date change. May God bless each of you and keep you safe and healthy in His care.

Sincere thank you to the Ladies Aid respondents on the copier request. I am pleased to say that it is a need that has been covered through the diligent work of the Ladies Aid for St. James and the Lord’s work. Very much appreciated...Karin Ganther and the St. James