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**Office Hours**

Monday-Thursday. 8:30-  
1:30pm

**Adult Bible Study**

Sunday 9:am  
Thursday 1pm  
Sept. –May

**Sunday School**

9-10:15am Sept.—May

**St. James Worship Service**

Sunday 10:30 am

**St. Paul's Worship Service**

Sunday 8:30 am  
Bible Study 9:30 am

**Organists**

Mrs. Sharon Lutz  
Mrs. Tracey Draper

***Congregations of the Lutheran Church***

***Missouri Synod***

***May 24, 2020***

***Ascension Day (Observed)***

**Our Mission**

**"Reach UP, Reach Out, Reach In with the Lord!"**



***St. James Lutheran Church***  
***1106 S. Main St. Necedah, WI 54646***



***St. Paul's Lutheran Church***  
***N15296 19<sup>th</sup> 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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**Office Hours: Mon. Closed; Tues.-Fri. 8:30am-1:30pm**

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

**Ascension Day (Observed)**

**May 24, 2020**

**Divine Service-Setting One**

**Hymns:495-491-701-537-830**



## **Pre-Service Prayers As We Gather**

### *The Ascended Lord Jesus Is with Us Always in His Church on Earth*

After He rose from the dead, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “*appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God*” (Acts 1:3). When He ascended to the right hand of the Father, He did not orphan His Church, but He fills all things in heaven and on earth and gives gifts to His disciples. Even now, through His Church, He continues “*to do and teach*” (Acts 1:1), preaching “*repentance for the forgiveness of sins*” (Luke 24:47) even “*to the end of the earth*” (Acts 1:8). Though the cloud hid Jesus from the sight of His disciples then, and He remains hidden from sight even now, He remains with His people through His Gospel and Sacraments. He comes to us by the Word of His apostles, by the promise of His Father and by the power of the Holy Spirit, whom He pours out upon “*the church, which is his body*” (Eph. 1:22–23). In this holy Christian Church, we bless God and worship Christ with joy, for in His Church He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “*in the heavenly places*” (Eph. 1:20).

## **Prelude**

## **Ringling of the Bells**

**Hymn of Invocation: LSB #495“Look, Ye Saints the Sight Is Glorious”**

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## **Psalm 47**

<sup>1</sup>Clap your hands, all peoples!

**Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

<sup>2</sup>For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,

**a great king over all the earth.**

<sup>3</sup>He subdued peoples under us,

**and nations under our feet.**

<sup>4</sup>He chose our heritage for us,  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

<sup>5</sup>God has gone up with a shout,  
**the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

<sup>6</sup>Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
**Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

<sup>7</sup>For God is the King of all the earth;  
**sing praises with a psalm!**

<sup>8</sup>God reigns over the nations;  
**God sits on his holy throne.**

<sup>9</sup>The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.  
**For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted!**

**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. 152**

**Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast - Pg. 155**

**Salutation - Pg. 156**

**Prayer of the Day:**

P: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: ♪Amen**

**First Reading:**

**Acts 1:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

## **Epistle Reading:**

## **Ephesians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup>that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, <sup>18</sup>having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup>that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## **Alleluia and Verse- Pg. 156**

## **Holy Gospel:**

## **Luke 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." <sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

