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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am –
2:00 pm

Adult Bible Study

Sunday 9:00 am
Thursday 1:30 pm
Sept–May

Sunday School

9-10:15am Sept – May

St. James Worship Service

Sunday 10:30 am
Wednesday 5:30 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
November 15, 2020
Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

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 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!

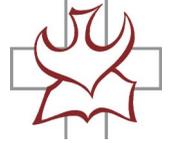
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Office Hours – Monday thru Thursday: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sunday Worship services at St. James are broadcast live by SMASH Country 92.9 and WRJC 1270AM



Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020
Divine Service – Setting One
Hymns: 733 – 781 – 628 – 667 (sts. 1-4) – 730



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

As We Gather

God's Gift of Forgiveness Engenders Our Forgiveness of Others

The Day of the Lord is *"near and hastening fast,"* and it will be *"a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation"* (Zeph. 1:14, 15). The Lord will search out and punish *"the men who are complacent"* concerning His Word, *"who fill their master's house with violence and fraud"* (Zeph. 1:9, 12). Then all their works and efforts will be for nothing: *"Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them"* (Zeph. 1:13). But those who fear, love and trust in the Lord are *"good and faithful"* stewards of His property (Matt. 25:21). They live by faith in His free gift of forgiveness, and they multiply His goods in the loving forgiveness of their neighbor, and *"the master of those servants"* settles His accounts with them by the gracious reckoning of His Gospel (Matt. 25:19). Likewise, *"God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ"* (1 Thess. 5:9). Therefore, let us also *"put on the breastplate of faith and love"* in our dealings with one another (1 Thess. 5:8).

Prelude

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #508 (sts. 1-5) "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"

Order of Worship: Divine Service Setting One – Pg. 151

Confession and Absolution – Pg. 151

Service of the Word – Pg. 152

Psalmody

Psalm 90:1-12

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

²Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

³You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

⁶in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;

in the evening it fades and withers.

⁷For we are brought to an end by your anger;

by your wrath we are dismayed.

⁸You have set our iniquities before you,

our secret sins in the light of your presence.

⁹For all our days pass away under your wrath;

we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty;

yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.

¹¹Who considers the power of your anger,

and your wrath according to the fear of you?

¹²So teach us to number our days

that we may get a heart of wisdom.

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

Collect of the Day:

P: Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. ♪

Old Testament Reading:

1 Chronicles 29:9-14

⁹Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

¹⁰Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you."

Epistle Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. ⁴But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. ⁵For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. ⁶So then let us

not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Holy Gospel:

Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴[Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Hymn of the Day: LSB #781 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

Sermon:

Text: 1 Chronicles 29:9-14

Title: "Whose Money Is It Anyway?"

Apostles' Creed

Prayer of the Church (General Prayer 2 – See Insert)

Offering: Please sign the record of fellowship pad found in each pew so we know who is worshipping with us today. *(Temporarily the offering is collected at the back of the sanctuary at both congregations. Please sign the record of fellowship pad found in each pew so we know who is worshipping with us today.*

(SJ) Service of the Sacrament-Pg. 160ff

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 #677 (sts. 1-4) "Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses"

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

Benediction – Pg. 166

Hymn to Depart: LSB #730 "What Is the World to Me"

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Those Serving in our Worship Today:

Worship Leader – Pastor Roger Erdman

(SP) Organist – Mrs. Tracey Draper

(SJ) Organist – Mrs. Sharon Lutz

((SJ) Elder for the Month of November – Randy Randall

(SJ) Trustee for the Month of November – Milton Smith

(SJ) Altar Care for the Month of November – Altar Guild Members

(SP) Altar Care for the Month of November – Pam, Kim, and Tracey

(SJ) Radio Sponsors – Don & Debby Ennis

(SJ) Altar Flowers – Walt & Rosie Balsiger (In honor of Courtney & Drew's Wedding)

Special Needs for November

At this time the VA is not accepting donations

Necedah Food Pantry – Any non-perishable food items

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

Those with special concerns....

