St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

Bonduel, Wisconsin November 19/20, 2016

The Last Sunday of the Church Year

Welcome to the House of the Lord

In our Epistle reading today, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, we read, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." The theme for our worship service today is: "Those looking for the coming of Jesus, who have life with Him now, encourage and build up one another." This can lead us to ask ourselves, "Do I feel more built up or torn down? Encouraged or discouraged? As brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord Jesus would have us keep our eyes open for those who are in need of His encouragement. May God so bless us with eyes and hearts and mouths that proclaim His mighty deeds. Blessings on your worship.

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Opening Hymn 515 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Confession and Absolution page 184

Introit

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads.

They shall obtain gladness and joy,

and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath!

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

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.

Kyrie and Gloria in Excelsis page 186

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; 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 Isaiah 65:17–25

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now 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.

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Alleluia Verse page 190

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed page 191

Hymn 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (1-5)

Sermon "Encourage and Build One Another Up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Offertory page 192

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament page 194

Note for those desiring to commune... Our practice of close communion is the Biblical and historic practice of the Christian church. It is prompted by love, both for God's Word and for His people since it seeks to prevent spiritual damage to those who do not recognize the true body and blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and wine in this Holy Supper (1 Cor. 11:29). Furthermore, it does not deny that members of other denominations are Christians. Rather, it bows the knee to the Bible's deep concern for doctrinal truth (Romans 16:17) and the Bible's witness that the Lord's Supper is the highest expression of fellowship and doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). For this reason, guests who are not a member of a sister LCMS congregation are asked to speak to a pastor before communing.

Distribution Hymns 611 637 602 623

Service continues with Nunc Dimittis page 199

Benediction

Closing Hymn 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near (6 – 7)

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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

Liturgy Rev. Timothy J. Shoup **Sermon** Rev. Mark R. Palmer

Organists Saturday Mrs. Debbie Welch

Sunday Mrs. Lorraine Doell

Acolytes Trey VandenBrook Karlee Ziemer Heidi Dreyer

PRAYERS

In Need of Healing... Makenzie Dingeldein, Michelle Hermann, Kathy Ebert, Larry Wilke, Joan Zittlow, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Gertie Hein, Myra Orlando, J.J. Brusewitz, Kay Brusewitz, Pat Wudtke, David Wegner, Luke Schmidt, Willa Rusch, and Evan Luepke.



Altar Flowers . . . to the glory of God and in memory of Mike Wolf's birthday on Thanksgiving Day, placed by his family.

Wedding Prayer... for the wedding of *Jason Parsons and Tara Paterick* on November 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shawano County/Village of Bonduel Training... The Bonduel Police and Fire Departments, the Bonduel Rescue and First Responders, along with the Shawano Sheriff's Department, Shawano Ambulance and Shawano County Tactical team will be running an active shooter scenario on the grounds here at St. Paul on Wednesday, November 23 from 8:00am – 12:00pm. Please be aware that this is only a **training**. There is no school on this day, so there shouldn't be any students around the building. Please refrain from making a visit to St. Paul during this time period. Thanks for helping us train for the unexpected.







9 – 12 Grade Senior Youth . . . Meet and grow with the pastors on Sunday, December 4, at 4:00pm. Put it on your calendar!

College Ministries . . . Join us Tuesday, November 22 at 6:30pm in the main meeting room. We will be planning how to remain in contact with our college age members.

Attendance — November 12/13, 2016			
Saturday	11/12	7:00pm	144
Sunday	11/13	8:00am	258
Sunday	11/13	10:15am	174
		Total	576

Faith Promises so far: \$931,034

October 2016 Thrivent Choice Dollars . . . We received \$557.

Sunday School Reminder... the winter session will begin on January 8, 2017.

Please note... the water in the cemetery has been turned off.

Looking for a simple yet meaningful Christmas activity... to do with your children? Join us on Sunday, December 11 at 11:30am in the fellowship hall to assemble Christmas ornament boxes and decorate sugar cookies. These items will be delivered to individuals in the congregation that are homebound or living in senior housing. Contact family.ministry.st.paul@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Lutheran Hour... "The Perfect Christmas" (Galatians 4:4–5) The first Christmas was anything but perfect. Then again, if everything had been just as it should be, we wouldn't have needed a Savior. Tune in next Sunday to hear Lutheran Hour Speaker Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7.

Job Opportunity, Office Assistant Position . . . Wolf River Lutheran High School has an immediate opening for a full-time Office Assistant. Applicants must have previous office experience, customer service, data entry, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Publisher experience, as well as be able to develop communications and promotions, and coordinate mailings. Basic bookkeeping experience also needed. Interested applicants should forward letter of application and resume by **November 25, 2016** to c.bedroske@wrlhs.org. Questions? Call 715–745–2400.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

SUN 11/20 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion

9:00am Fellowship (Ladies Aid)

9:15am Bible Class (8th grade room)

10:15am Worship - Holy Communion

MON. 11/21 7:30am Strong Bones

TUES. 11/22 7:00am Bible Study

8:00am Quilting

6:30pm College Ministries

WED. 11/23 1:30pm Meadow View

5:00pm Public School Confirmation

6:00pm 5/6 Grade Confirmation

6:00pm Choir

7:00pm Thanksgiving Worship

THURS. 11/24 9:00am Thanksgiving Worship

FRI. 11/25

SAT. 11/26 7:00pm Worship

SUN. 11/27 8:00am Worship

9:15am Bible Class (8th grade room)

10:15am Worship

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

11/23 Reed Luepke **11/24** Lila Pleshek

11/26 Salvador Oviedo

11/27 Abby Stoltenow Noah Weier

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

11/26 Sandy Staszak

11/27 Karla Moede Patti Herrmann



Parent's Day Out Event

The 8th grade class will have babysitting service to allow parents to prepare for the holidays.

DECEMBER 10TH 2016 From 1:00PM TILL 6:00 P.M.

ST. PAUL FELLOWSHIP HALL

THERE WILL BE GAMES, CRAFTS, A MOVIE, SNACKS AND SMALL HOTDOG DINNER FOR THE LITTLE ONES!

AGES 2 and up welcome.

COST: DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE 8TH CLASS
TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC.

PLEASE RSVP BY SENDING A FAST DIRECT TO TARA FRAPPY OF TAMI HINZ OF EMAIL TARAFRAPPY@GMAIL.COM



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor Rev. Mark R. Palmer, Associate Pastor Mr. Gerald R. Schmidt, Principal Mrs. Lorraine Doell, Music Director Mrs. Robin Reep, Youth Director Mrs. Donna Niles, Preschool/4K Director

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