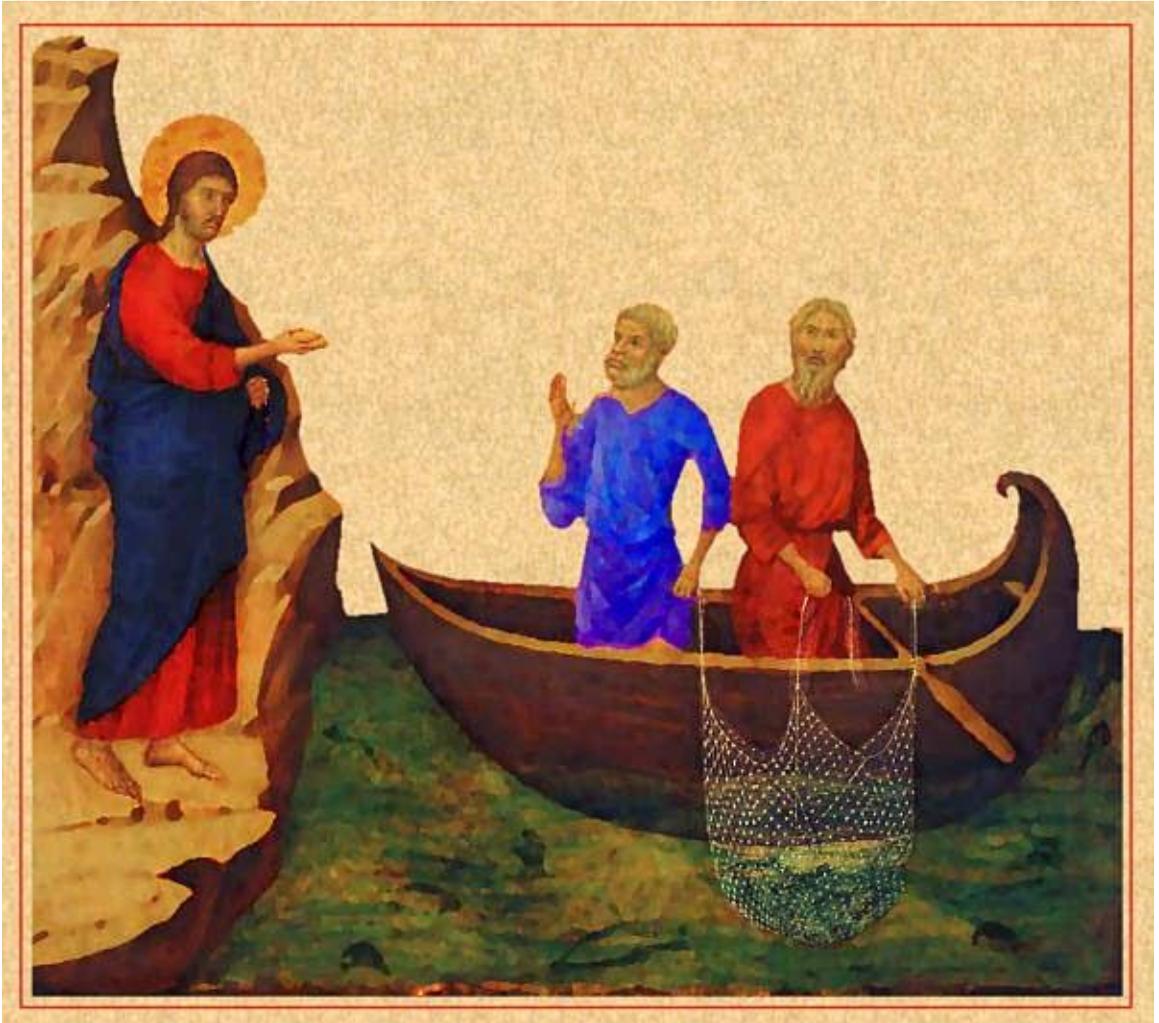


**Third Sunday After Epiphany**  
**January 24, 2021**



**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

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**January 24, 2021**

**Hymns: 839, 614, 618, 619, 685**

### **Pre-Service Prayers**

As We Gather

#### ***The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name***

When “*the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time,*” sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, “*Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD*” (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they “*believed God,*” as He spoke to them through His prophet, “*they turned from their evil way*” and were spared “*the disaster that he had said he would do to them*” (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that “*the appointed time has grown very short*” (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for “*the present form of this world is passing away*” (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give “*your undivided devotion to the Lord*” (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, “*the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand*” (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become “*fishers of men*” with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

### **Hymn of Invocation**

LSB 839

## **Confession and Absolution**

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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 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 62*

<sup>1</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
**from him comes my salvation.**

<sup>2</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;  
**I shall not be greatly shaken.**

<sup>3</sup>How long will all of you attack a man to batter him,  
**like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?**

<sup>4</sup>They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood.  
**They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
**for my hope is from him.**

<sup>6</sup>He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress;  
**I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
**my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;  
**God is a refuge for us.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion;  
**in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.**

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery;  
**if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:  
**that power belongs to God, <sup>12</sup>and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.**

For you will render to a man  
**according to his work.**

**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.**

**Gloria in Excelsis** 

*LSB 204*

**C 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.  
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.  
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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

*Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 7:29–31*

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
C **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**  
C **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 1:14–20*

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>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.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day

