

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

Bonduel, Wisconsin
November 26/27, 2016

The First Sunday in Advent

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Just as Easter's joyous victory over sin and death is preceded by Lenten repentance, a similar sequence occurs with Advent and Christmas. Advent hymns are not Lenten hymns. *Advent hymns have a sense of hope and anticipation.* But Advent hymns are not Christmas hymns. For centuries, people waited, and waited, and God sustained their faith when it appeared He would not come. Finally, with Mary and Joseph huddled near a manger, the angels announced to the shepherds the glory of God visible in the birth of God's Son. And so Advent is our time of waiting, of anticipation with great expectation for what is to be when the Lord does indeed come again. Advent anticipates the joy of Christmas, and ultimately, the unending joy to be ushered in when the Lord returns on the last day.

Already in the 6th century, Christians designated the Sundays prior to Christmas as a time to prepare for His birth. In the 13th century, Advent was recognized as the beginning of the Church Year. Today, we divide the Church Year into three parts:

The *Time of Christmas*: the seasons of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

The *Time of Easter*: the season of Lent, Holy Week, and the season of Easter.

The *Time of the Church*: the Sundays after Pentecost focusing on God's people.

Our worship during Advent is marked also by:

- ❖ *Royal Blue*, the color of the hope we have in Jesus' forgiving and protecting presence among us, even as we long for His return on the last day.
- ❖ Our refraining from singing the *Gloria*, the song of the angels, until Christmas Eve.
- ❖ The lighting of one more Advent candle each Sunday leading to the birth of Christ.
- ❖ Scripture readings from Isaiah and Matthew.



Confession and Absolution

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Psalmody

Psalm 122

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they be secure who love you!

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”

Our feet have been standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem—built as a city

that is bound firmly together,

to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel,

to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

There thrones for judgment were set,

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

“May they be secure who love you!

Peace be within your walls

and security within your towers!”

For my brothers and companions' sake

I will say, “Peace be within you!”

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek your good.**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.**

Hymn of Response

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who orders all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 13:11–14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, “Who is this?” ¹¹And the crowds said, “This is the prophet Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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Hymn

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Savior of the Nations, Come

(Today begins a new church year. The church year highlights the key events in the life of Jesus, particularly, his birth, perfect life of service, suffering, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and return. This Advent hymn, attributed to Ambrose of Milan in the 4th century, captures the very essence of the life of Christ.)

Sermon

“Enough Hope”

(Matthew 21:5)

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn **339** *Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors*



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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organists	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Acolytes	Salvador Oviedo	Abby Stoltenow	Noah Weier

PRAYERS

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



Altar Flowers . . . are placed to the glory of God and in honor of *Karen Baker's* birthday on November 26 and in memory of her twin sister *Sharon Schulenberg*, who passed away on January 3, 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2017 Contribution Envelopes . . . are available in the narthex. If you need envelopes, please contact the church office at 715-758-8559.

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



Orders are now being taken for poinsettias . . . for the Christmas season. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex as well as in the church office, or you can call Karen Baker at 715-853-9137 to place your order. Cost is \$16 per plant. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Attendance — November 16, 19, and 20, 2016

Wednesday	11/16	11:00am	100/ 91
Wednesday	11/16	7:00pm	186/111
Saturday	11/19	7:00pm	58/ 38
Sunday	11/20	8:00am	75/ 65
Sunday	11/20	10:15am	157/103
Total			576/408

Faith Promises so far:

\$943,114



55+ Group . . . will meet on Tuesday, November 29, beginning at noon with a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall. The program will be a short video “Light Moments about Lutherans” by Garrison Keillor from the Prairie Home Companion radio show. This will be followed by a few Bingo games (with prizes). Interested persons are cordially invited for this afternoon of fellowship. There will be no meeting in December.

Lutheran Service Book . . . Our hymnal, the *Lutheran Service Book* (LSB), has been in use at St. Paul since we moved into our new sanctuary in 2007. Pew editions are currently on sale from Concordia Publishing House for \$20.00 each. Please contact Mrs. Doell at 715–758–8559 or email l.doell@stpaulbonduel.com by December 5th if you would like to purchase a hymnal.

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 . . . "Wait Until He Comes!" (Isaiah 11:1–10) A broken world waits, yearns, and hopes for restoration. Jesus has already done everything to make that restoration a reality. 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.

Give the Perfect Gift . . . Give Blood. A blood drive will be held in the fellowship hall on Tuesday, December 13, from noon – 5:00pm. To make an appointment sign up in the narthex or register online at redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code stpaulbonduel. Volunteers are needed. Contact Audrey Wussow at 715-758-8856 with questions.



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 OR TAMI HINZ OR EMAIL [TARA FRAPPY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:tarafrappy@gmail.com)



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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 11/27** 8:00am Worship
9:15am Bible Class (8th grade room)
10:15am Worship
- MON. 11/28** 7:30am Strong Bones
- TUES. 11/29** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
12:00pm 55+ Luncheon
- WED. 11/30** 5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5/6 Grade Confirmation
6:00pm Bell Choir
7:05pm Choir
- THURS. 12/1** 1:30pm Ladies Aid
7:00pm Men's Club
- FRI. 12/2** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 12/3** 7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
- SUN. 12/4** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Parish Fellowship)
9:15am Bible Bowl Practice
9:15am Bible Class (8th grade room)
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion (Grades 1 & 2 sing)
4:00pm 9 – 12 Grade Senior Youth meet with Pastors

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

- 12/3** Ruth Titler
12/4 Cashton Davis Owen Springborn

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

- 12/3** Sheila Bahr
12/4 Maureen Zernicke Barb Wickman