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Office Hours

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

Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:15am;
Thursday 2 pm
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 19, 2020
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost***

Our Mission

“Reach UP, Reach Out, Reach In with the Lord!”



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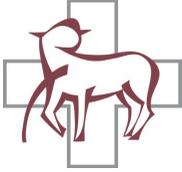


***St. Paul's Lutheran Church
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(New Miner)***

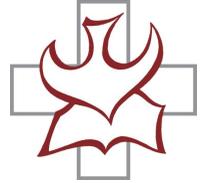
The Members of St. James and St. Paul's
welcome you to the family of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Rev. Roger A. Erdman, Pastor

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



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
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Hymns-750 (sts. 1-4,7)-700-628-650-663



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

As We Gather

The Word of the Gospel Bestows the Righteousness of Christ and Brings Forth Faith

The good Seed, which is “*the Son of Man,*” Jesus Himself (Matt. 13:37), brings forth a harvest of faith and bears good fruits in “*the sons of the kingdom*” (Matt. 13:38). Whatever is sown apart from His Word is of the devil, who plants the weeds of unbelief and sin, even among the people of God. Thankfully, the Lord is patient and He does not uproot the weeds, lest the plants also be destroyed. He lets “*both grow together until the harvest*” (Matt. 13:30), while He continues to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins. Thus, He preserves His Church in righteousness, because He alone is “*the King of Israel and his Redeemer*” (Is. 44:6). Since all things are in His gracious care and keeping, “*fear not, nor be afraid*” (Is. 44:8). For “*the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God*” (Rom. 8:19), and in this hope we also wait with patience. Though we do not yet see it, “*the Spirit helps us in our weakness*” (Rom. 8:26) and, in truth, “*the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us*” (Rom. 8:18).

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #750 (sts. 1-4, 7) “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”

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Confession and Absolution—Pg. 184

Service of the Word—Pg. 186

Psalm 119:57-64

⁵⁷The Lord is my portion;

I promise to keep your words.

⁵⁸I entreat your favor with all my heart;

be gracious to me according to your promise.

⁵⁹When I think on my ways,

I turn my feet to your testimonies;

⁶⁰I hasten and do not delay
to keep your commandments.

⁶¹Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,
I do not forget your law.

⁶²At midnight I rise to praise you,
because of your just and righteous decrees.

⁶³I am a companion of all who fear you,
of those who keep your precepts.

⁶⁴The earth, O Lord, is full of your steadfast love;
teach me your statutes!

**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. 186

Gloria in Excelsis – Pg. 187

Salutation– Pg. 189

Collect of the Day:

P: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption

as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Hymn of the Day: LSB #700 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Sermon: "The Church, The Communion of Saints"

Text: Third Article

Offertory: LSB pg. 192f "Create in Me"

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. 194 (SJ)

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 #628 “Your Table I Approach”

LSB #650 “Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling”

Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 199 “Nunc Dimittis”

Benediction– Pg. 202

Hymn of Departure: LSB #663 “Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray”

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?

Deuteronomy 7:6-9; Romans 8:28-39; Matthew 13:44-52

Daily Readings for this week: (Week 30) (82)

20th Jn 4:1-54

21st Jn 5:1-6:71

22nd Jn 7:1-8:59

23rd Jn 9:1-10:42

24th Jn 11:1-12:50

25th Jn 13:1-14:31

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

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

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 Pfloughoeft (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 8, 12

St. James

Budget Amt. Needed/wk.	\$ 1,538.46
<u>Total Gifts to God</u>	<u>\$ 1,231.00</u>
Total Weekly Budget (under)	\$ (307.46)

Attendance: 7-8 (9) 7-12 (30)

St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 0.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 605.00</u>
Total	\$ 605.00

Attendance 15

LET CHRIST'S SACRIFICE MOVE YOU TO LOVE AS HE LOVED, TO GIVE YOURSELF AS HE GAVE.

“Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God” (Ephesians 5:1).



Week of July 19-25

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8 am n/c

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 w/c

Sunday, July 26

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8am w/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

VOTERS' MEETINGS: Quarterly Voters' Meetings will be held at both St. James and St. Paul's Sunday, August 2. The meetings will follow the worship services respectively.

BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY: The next Breakfast Bible Study will take place on Saturday, August 15 from 8:00 to 10:00. At this time the breakfast will not be a full cooked meal. Rather, it will be much simpler with a few bakery items brought in. The Bible Study focus will again be in the Book of Revelation. COVID-19 restrictions will apply with those supplies available.

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.

LIFE THOUGHTS: Surprise pregnancies often come with many burdens. Terminal diagnoses may mean intense suffering. But our Lord and Savior promises these circumstances also bring returns that far exceed the costs (Romans 8:18). He draws near and dwells with us in all our afflictions (Romans 8:26) and cultivates a life that's greater than physical comforts – like resurrection smuggled under cover of crucifixion and a harvest of wheat safely hidden to blossom behind weeds (Matthew 13:30).