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**Office Hours**

Mon.-Thurs. 8:30-1:30pm  
Friday Closed

**Adult Bible Study**

Sunday 9:15am;  
Thursday 2pm  
Sept. –May

**Sunday School**

9-10:15am Sept.—May

**St. James Worship Service**

Sunday 10:30 am  
Wednesday 6 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  
October 6, 2019  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

**Our Mission**

**"Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching In with the Lord!"**



*St. James Lutheran Church*



*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**

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

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**October 6, 2019**

**Hymns—855 (sts.1,13,3-4)-698-637-563-655**



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

**As We Gather**

*We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight, in the Peace of Christ's Forgiveness*

We are surrounded by “*destruction and violence*” (Hab. 1:3) because the Law “*is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth*” (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, “*the righteous shall live by his faith*” (Hab. 2:4). “*Temptations to sin are sure to come*” (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus “*increase our faith*” (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His “*unworthy servants*” (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, “*by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus*” (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings “*life and immortality to light*” (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, “*follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,*” by which He guards you “*in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus*” (2 Tim. 1:13).

**Ringling of the Bells**

**Hymn of Invocation: LSB #855 (sts. 1, 13, 3-4) “For All the Faithful Women”**

**Order of Worship: Divine Service Setting Three—Page 184.**

**Confession and Absolution—Pg.184f.**

**Service of the Word—Pg.186.**

**Introit**

I hope for your salvation, O Lord,  
**and I do your commandments.**

I rejoice at your word

**like one who finds great spoil.**

Seven times a day I praise you

**for your just and righteous decrees.**

Great peace have those who love your law;

**nothing can make them stumble.**

Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

My soul keeps your testimonies;  
**I love them exceedingly.**  
I hope for your salvation, O Lord,  
**and I do your commandments.**

♫ **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.**

**The Kyrie – Pg. 186**

**Gloria in Excelsis—Page 187ff**

**Salutation— Pg. 189**

**Collect of the Day: O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy; 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**

**Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.<sup>4</sup>So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted....<sup>2:1</sup>I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.<sup>2</sup>And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.<sup>3</sup>For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.<sup>4</sup>“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

**Epistle Reading**

**2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. <sup>3</sup>I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup>for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. <sup>8</sup>Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, <sup>11</sup>for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, <sup>12</sup>which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. <sup>13</sup>Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

## **Alleluia -Pg.190**

### **Holy Gospel**

### **Luke 17:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! <sup>2</sup>It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. <sup>3</sup>Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, <sup>4</sup>and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."<sup>7</sup>"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? <sup>8</sup>Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

### **Apostles' Creed**

**Hymn of the Day: LSB #698 "May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"**

**Sermon: "OUT OF THE SALTSHAKER: Giving Life to the Next Generation" Text: 1 Matthew 5:13**

### **Offertory-Pg.192f**

**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. 194ff**

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 #637 “Draw Near and Take the Boy of the Lord”**

**LSB #563 “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”**

**Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 199f “Nunc Dimittis”**

**Benediction– Pg. 201**

**Hymn of Departure: LSB #655 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”**

**Those Serving in our Worship Today:  
Preacher, Lector and Celebrant-Rev. Roger Erdman  
Organist-Mrs. Tracey Draper  
Organist-Mrs. Sharon Lutz  
Acolytes: Addy Kunferman, Arias Lang**

**Elder for the Month of October Richard Braund  
Trustee for the Month of October Don Ennis  
St. James Altar Care for the Month of October Karin & Gerald Ganther  
St. Paul’s Altar Care for the Month of October Deb and Jim  
Flowers: (SJ) Ladies Aid  
Radio Sponsors: Gert Kirtz  
Special Needs for October  
Necedah Baby Shower for the month of October  
Socks, Stocking Caps**

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

**Ruth 1:1-19a; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19**

**Daily Readings for this week: (Week 42)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Come to the Lord’s House**

**7<sup>th</sup>: Ne 11:1-13:31**

**8<sup>th</sup> Est 1:1-2:23**

**9<sup>th</sup> Est 3:1-4:17**

**10<sup>th</sup> Est 5:1-7:10**

**11<sup>th</sup> Est 8:1-10:3**

**12<sup>th</sup> Jb 1:1-22**

## 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

Carol Braund

Lindy and Joyce Hanson

Alvina (nee Pollock) O' Connor

Daryl Fabian

### St. Paul's Members

*Those who are Homebound or in a Care facility*

Vernie Prust, Eleanor Van Meter

*Those with special concerns...*

Denna Winters, Mary Lou Trutt, Lowell Pals,

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 sister)

Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)

