

First Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2020



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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: 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



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

As We Gather

On Ash Wednesday we began a sermon series on the Old Testament prophet Zechariah—*Your Kingdom Come*. God's kingdom comes through craftsmen who know that *It's Tool Time!*

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #728 "How Firm a Foundation"

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Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—

the Most High, who is my refuge—

no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

no plague come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you

to guard you in all your ways.

On their hands they will bear you up,

lest you strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread on the lion and the adder;

the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and honor him.

With long life I will satisfy him

and show him my salvation.

♪ **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.**

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Gloria in Excelsis-Pg. 187

Salutation– Pg. 189

Collect of the Day: O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that following our Savior we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 1:18-21

¹⁸ And I lifted my eyes and saw, and behold, four horns! ¹⁹ And I said to the angel who talked with me, “What are these?” And he said to me, “These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem.” ²⁰ Then the LORD showed me four craftsmen. ²¹ And I said, “What are these coming to do?” He said, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one raised his head. And these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter it.”

Epistle

2 Corinthians 12:7-12

⁷ So to keep me from being too elated by the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

¹¹ I have been a fool! You forced me to it, for I ought to have been commended by you. For I was not at all inferior to these super-apostles, even though I am nothing. ¹² The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸ And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹ And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰ And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? ³⁷For what can a man give in return for his life? ³⁸For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Apostles' Creed

Hymn of the Day: LSB #850 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Sermon: "It's Tool Time! "

Text: Zechariah 1:18-21

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 only)

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 #431 "Not All the Blood of Beasts"

LSB #620 (sts. 1-4) "Jesus Comes Today with Healing"

Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 199 "Nunc Dimittis"

Those Serving in our Worship Today:

Elder for the Month of March Dan Peterson

Trustee for the Month of March Richard Jensen

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: Alliyah Davis/Rosie Gatzke

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

Daily Readings for this week: (Week 12)

3-1 Sunday

3-2 Lm2:1-3.66

3-3 Lm 4:1-5:22

3-4 Ezk 1:1-2:10

3-5 Ezk 3:1-5:17

3-6 Ezk 6:1-7:27

3-7 Ezk 8:1-9:11

Want to prepare for next week’s worship?

Lent 1 (March 1): Zechariah 3:1-10; Romans 16:17-20; Matthew 16:13-23

Next week’s sermon is titled “Silencing Satan.” Read Zechariah 3:1-10 and answer these questions:

1. What does Joshua, the High Priest, say in this chapter?
2. Who takes his side against Satan?
3. In Zechariah 3, Christ is the LORD’s Messenger. What are His other names in Zechariah 3:8-9. How do they provide you comfort and courage?

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

Veronia Nelson

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)

Marilyn 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 Fisher (Family member of Sandy Harry)

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 2-23 2-26 Ash Wed

St. James

Budget Amt. Needed/wk.	\$ 1,538.46
Total Gifts to God	\$ 891.00
<u>Total Weekly Budget (under)</u>	<u>\$ (647.46)</u>

Attendance: 2-23 (58) 2-26 (54)

St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 0.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 420.00</u>
Total	\$ 420.00

Attendance: 2-23 (15)

We are weak and apt to fail in our stewardship attempts, but we have a high priest in Heaven Who has succeeded in our place.

“We have One Who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin” (Hebrews 4:15).



Week of March 1-7

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8 am n/c
Bible Study 9 am

St. James

Sunday School 9am; Bible Study 9:15 am
Worship Service: 10:30 w/c
Acolyte: Alliyah Davis RosieGatzke

Monday-St. Paul's Ladies Aid 6pm

Tuesday-St. Paul's Worship Service at 5:30pm

Wednesday-Quilting 12 Noon; Confirmation at 4pm, St James Lenten Dinner 5:30pm

St James Worship Service at 6:30pm

Thursday: SJ Bible Study 2pm

Saturday-LLL Study Breakfast at 8am

Sunday, March 8, 2020

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8am w/c
Bible Study 9am

St. James

Sunday School 9am; Bible Study 9:15am
Worship Service: 10:30 am w/c
Acolyte: Addy Kunferman Arias Lang

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(SJ) Dr Scott Nicol wishes to thank the congregation for the prayers. He is now in complete remission & done with treatments.

Mark Your Calendars: Kindly note our Lenten Midweek worship service dates and times: **The first Lenten Midweek worship service, Ash Wednesday, (February 26) is at St. James only. The service is Divine Service with the imposition of ashes.** St. Paul's services are Tuesdays (beginning March 3) at 5:30 p.m.; St. James' services are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. with a meal preceding at 5:30. With the exception of Ash Wednesday, all midweek services at both congregations are non-Communion services.

(SJ)-The St. James 26st Annual **Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner** is approaching fast -- Saturday March 14th 3:30 - 7:00 P.M. Many items are needed as well as workers for Thursday (12th) & Friday (13th) and Saturday (14th). There is a sign-up sheet for your convenience in the Fellowship Hall. I know with your help we can have the "Biggest and Best Dinner" yet. Your support is always appreciated.

(SJ) Attention-St. James bakers- (men & women) Due to a slight menu change we will not be serving bars at the Corned Beef dinner however we still need your baked items as we will be having a bake sale also. Please try to have your items to church by 3pm on March 14th. Thank you.

Necedah Change War- I just want to Thank You to everyone for your donations. Cathy Crabtree We donated \$203.31 AWESOME!!!

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- Will be meeting on **Saturday March 21**, from 5pm to 8pm. Any questions contact Christina Fischer.

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. Bible Study on Feb 17 was canceled due to the weather.

LLL Breakfast Bible Study-Saturday March 2, 2020 at St. James, 8am. *All are Welcome.*

St. Paul's Soup 'n Sandwich-Everyone is invited to St. Paul's the 2nd Wednesday of each month from November-March for the annual Soup' n Sandwich Luncheon. Join us for warm soups and even warmer fellowship! Our next luncheon will be on **March 11th from 11:30am-1pm**. Please join us! There is no charge, but a free-will offering is appreciated.

St. Paul's Ladies Aid Next LWML/Ladies Aid meeting is going to be **March 2, 2020**.

LIFE THOUGHTS: Abortion and assisted suicide promise control. But they don't seize power from death. Instead, they simply submit to death's reign (Romans 5:14), accepting defeat and calling it a treaty. These practices and ideologies constitute sinfulness. We need not surrender, for Jesus embodies a new model of humankind. His forgiving grace works in us a faith that gives freedom to receive life and celebrate it even amid difficulty and suffering (Romans 5:17).