

Lent Midweek IV  
March 17/18, 2020



**Zechariah 10:10–11**

**“I will bring them home from the land of Egypt...  
He shall pass through the sea of troubles  
and strike down the waves of the sea...”**

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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**

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**Office Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:30am-1:30pm; Friday closed**

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

**Lent Midweek 4**

**March 17/18, 2020**

**Hymns—439 (sts. 1-5, 7, 15)-456-878 (sts. 1 and 6)**



**Order of Worship: Responsive Prayer 2 (LSB, pg. 285ff)**

**Hymn Sing:** *Favorite Hymns*

**Hymn: LSB #439 (sts. 1-5, 7, 15) "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken"**

**Opening Versicles**

**P:** O Lord, open my lips,

**C:** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

**P:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

**C:** make haste to help me, O Lord,

**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.**

**Psalm**

*Psalm 95:1-9*

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

**let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the LORD is a great God,

**and a great King above all gods.**

In his hand are the depths of the earth;

**the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,

**and his hands formed the dry land.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;

**let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

Today, if you hear his voice,

**do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your fathers put me to the test**

**and put me to the proof, though they had seen my 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.**

**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: III. The Palace of the High Priest (see insert)**

**Hymn: LSB #456 “Were You There”**

**Sermon: “Strike the Shepherd: Condemned ”**

**Text: Matthew 27:1-10**

**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)*

**The Kyrie**

P: O Lord,                   C: have mercy.  
P: O Christ,               C: have mercy.  
P: O Lord,                 C: have mercy.

**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.**

**Apostles' Creed**

**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.**

**Litany (see insert)**

**Collect**

**P:** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

**Collect for the Word**

**P:** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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**

**Luther's Evening Prayer**

**C:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen

**Benedicamus**

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing**

**P:** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C: Amen.**

**Hymn: LSB #878 (sts. 1 and 6) "Abide with Me"**

**Those Serving in our Worship Today:**

**Elder for the Month of March Dan Peterson**

**Trustee for the Month of March Elmer Hornburg**

**St. James Altar Care for the Month of March Nicole Burke & Debby Ennis**

**St. Paul's Altar Care for the Month of March Pam, Kim & Tracey**

**Acolytes:**

**Flowers: No flowers during Lent**

**Radio Sponsor:**

**Special Needs for March**

**Tomah VA-Cheese & Crackers sugar free Kool-Aid**

**Necedah Food Pantry– Any non-perishable food item**

**LENTEN MIDWEEK**

Our Lenten Midweek homilies following Ash Wednesday, are based on *The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Drawn from the Four Gospels*. There are five sections or Readings of the Passion History: **I. The Lord's Supper; II. Gethsemane; III. The Palace of the High Priest; IV. The Praetorium; V. Calvary**. As we follow our Lord's Passion each week, the homilies will have a focal point on Zechariah 13:7 under the theme: **"Strike the Shepherd."** They are as follows:

- Lenten Midweek 2 (March 3/4): Strike the Shepherd: Fulfillment
- Lenten Midweek 3 (March 10/11): Strike the Shepherd: Denial
- Lenten Midweek 4 (March 17/18): Strike the Shepherd: Condemned
- Lenten Midweek 5 (March 24/25): Strike the Shepherd: Truth
- Lenten Midweek 6 (March 31/April 1): Strike the Shepherd: Death

## 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

Cindy Smith

### 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)

Glen Skibba

Lori J

Leann Winters (wife of Dale Winters)

Karen Smedbron (Daughter of Delores Smedbron)

Jacqueline Webb (Susan Bennett's sister)

Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)

Ginny Link

Delores Smedborn

Amber Pfloughoeft (Granddaughter of Milt and Cindy Smith)

Catherine Hafkey (Sister of Cindy Smith)

Judy Ahlers (Sister of Deb Ennis)

Pastor John Siedschlag and Virginia

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)

Delores Fischer (Family member of Sandy Harry)

Those who grieve....the Family of Catherine Hafkey.

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

Acting in compliance to a mandate issued by Governor Tony Evers on March 17, 2020 that prohibits all gatherings of 10 or more people,  
**WE ARE SUSPENDING ALL OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICES, CLASSES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

**(SJ) Just one big Thank You** for all who helped & donated funds for our Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Due to your support it was a Big Success. Details will be announced at a later date.

**(SJ) Thank You** for your prayers for my daughter Veronica Nelson Thanks also for the use of the wheelchair and to Sue Kunferman for the use of the knee scooter. She is doing well and back to work. She still has a bit of recovery but the worst is past. Your thoughts and prayer are greatly appreciated. Sandy Harry

**Lenten Midweek Services:** St. Paul's services are Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.; St. James' services are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with a meal preceding at 5:30. All midweek services at both congregations are non-Communion services.

**Thrivent Members**-Please check to see if your accounts have earned any "choice dollars" for 2019. If so, you must designate where you want the money sent such as St. James' Church or St. Paul's church etc. This must be done prior to **March 31**. Please be good stewards and let this money be put to use. If you need help please call Sharon.

**(SJ) Family Night**-The bowling event is Cancelled for March 21. Any questions contact Christina Fischer.

**(SJ)-We have cancelled** Confirmation Classes will be suspended for three weeks March 18,25 April 1. Sunday School Classes will be suspended for two weeks (Sundays March 22 and 29) commencing again on Sunday, April 5.

**St. James Bible Study/Ladies Aid**- Next meeting is Monday, **March 16, 2020** the group meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 PM.

**LLL Breakfast Bible Study-Saturday April 4, 2020** at St. James, 8 am. *All are Welcome.*

**St. Paul's Soup 'n Sandwich**-Thank You to Denna Winters and the ladies at St. Paul's for putting on these meals. They were greatly appreciated.

**(SP) Ladies Aid/LWML**-Next Meeting is Monday, **April 13** at 6pm.