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Congregations of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

St James Lutheran Church
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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

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Hymns: 412, 395, 397, 374, 370

Pre-Service Prayers

(SJ) Sanctuary Light Blessing

As We Gather

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); and when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

Hymn of Invocation

LSB 412

Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Psalm

Psalm 72:1–11

¹Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the royal son!

²May he judge your people with righteousness,

and your poor with justice!

³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,

and the hills, in righteousness!

⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy,

and crush the oppressor!

⁵May they fear you while the sun endures,

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

⁶May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth!

⁷In his days may the righteous flourish,

and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

⁸May he have dominion from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth!

⁹May desert tribes bow down before him

and his enemies lick the dust!

¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

¹¹May all kings fall down before him,

all nations serve him!

**C 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.**

Kyrie 

LSB 186

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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:

C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.


For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C  **And with thy spirit.**


P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word.

Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; 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

Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

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

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia


LSB 190

C **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.


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

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

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.**

Sermon

- 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

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; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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

P 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.

C **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 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

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 397

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LSB 374

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen, amen, amen.**

Hymn to Depart

LSB 370

Acknowledgments

Divine Service, Setting Three from Lutheran Service Book

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Lectionary Readings to prepare for next week's worship

Genesis 1:1-5, Romans 6:1-11, Mark 1:4-11

Daily Readings for Week 104 *(as found in The Lutheran Study Bible Two-Year Reading Plan)*

Jan.10: Divine Service

Jan. 11: Acts 12:1-14:28

Jan. 12: Acts 15:1-35

Jan. 13: Acts 15:36-16:40

Jan. 14: Acts 17:1-18:23

Jan. 15: Acts 18:24-21:16

Jan. 16: Acts 21:17-23:35

Life Thoughts: Anyone who experiences surprise pregnancy understands Mary's "greatly troubled" (Luke 1:29). But since every conception comes about only by God's good and gracious will, we can rest assured that especially in such circumstances, "The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:28) and "You have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30). Who needs "my body, my choice" when we can declare, "Let it be to my according to Your Word" (Luke 1:38)?.

Our Gifts to God

St. James – Attendance: 26

Offering Plate (Envelopes & Loose): \$1,767.00

Radio Sponsorship: \$35.00

Sunday School: \$105.00

Total: \$1,907.00

St. Paul's – Attendance: 8

Offering Plate (Envelopes & Loose): \$684.00

Total: \$684.00

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

DeAnna 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

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

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)

Nikki Ravenscroft (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Darold Hamburg (Friend of Amanda Hatfield)

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)

Jeff Bourassa (Friend of Cathy Crabtree)

Steve & Edie Norling

Alta Wheeler-(Friend of Sandy Harry)

Arie Loewenhagen (Friend of Sandy Harry)

Bonnie Barnharst (Friend of Dick & Edna)

Those Who Grieve

Sylvester Mews (Father of Debbie Mews)

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, January 9th and posted to Facebook

THANK YOU: I pray that all of you had a wonderful celebration of our Lord's birth. Along with the joy of spending time with family there is the greater joy of gathering with our church family in God's House to celebrate the coming of the Christ. Thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship services meaningful ... **Sharon Lutz** and **Tracey Draper**, our organists; **Lynne Oens**, Christmas Eve soloist and **Terry Schultz**, guitarist for "Silent Night"; **Fred Fischer** for recording the Christmas Eve service for livestreaming; all those who decorated the church; **Lisa Brockwell**, our church secretary and assistant, **Sandy Kriese**; elders and trustees; Altar Guilds; custodians for cleaning up after us all. As always, though, it seems someone is forgotten when thanking people; however, this is not meant intentionally. As we go into 2021, may the Lord fill you all with the blessings and knowledge of our Christian freedom. Pastor Erdman

THANK YOU: A big *Thank You* to all of you for your generosity in so many ways during this Christmas season. More so, Tammy and I couldn't be more blessed to be here at St. James and St. Paul's. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. May the Love of God at Christmas shine through each of you for a **BLESSED** 2021. Pastor and Tammy.

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2021 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Fellowship Hall for you to pick up.

Thank you to those who completed and returned your Commitment Form for 2021. God deserves our first and best. May God bless each of us as we respond faithfully to His call for action.

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!

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: Ken Hornburg
SJ Altar Flowers:

Special Needs for December

- 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