Tyler Burke
Alvina (nee Pollock) O' Connor
Daryl Fabian
Linda Randall
Vivian Elliott

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
Jim Winters

Gregg Winters (Son of Sharon Winters)
Mary Shear (Sister-in-law of Donna Klein)
Glen Skibba
Leann Winters (wife of Dale Winters)
Karen Smedbron (Daughter of Delores
Smedbron)
Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)
Ginny Link
Delores Smedbron

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)
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)
Jeff Bourassa (Friend of Cathy Crabtree)
Steve & Edie Norling
Alta Wheeler-(Friend of Sandy Harry)
Arie Loewenhagen (Friend of Sandy Harry)
Carol Brown

Those who grieve. . . . The family of Charlene Sitas

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 November 8

St. James

Offering (Envelope & Loose)	\$ 1,025.00
Sanctuary Painting/Lamp Refurb.	\$ 0.00
Radio Sponsorship	\$ 20.00
Other Gifts	\$ 10.00
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
Total Gifts to God	\$ 1,060.00

Attendance for November 8: 42

St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 0.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 641.00</u>
Total	\$ 641.00

Attendance for November 8: 10

**JESUS SPENT MORE TIME
TEACHING ABOUT MONEY AND
POSSESSIONS THAN HE DID
ON PRAYER, FAITH, OR HEAVEN.**

Jesus said, "So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" (Luke 16:11).



Week of November 15 thru 21

St. Paul's

**Worship Service: 8:00 am no HC
Voters' Meeting: 9:00 am**

St. James

**Bible Study 9:15am
Worship Service: 10:30 am w/ HC
Voters' Meeting: 11:45 am**

Wednesday: (SJ) No Worship Service

Thursday: (SJ) No Bible Study

Saturday: (SJ & SP) No Confirmation; No Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, November 22

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am no HC

St. James

**Bible Study 9:15am
Worship Service: 10:30 am w/ HC**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voters' Meetings – Quarterly Voters Meetings will be held Sunday, November 15, 2020, for both St. Paul's and St. James after their respective worship services. **At St. James, there will be the election of officers and board positions.**

FREE COVID-19 DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING: Provided by the National Guard are a number of opportunities for **FREE COVID-19 DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING FOR ALL WISCONSIN RESIDENTS.** No symptoms are required to obtain a test. The testing site is at the New Lisbon Community Center. See the posters at both congregations for dates and registration.

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 until further notice. As we continue with Facebook streaming, we thank Fred Fischer III for making this possible. Thank you.

Activities and Classes at St. James: Due to a COVID-19 resurgence, Wednesday evening worship services, Confirmation, Monday and Thursday Bible studies, and other activities have been cancelled for the time being. You will be notified when they will resume. Pastor Erdman and the Board of Elders believe this is important for the safety of our membership. Sunday activities will remain as is, using the safety precautions available to us. (See the November *Rivers Edge* for the details.)

Silent Auction: Check out the Christmas "silent auction" items in the fellowship hall at St. James. Thank You!

St. Paul's Ladies Aid – The next meeting for St. Paul's Ladies Aid is scheduled for **Monday, December 14.** Meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Monday.

Pastor Ron Tabbert Obituary: An obituary for Pastor Ron Tabbert has been posted at both congregations. Pastor Tabbert served a call at St. James and St. Paul's from 1971-1978.

Lectionary Readings to prepare for next week's worship

2 Chronicles 1:7-8a, 10-12; 1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Matthew 25:31-46

Daily Readings for this week: Week 99

(as found in The Lutheran Study Bible Two-Year Reading Plan)

Nov. 15: Divine Service

Nov. 16: Hebrews 13:1-25

Nov. 17: James 1:1-27

Nov. 18: James 2:1-26

Nov. 19: James 3:1-18

Nov. 20: James 4:1-17

Nov. 21: James 5:1-20

Life Thoughts: Isn't abortion at least a little like wrapping precious treasure in a napkin and throwing it in a hole? Isn't assisted suicide literally burying unappreciated talents in the ground (Matthew 25:18)? Jesus warns it's a one-way ticket to weeping and gnashing of teeth (Matthew 25:28-30). But what joy awaits us when we receive both our lives and everyone else's as a gift and expect that each will improve the other (Matthew 25:20-21)!