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Office Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-1:30pm
Friday Closed

Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:15am;
Thursday 2pm
Sept. –May

Sunday School

9-10:15am Sept.—May

St. James Worship Service

Sunday 10:30 am
Wednesday 6 pm

St. Paul's Worship Service

Sunday 8:00 am
Bible Study 9:00 am

Organists

Mrs. Sharon Lutz
Mrs. Tracey Draper

***Congregations of the Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
July 12, 2020
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

Our Mission

"Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In with the Lord!"



St. James Lutheran Church



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

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

Rev. Roger A. Erdman, Pastor

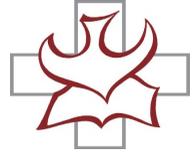
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Sunday Worship services at St. James are broadcast live by Mauston radio WRJC AM 1270 and 92.9FM

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Hymns-901-913-725-622 (sts. 1-4)-577



Pre-Service Prayers (see inside front cover of LSB)

As We Gather

The Preaching of the Word of Christ Bears the Good Fruits of Faith and Love

As “*the rain and the snow come down from heaven*” and “*water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout*” (Is. 55:10), so the Word of God accomplishes the purpose for which He speaks it, granting joy and peace through the forgiveness of sins and producing the fruits of faith and love in those who are called by His name. Christ Jesus, the incarnate Word, has established the name of the Lord as “*an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off*” (Is. 55:13). He opens our ears to hear, our minds to understand and our hearts to believe His Word, lest the evil one come and snatch it away. He thus transforms our rocky hearts into good soil, which clings to the Gospel and “*indeed bears fruit*” (Matt. 13:23). He is Himself the firstfruits of all who “*have received the Spirit of adoption as sons*” (Rom. 8:15). Thus being “*led by the Spirit of God,*” we are not afraid, but we cry out in faith to our Father in heaven (Rom. 8:14–15). For as we suffer with Christ, the beloved Son, so shall we “*also be glorified with him*” (Rom. 8:17).

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #901 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

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Psalm 65:5,9-13

¹Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,
and to you shall vows be performed.

²O you who hears prayer,
to you shall all flesh come.

³When iniquities prevail against me,
you atone for our transgressions.

⁴Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

⁵By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation,
the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;
⁶the one who by his strength established the mountains,
being girded with might;
⁷who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,
the tumult of the peoples,
⁸so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at your signs.
You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy.
⁹You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it.
¹⁰You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges,
softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
¹¹You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
¹²The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
¹³the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

**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.**

The Kyrie – Pg. 204

Gloria in Excelsis—Page 204

Salutation– Pg. 205

Collect of the Day:

P: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven

and do not return there but water the earth,

making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;

it shall not return to me empty,

but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,

and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²“For you shall go out in joy

and be led forth in peace;

the mountains and the hills before you

shall break forth into singing,

and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall make a name for the Lord,
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Alleluia and Verse -Pg. 205

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Hymn of the Day: LSB #913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter In”

Sermon: “Not by My Own Reason or Strength”

Text: Third Article

Third Article and Explanation (see *insert*)

Offering: Please sign the record of fellowship pad found in each pew so we know who is worshipping with us today.

(As the offering is brought forward, congregation stands, singing sts. 1 & 2 of LSB #781)

Our Prayers

The Divine Service of the Sacrament-Pg. 208

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.

Distribution Hymns:

LSB #725 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB #622 (sts. 1-4) "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"

Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 211 "Nunc Dimittis"

Benediction- Pg. 212

Hymn of Departure: LSB #577 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Those Serving in our Worship Today:
Preacher, Lector and Celebrant-Rev. Roger Erdman
Organist-Mrs. Tracey Draper
Organist-Mrs. Sharon Lutz
Elder for the Month of July Richard Braund
Trustee for the Month of July Tammy Erdman

St. James Altar Care for the Month of July
St. Paul's Altar Care for the Month of July Deb & Jim
Radio Sponsors: Sandy Kriese

Special Needs for July
Tooth Brushes/Paste & Dental Floss
Necedah Food Pantry- Any non-perishable food item

Want to prepare for next week's worship?