## **Hymn of the Day: LSB #491 "Up through Endless Ranks of Angels"**

## **Sermon: "Happy Endings" Text: Luke 24:44-53**

## **Apostles'/Nicene Creed**

## **Our Prayers**

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

## **Offertory: LSB #159 "What Shall I Render..."**

## **The Divine Service of the Sacrament-Pg. 160**

*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 #701 "Draw Us to Thee"**

**LSB #537 "Beautiful Savior"**

**Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 164 "Thank the Lord"**

**Benediction- Pg. 166**

**Hymn of Departure: LSB #830 "Spread the Reign of God the Lord"**

**Want to prepare for next week's worship?**

Numbers 11:24-30; Acts 2:1-21; John 7:37-39

**Daily Readings for the Week : 23**

24<sup>th</sup> Come to the Lord's House

25<sup>th</sup> Zec 9:1-10:12

26<sup>th</sup> Zec 11:1-12:14

27<sup>th</sup> Zec 13:1-9

28<sup>th</sup> Zec 14:1-21

29<sup>th</sup> Mal 1:1-2:17

30<sup>th</sup> Mal 3:1-4:6

31<sup>th</sup> Come to the Lord's House

**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**

**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)**

**Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)**

**Ginny Link**

**Delores Smedborn**

**Troy Winters**

**Amber Pfloughoeft (Granddaughter of Milt and 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)**

**Joan Crabtree (Mother-in-law of Cathy Crabtree)**

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

**Brad Bever (TJ Oens Coach)**

**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.**

## *Our Gifts to God for May 13, 17 2020*

### St. James

Budget Amt. Needed/wk.	\$ 1,538.46
<u>Total Gifts to God</u>	<u>\$ 1.093.00</u>
Total Weekly Budget (under)	\$ (445.46)

Attendance: 5-13 (0) 5-17 (16)

### St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 0.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 350.00</u>
Total	\$ 350.00

Attendance: 5-17 (6)

**GIVING OF OUR MONEY HELPS US  
ESCAPE THE TRAP OF SELFISHNESS  
BY KEEPING OURSELVES FOCUSED  
ON GOD.**

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share” (1 Timothy 6:18).



**May 24-30**

### St. Paul's

**Worship Service: 800 am w/c**

### St. James

**Worship Service: 10:30 am (Radio)  
Wednesday Worship Service 6pm w/c**

***Sunday, May 31, 2020***

### St. Paul's

**Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c**

### St. James

**Worship Service: 10:30 am ( Radio)  
Wednesday Worship Service 6pm w/c**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WORSHIP SERVICES AND RADIO BROADCASTS** – As you know, we were not able to hold regular worship services during the “Safer at Home” order. Our 10:30 Sunday morning worship service at St. James is broadcast on SMASH COUNTRY – 92.9 FM. Those who have a smart phone can download the station’s app for livestreaming. Also, the worship service is video recorded for downloading on Facebook. Additionally, worship Services at St. Paul’s are Sundays 8:00 a.m.; and, at St. James Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Thank you for your patience during this time of national emergency, as many of our worship services, classes and other activities have been curtailed. We will notify you in a letter with any changes to our scheduled worship services, classes and other activities, as things change regarding this matter. In this respect, the letter will have information regarding service guidelines, classes, and other activities.

**QUARTERLY VOTERS’ MEETINGS:** With the current “Safer at Home” order no longer in effect the regularly scheduled quarterly Voters’ Meetings that had been postponed in May are tentatively rescheduled for **Sunday, June 7**, at both St. James and St. Paul’s. We will keep you posted if there are any changes. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this time of national emergency.

**RUMMAGE SALE**-We need to borrow lots of portable tables and card tables for the sale. Also 1 or 2 cash boxes. Please put your name on these and leave in "Elaine's Room". We also need clothes hangers and these won't be returned unless you put a name on them if you want them back. If you can help sort and price items now, please talk to Sharon and don't forget to sign up to help later on for the week of the sale (June 26 and 27

). Thank you.

**A Huge Thank You**-to the Scrip Card Fund for paying the bill to repair the organ in January. Also thanks to those that use the scrip cards. Free money is waiting to be claimed at stores if members use the scrip cards. It is so great to have this fund available when large unexpected bills occur like we had with the organ. Also, great to have the organ repaired. Sharon

**Life Thoughts:** “Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God,” who “settles the solitary in a home” (Psalm 68:5-6). He has not left us orphaned in our sins but has taken each of us for His own family. So we need not limit our enthusiasm for adoption only to addressing infertility. We can open not just our mouths but our hands, hearts, and homes, because children need them, and we have in abundance.