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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
December 25, 2019
Christmas Day***

Our Mission

"Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Reaching 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!

Rev. Roger A. Erdman

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

Christmas Day

December 25, 2019

Hymns—387-621-379-361-388



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

As We Gather

Christ Jesus Reveals Himself in the Signs He Has Given to His Church

The Lord has not forsaken us. He has come to us and sought us out to save us (Is. 62:11–12), so that “*being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life*” (Titus 3:7). In Christ Jesus, conceived and born of Mary, “*the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared*” (Titus 3:4). Now He is lifted up in the Gospel, “*a signal over the peoples*” (Is. 62:10), that He might call us to rejoice in His salvation. St. Luke emphasizes the signs by which the shepherds once found Him: in Bethlehem, the city of David, “*wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger*” (Luke 2:12). The same Lord Jesus reveals Himself to us in the sure and certain signs of His Gospel. His Church is a true Bethlehem (House of Bread); for the Son of David, “*a Savior, who is Christ the Lord*” (Luke 2:11), feeds us with His body and His blood from the manger of His altar, wrapped in, under and with the bread and wine. We ponder these mysteries as we receive the Word of God and live out our vocations, “*glorifying and praising God*” (Luke 2:19–20).

Ringings of the Bells

Hymn of Invocation: LSB #387 “Joy to the World”

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Introit

The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,

on them has light shined.

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty;

the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

Psalm 93:1–2, 5; antiphon: Isaiah 9:2

Yes, the world is established;
it shall never be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.
Your decrees are very trustworthy;
holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.
The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

♩ **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—Page 204

Salutation– Pg. 205

Collect of the Day: Most merciful God, You gave Your eternal Word to become incarnate of the pure Virgin. Grant Your people grace to put away fleshly lusts, that they may be ready for Your visitation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ♪Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 62:10-12

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates;
prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway;
clear it of stones;
lift up a signal over the peoples.

¹¹Behold, the Lord has proclaimed
to the end of the earth:

Say to the daughter of Zion,
“Behold, your salvation comes;
behold, his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.”

¹²And they shall be called The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the Lord;
and you shall be called Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

Epistle Reading

Titus 3:4-7

⁴When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Alleluia and Verse -Pg. 205

Holy Gospel

Luke 2:1-20

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. ¹¹For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. ¹²And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest,

and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"

¹⁵When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. ¹⁷And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. ¹⁸And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Hymn of the Day: LSB #621 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Sermon: "Great Joy for All People "

Text: Luke 2:1-20

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.

(As the offering is brought forward, congregation stands, singing sts. 1 & 2 of LSB #781)

Our Prayers

The Divine Service of the Sacrament-Pg. 208

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 #379 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

LSB #361 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Post-Communion Canticle-Pg. 211 "Nunc Dimittis"

Benediction- Pg. 212

Hymn of Departure: LSB #388 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

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

**Elder for the Month of December Dan Peterson
Trustee for the Month of December Milt Smith
St. James Altar Care for the Month of December Nicole Burke/Debby Ennis
St. Paul's Altar Care for the Month of December Denna & Tracey**

Flowers:

Radio Sponsors:

**Special Needs for
Necedah Food Pantry**

VA Christmas Cards/Stamps Hot Chocolate (sugar free too!)

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

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's sister)

Todd Wallender (Patsy Wallender's son)

Ginny Link

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)

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)

Nikki Ravenscroft (Friend of Christina Fischer)

Dr.Scott Nicol (Friend of Sharon Lutz)

Vicki Rummel (Linda Randall's sister)

Darold Hamburg (Friend of Amanda Hatfield)

Margie Lawson (Vivian Kueker's sister)

Tusty Rummel (Linda Randall's brother)

Christine Dietz (ex-wife of Peter Taraban)

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 December 18,22

St. James

Budget Amt. Needed/wk.	\$ 1,538.46
<u>Total Gifts to God</u>	<u>\$ 3,607.78</u>
Total Weekly Budget (over)	\$ 2,069.32

Attendance: 12-18 (28) 12-22 (48)

St. Paul's

Plate	\$ 5.00
<u>Envelopes</u>	<u>\$ 561.00</u>
Total	\$ 566.00

Attendance: 12-22 (15)



Week of December 22-28

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 w/c

Tuesday-Christmas Eve Worship Service at St. James 7pm w/c

Wednesday Christmas Day Worship Service at St. Paul's w/c 9am

Saturday St. James Family Night 5pm-8pm

Sunday, December 29, 2019

St. Paul's

Worship Service: 8:00 am w/c

St. James

Worship Service: 10:30 am w/c

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Please Note Service time change on December 29, 2019 will be 8:30 a.m.

(SJ) I would like to send a huge thank you to the Sunday School and Confirmation students and their parents for helping us have a wonderful Christmas Program on December 15. Without the commitment from parents to get their children to practices and the hard work on the part of the children, our program would not have been a success. Thank you as well to Pastor, Sharon, Sandy, Megan, and Lisa for everything you did!!! Sue Kunferman

(SJ) Children Christmas Gift Bags-Thank You to Thrivent Financial and all the members who donated to the children's treat bags today.

(SJ) Children Christmas Program- Sunday School Teachers would like to Thank Pastor Erdman for all his help with the program. And Thank You parents and Grandparents for bringing the children to rehearsals for the Christmas Program.

(SJ) Stewardship Commitment Forms-If anyone needs a new form please ask me. Please put your form in a sealed envelope, put your name on the outside of the envelope & put envelope in the offering plate. Thank You, Sharon

(SJ) Family Night- Will be meeting on **Saturday December 28**, from 5pm to 8pm Any questions contact Christina Fischer.

(SJ) Prayer Chain and Fellowship Lists-any additions or deletions please contact Sharon Lutz or Vivian Kueker.

St. James Bible Study/Ladies Aid- Will resume meeting again Monday, January 20th the group meets on the third Monday of each month at 6 PM.

(SJ) Thank You - Thank you to Sandy Harry who constructed our Advent/Christmas banners. The one hangs above the pulpit; the other two hang above the middle entrance doors to the sanctuary. May they be used to the honor, praise and glory of God.

LLL Breakfast Bible Study-Saturday January 11,2020 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 January **15th 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 9, 2020. And Noisy Sunday for mites will be January 26, 2020.