Isaiah 44:6-8; Romans 8:18-27; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Daily Readings for this week: (Week 29) (81)

12th Come to the Lord's House

13th Lk 17:1-18:43

14th Lk 19:1-20:47

15th Lk 21:1-22:71

16th Lk 23:1-24:53

17th Jn 1:1-2:25

18th Jn 3:1-36

***The number in parenthesis represents the week of the Readings as found in The Lutheran Study Bible under the Two-Year Reading Plan**

ayers 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

Linda Randall

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)

Troy Winters

Glen Skibba

Leann Winters (wife of Dale Winters)

Karen Smedbron (Daughter of Delores Smedbron)

Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)

Ginny Link

Delores Smedborn

Amber Pfloughoelt (Granddaughter of Milt and Cindy Smith)

Judy Ahlers (Sister of Deb Ennis)

Dave and Judy Berna (son-in-law and daughter of Gert Kirtz)

Marylin 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)

Daniel O' Connor (husband of Alvina (nee Pollock) O' Connor).

Brad Bever (TJ Oens Coach)

Robert Gurrath(Friend of Cathy Crabtree and Eugene Crabtree)

Jeff Bourassa (Friend 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.

Our Gifts to God for July 5

St. James

Budget Amt. Needed/wk.	\$ 1,538.46
Total Gifts to God	\$ 1,656.20
Total Weekly Budget (over)	\$ 117.74

Attendance: 7-5 (22)

St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 0.00
Envelopes	\$ 470.00
Total	\$ 470.00

Attendance: 11

**ONLY WITH GOD'S STRENGTH,
CAN WE DENY SELF, DO HIS
WILL, AND FOLLOW HIM.**

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me’”



Week of July 12-18

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 w/c

Sunday, July 19, 2020

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am n/c

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 am w/c

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 REMINDER: Since COVID-19 cases have spiked now that we are in the summer months, it is important that we follow the precautionary means available to us. Presently, we are asking that you: 1) follow a every other pew seating arrangement with the recommended social distancing of six feet within the pews, apart from unrelated families; 2) wear a mask – disposable masks are available at St. James in the fellowship hall; 3) at St. James disposable gloves are available in the fellowship hall for those desire to wear them; 4) hand sanitizer is available at both St. James and St. Paul's; 5) disinfectant disposable wipes are available at St. James to wipe down the Lutheran Service Book and/or the area where you are seated; 6) it is highly recommended that no hand shaking take place until further notice; 7) we will be practicing social distancing at the Communion Altar; 8) before and after the worship services kindly keep your visiting to a minimum inside, weather permitting visit outdoors. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you. Pastor Erdman

THANK YOU – A ***Big Thank You*** to all who have participated in beautifying the church property at St. James in so many ways this spring and early summer. Two areas that received special attention recently: 1) The Trustees spruced up the fire pit area with new wood racks with a Thrivent Action Grant card. 2) Saturday, June 27, several members of the congregation gathered to develop a walking trail to the Yellow River, continuing to the “Hill of Crosses” with additional spurs included. Much of the cost was covered by a Thrivent Action Grant card, especially for the purchase of benches to be placed along the trail. May all these things be used to the praise, honor, and glory of God.

Facebook Worship Service Streaming: As COVID-19 continues to inhibit some people from attending worship services, Facebook streaming of St. James's Sunday, 10:30 a.m., worship services will continue at least thru July 26. The Board of Elders will review its continuation at its July 28 Elders Meeting. As we continue with Facebook streaming, we thank Fred Fischer III for making this possible. Thank you.

ST. JAMES 2020 SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: Following is the summer worship schedule. All these services are at 6:00 p.m. and will offer Holy Communion. It is our prayer that those who do not have the opportunity to worship on a given Sunday, will find an opportunity to worship at one of the Wednesday services. The dates of these services are as follows: June 10 and 24; July 8 and 22; August 12 and 26.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP: The broadcasting of Sunday worship services is an important outreach ministry of St. James Lutheran Church. Not only does the broadcast reach the ears of the homebound; as well, it can be received by those residing in institutions or those not attending during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the technological advancements of today, those with smartphones can receive the broadcast virtually anywhere, provided they have tower access. Consider signing up for a Sunday or more. The signup form is located on the bulletin board near the kitchen serving area. *“Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the Word of Christ”* (Romans 10:17).

Life Thoughts: – **July 12 – Pentecost VI (Proper 10A)** – The Word of the Lord never returns empty (Isaiah 55:11). And He has clearly proclaimed His lavish love for human lives of all ages, appearances, and abilities, the way that a farmer extravagantly scatters seeds anywhere the soil shows (Matthew 13:3). So, we may speak the sanctity of life with courage and show it with compassion. The Heavenly Father remains responsible for its results, whether reception or rejection.