*LSB 614*

## Sermon

*Jonah 3:1-5, 10:A God of Life*

## 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 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.**

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

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 T 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 T 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

*LSB 210*

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

*LSB 618*

## Distribution Hymn

*LSB 619*

## 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**

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.**

### **Benedicamus**

*LSB 212*

A 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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

### **Hymn to Depart**

*LSB 685*

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

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28*

### Daily Readings for Week 4 *(as found in The Lutheran Study Bible Two-Year Reading Plan)*

Jan. 24: Divine Service

Jan. 25: Genesis 36:1-37:36

Jan. 26: Genesis 38:1-39:23

Jan. 27: Genesis 40:1-23

Jan. 28: Genesis 41:1-40

Jan. 29: Genesis 41:41-57

Jan. 30: Genesis 42:1-44:34

**Life Thoughts:** Love doesn't just "live and let live." God has put love and power together (Psalm 62:11-12). Love won't settle for "personal choice" or "public opinion" or "political controversy." Remaining silent about sins like abortion and assisted suicide may avoid one kind of offense. But it perpetrates a greater one by refraining from showing love. Real compassion acts with courage. It means words of warning as much as words of winning over.

## Our Gifts to God

### St. James – Attendance: 20

Offering Plate (Envelopes & Loose): \$1369.00

Radio Sponsorship: \$0.00

Furnace \$503.00

Sunday School: \$5.00

Total: \$1877.00

### St. Paul's – Attendance: 10

Offering Plate (Envelopes & Loose): \$537.00

### Stewardship Thought

**Mark 1:14-15** – "... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.' " To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

*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 Trtutt

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

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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.

# Announcements

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

**Prayer Chain:** If anyone desires a change in our Prayer Chain for 2021, please talk to Vivian Kueker or Sharon Lutz. There is no risk of Covid-19 so please join us!

**VOTERS' MEETINGS** – The regularly scheduled quarterly Voters' Meetings for both St. James and St. Paul's will be held Sunday, February 7 following each's worship service. Additionally, an agenda item includes an opportunity to vote on a resolution – “yes” or “no” – to move the upcoming national Synod Convention from 2022 to 2023. This resolution stems from the ongoing covid pandemic.

## 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): Richard Braund

SJ Trustee for the Month (January): Sandy Harry

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

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

SJ Radio Sponsors: Kathy Waltermath

SJ Altar Flowers:

## Special Needs for January

- 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