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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 26, 2020
Eighth 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

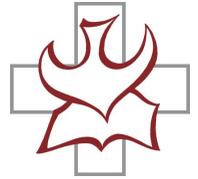
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Sunday Worship services at St. James are broadcast live by Mauston radio WRJC AM 1270 and 92.9FM

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 2020

Hymns-713-693-651-621-649



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

As We Gather

The Son of God Has Redeemed Us for Himself with His Holy and Precious Blood

The Lord our God has chosen us to be “*his treasured possession,*” not because of any strength in us, but solely “*because the LORD loves*” us (Deut. 7:6–8). He is faithful, and He “*keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments*” (Deut. 7:9). He has searched for us and found us in love, and He has bestowed on us “*great value*” by the great price that He has paid on the cross (Matt. 13:45–46). In His joy, He has redeemed us by His cross and gathered us into His Kingdom by the Gospel. Now we are “*hidden in a field,*” covered by the cross and subject to the persecution of the world (Matt. 13:44), not for destruction, but “*to be conformed to the image of his Son*” (Rom. 8:29). Since we “*are called according to his purpose*” (Rom. 8:28), and because Christ Jesus died, rose again and lives to intercede for us “*at the right hand of God*” (Rom. 8:34), there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from “*the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*” (Rom. 8:39).

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #713 “From God Can Nothing Move Me”

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Psalm 125

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,

which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people,

from this time forth and forevermore.

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous,

lest the righteous stretch out their hands to do wrong.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good,

and to those who are upright in their hearts!

⁵But those who turn aside to their crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers!
Peace be upon Israel!

**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.**

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Gloria in Excelsis—Page 204

Salutation— Pg. 205

Collect of the Day:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia and Verse -Pg. 205

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Hymn of the Day: LSB #693 “O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

Sermon: “Death, Resurrection, Life Everlasting”

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 #651 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

LSB #621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

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

Benediction- Pg. 212

Hymn of Departure: LSB #649 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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: Vivian Kueker

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 55:1-5; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Daily Readings for this week: Week 31 (83)

26th Come to the Lord's House

27th Jn 15:1-16:33

28th Jn 17:1-26

29th Jn 18:1-19:42

30th Jn 20:1-21:25

31th Ac 1:1-26

***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 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)

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)

Sommer Bloomer (Daughter of Christina Fischer)

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	\$ 680.00
Total Weekly Budget (under)	\$ (858.46)

Attendance: 7-19 (21)

St. Paul's

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

Attendance: 9

IDOLATRY IS PUTTING SOMEONE OR SOMETHING BEFORE GOD.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength” (Mark12:30).



Week of July 26-August 1, 2020

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 w/c

Tuesday (SJ): 5:30 Elders;6:00 Trustees; 7:00 Council

Sunday, August 2, 2020

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am n/c
Voters' Meeting following Worship Service

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 am w/c
Voters' Meeting following Worship Service

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: –Measuring a field's dimensions cannot diminish the value of a treasure buried there (Matthew 13:44). So however pretty, popular, or productive, however controversial the politics and however personal the choices, do the rest of us amount to any more than embryos or incapacitated hospital patients when compared to the Almighty Maker of heavens and earth? The Lord God actually has a preference for small (Deuteronomy 7:7). The less we have, the more He gets to give. And since He will have us, He wants every member of our race.