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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

St. Paul's Worship Service

Sunday 8:00 am  
Bible Study 9:30 am

Organists

Mrs. Sharon Lutz  
Mrs. Tracey Draper

*Congregations of the Lutheran Church—  
Missouri Synod  
November 8, 2020  
Twenty Third 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 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 – 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**

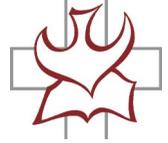


**Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost**

**November 8, 2020**

**Divine Service – Setting One**

**Hymns: 516 – 762 – 636 (sts. 1-3, 7-8) – 877 – 663**



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

**As We Gather**

***The Gospel Prepares Us for Our Heavenly Bridegroom's Coming***

The Day of the Lord is *"darkness, and not light"* (Amos 5:18, 20) for all who trust in their own righteousness and piety. The Lord will not accept their *"burnt offerings and grain offerings,"* nor will He look upon their *"peace offerings"* (Amos 5:22). Instead, He desires a heart of faith that trusts in Him, which lets *"justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream"* (Amos 5:24) in love for the neighbor. In order for the "lamps" of our lives to burn brightly with such love, we must be filled with the "oil" of forgiveness through faith in our Bridegroom, Jesus Christ (Matt. 25:1–4). Therefore, as we await His coming, wisdom directs us *"to the dealers"* (Matt. 25:9), that is, to the ministers of His Gospel. Thus, we wait upon the Lord, and we *"encourage one another with these words"* (1 Thess. 4:18). Waking or sleeping, we are prepared to meet Him when He comes *"with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God,"* and *"we will always be with the Lord"* (1 Thess. 4:16, 17).

**Prelude**

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Hymn of Invocation: LSB #516 "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"**

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

**Confession and Absolution – Pg. 151**

**Service of the Word – Pg. 152**

**Psalmody**

**Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

**in your righteousness deliver me!**

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily!

**Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!**

For you are my rock and my fortress;

**and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me;**

you take me out of the net they have hidden for me,

**for you are my refuge.**

Into your hand I commit my spirit;

**you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**

My times are in your hand;  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!**

Make your face shine on your servant;  
**save me in your steadfast love!**

**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: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; 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:**

**Amos 5:18-24**

<sup>18</sup>Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

<sup>19</sup>as if a man fled from a lion,  
and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
and a serpent bit him.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your feasts,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

**Epistle Reading:**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

<sup>13</sup>But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## **Holy Gospel:**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

## **Hymn of the Day: LSB #762 "There Is a Time for Everything"**

### **Sermon:**

**Text: Psalm 31:15**

**Title: "Using Time Wisely"**

### **Nicene 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.*

### **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 #636 (sts. 1-3, 7-8) "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"**

**LSB #877 "God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"**

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

### **Benediction – Pg. 166**

### **Hymn to Depart: LSB #663 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"**

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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 – Penny Oens (In memory of her mother's birthday [Carol Nugent])**

**(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**

### **Lectionary Readings to prepare for next week's worship**

1 Chronicles 29:9-14; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

### **Daily Readings for this week: Week 97**

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

Nov. 8: Divine Service

Nov. 9: Hebrews 8:1-13

Nov. 10: Hebrews 9:1-28

Nov. 11: Hebrews 10:1-18

Nov. 12: Hebrews 10:19-39

Nov. 13: Hebrews 11:1-40

Nov. 14: Hebrews 12:1-29

**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....***

**Charlene Sitas**

**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, Jim Winters**

***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**

**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 David 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 November 1*

## St. James

Offering (Envelope & Loose)	\$ 2,089.00
Sanctuary Painting/Lamp Refurb.	\$ 150.00
Radio Sponsorship	\$ 0.00
Other Gifts	\$ 40.00
<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>\$ 5.00</u>
<b>Total Gifts to God</b>	<b>\$ 2,284.00</b>

Attendance for November 1: 28

## St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 0.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 356.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 356.00</b>

Attendance for November 1: 7

**THE CONCERN FOR THE FAITHFUL STEWARD IS, "LORD, WHAT WILL YOU HAVE ME TO DO?"**

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).



## *Week of November 8 thru 14*

St. Paul's  
Worship Service: 800 am w/ HC

St. James  
Sunday School: 9am  
Bible Study 9:15am  
Worship Service: 10:30 am w/ HC

Wednesday: (SJ) No Worship Service  
Thursday: (SJ) No Bible Study  
Saturday: (SJ & SP) No Confirmation; No Breakfast Bible Study

## *Sunday, November 15*

St. Paul's  
Worship Service: 8:00 am no HC  
Voters' Meeting: 9:00 am

St. James  
Sunday School 9am  
Bible Study 9:15am  
Worship Service: 10:30 am w/ HC  
Voters' Meeting: 11:45

## **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.

**Thank You:** A special "Thank You" to the members of St. James and St. Paul's for acknowledging Pastor Appreciation with your most generous gifts. It was very kind and thoughtful of you all. It is greatly appreciated. Pastor and Tammy are blessed to be at St. James and St. Paul's. Thank you.

**Thank you:** The family of David Harry expresses its sincere appreciation for all the prayers and support at this most difficult time.

**Thank you:** The St. James quilters thank Dan Peterson for delivering 50 quilts to the Lutheran World Relief drop-off point in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday, October 25.

**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 on **Monday, November 9,** has been cancelled. You will be notified when the next meeting is scheduled. Meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Monday.

**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.

**Life Thoughts:** Surprise pregnancies bring real burdens. Terminal diagnoses come with genuine hurts. But we need not grieve them like those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13b). Whenever anyone's oil runs out, there Jesus our Lord arrives and intervenes (Matthew 25:6). Until then we encourage each other with compassion and courageously carry crosses together rather than seeking cheap escapes.