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

David Hanson (nephew of Dave & Mary Lou Arnold)

Dave and Judy Berna (son-in-law and daughter of Gert Kirtz)

Russell Dillin (Friend of Chisick family)

Rhett Chance (Grandson of Greg & Kristy Ebert, Son of Quinn Ebert Chance)

Marylin Fuss (Megan's friend)

Karen Roy (Friend of Bonnie Augustynowicz)

Keira Koslowski (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Becky Smith (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Montey Stratton (Cousin of Christina Fischer)

Ed Kindschi (Sandy Harry's Nephew-in-Law)

Pete ( Friend of Cathy Crabtree)

Dr.Scott Nicol (Friend of Sharon Lutz)

Jamie Ladwig (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Landon Redouck (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Dan Messer (Son-in-law of Vivian Kueker)

Those who are persecuted for Christ's Sake.

Pastor Ryan and Emily McDermott & their family as they serve as missionaries to the deaf in West and Central Africa.

***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 September 11,15*

### St. James

Budget Amt. Needed/wk.	\$ 1,538.46
<u>Total Gifts to God</u>	<u>\$ 820.60</u>
Total Weekly Budget (under)	\$ (717.86)

Attendance: 9-29 (71)

### St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 0.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 486.00</u>
Total	\$ 486.00

Attendance: 15

**WE NEED TO WORK AT KEEPING OUR MONEY IN SUBJECTION AND NOT LET IT BECOME OUR MASTER.**

“No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money” (Matthew 6:24).



### *Week of Oct 6-12*

#### St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am n/c

#### St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 w/c

#### Fall Pastor Conference-Oct 7, 8, 9

Wednesday: Quilting 12 noon, Confirmation Classes 4pm, Worship Service SJ at 6pm n/c

Thursday-Bible Study at 2pm

Saturday-LLL Breakfast Bible Study 8am to 10am all are Welcome

### *Sunday, October 13, 2019*

#### St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

#### St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 am w/c

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LifeChain America Again**-Sunday, October 6, 2019, Meeting at 1:45pm Necedah Town Hall Hwy 21 & 80. LifeChain 2:30-4:00 pm.

**Family Night**- Will be on **Saturday October 26**, from 5pm to 8pm. We will have carnival games meet the child youth is sponsoring with a sing along. Any questions contact Christina Fischer.

**A huge thank you to everyone** that helped in any way for the Salad Luncheon Friday, September 20. It yielded a profit of \$476.00, plus, as always, fun and fellowship working together. A special thanks to the 2 men who made salads and the 2 "delivery boys". 2 little girls by the names of Fayte and Lilly did a super job of setting all the tables which was a tremendous help to us. We have a great team -Thank you everyone! Sharon and Penny

**CHURCH WEBSITE:** If you haven't checked St. James/St. Paul's website lately, kindly do so at: [www.stjamesnecedah.com](http://www.stjamesnecedah.com). Lisa Brockwell, our website manager, has made several changes to the site. Presently, sermons are posted, along with the worship bulletin; Confirmation information; Youth Group activities; and our worship bulletin prayer list are all posted. "Thank you" Lisa for revising our website and keeping it current.

**St. James Bible Study/Ladies Aid**-Will be held the **third Monday** of the month. This schedule begins on October 21, 2019 @ 6pm. More information coming **October 13, insert.**

**St. Paul's Ladies Aid**-The next meeting for St. Paul's Ladies Aid will be **Monday, October 14, at 6pm** in the church. Meetings are held once a month on the 2nd Monday.

**Flower/Radio Sign Up**- Please keep an eye on the radio and flower sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for open dates.

**LLL Breakfast Bible Study**-Saturday October 12, 2019 @ 8am All are Welcome.

**Once again, our Quilters have been**-working all year putting together quilts, making them with love from the donations of materials that you have generously provided. Every fall, First English Lutheran Church arranges for a semi truck to receive those quilts from all the Lutheran Churches within a 40 mile radius. But before our quilts can be loaded up on that semi, they need to get to Wisconsin Rapids. If anyone is able to take our quilts to the "drop off" point on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> please see Sandy Harry or leave a message for her at the church office.

### **Life Thoughts:**

Jesus warns against equating worth with girth (Luke 17:6). Mistaking more for better brings catastrophic consequences. Better a millstone around one's own neck (Luke 17:2) than causing a little one (literally, of microscopic size) to stumble (literally, caught in a trap and brought to destruction). Raising a child in the truth and love, forgiveness and faith of Christ Jesus surpasses (2 Timothy 1:5-6) gaining even a lifetime of wealth to give them (Psalm 62:9-10).