

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

Bonduel, Wisconsin
December 3/4, 2016

The Second Sunday in Advent

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Ever notice that life has its ups and downs? Certainly you have not only noticed ups and downs, but you have personally experienced them. God sees them all. Our Gospel reading from Matthew 3 reminds us that the prophet Isaiah foretold the voice of John the baptizer. Our Epistle reading from Romans 15 reminds us that the prophet Isaiah foretold of the One who would come from Jesse's (King David's dad) line who would bring hope to the gentiles. And our Old Testament reading from the prophet Isaiah tells us that this One who would come from Jesse's line would have the power and wisdom of the Spirit of the LORD. It is this One who brings us encouragement and hope in all of life, in both good times and bad times. We worship and give our thanks and praise to Him.

Blessings on your worship!



Opening Hymn **331** *The Advent of Our King*

Baptism *Dayton Lee Reinke* (10:15am)

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Psalmody *Psalm 72:1-7*

Blessèd be the LORD, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the royal son!

May he judge your people with righteousness,

and your poor with justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,

and the hills, in righteousness!

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy,

and crush the oppressor!

May they fear you while the sun endures,

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

like showers that water the earth!

In his days may the righteous flourish,

and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

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, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height

In ancient times didst give the Law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree, free them from Satan's tyranny

That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1–10

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 15:4–13

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." ¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." ¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." ¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music	8:00am	<i>Prepare the Way</i>
	10:15am	<i>God Loves Me Dearly</i>

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed **page 158**

Hymn **344** *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*

Sermon **“The God of Encouragement and Hope”**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament page 160

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 **350** **621** **624** **632**

Post-Communion Canticle **page 164**

Post-Communion Collect and Benediction **page 166**

Closing Hymn **346** *When All the World Was Cursed*



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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

Liturgy	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	Sermon	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
Organists	Saturday Ms. Rhoda Lehrke		
	Sunday Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Music	8:00am St. Paul Adult Choir		
	10:15am Grades 1 & 2		
Acolytes	Ruth Titler Cashten Davis		Owen Springborn

PRAYERS

In Need of Healing . . . *J.J. Brusewitz, Kay Brusewitz, Ruby Christensen, Makenzie Dingeldein, Kathy Ebert, Michelle Hermann, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Mary Luepke, Willa Rusch, David Wegner, Pat Wudtke, Wally Kirsch, and Joan Zittlow.*



Baptism . . . *Bodhi Allan Panske*, born October 13, 2016, son of Chad and Andie Panske, will be baptized after the 10:15am service this weekend. His sponsor is Julie Panske, and witnesses are Cash Panske and Millie Panske.

Baptism . . . *Dayton Lee Reinke*, born October 31, 2016, son of Jake and Mindy Reinke, will be baptized during the 10:15am service this weekend. His sponsors are Kody Reinke and Beth Cousineau.

We pray for . . . the family of *Myra Orlando*, grandmother of Bill and Rhonda Uelmen, who passed away on Friday, November 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9 – 12 Grade Senior Youth . . . Meet and grow with the pastors **today**, Sunday, December 4, at 4:00pm.

Next Sunday's 10:15am Service . . . will be the Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten Christmas service. The Christmas Care event for parents and their children will take place after the service.

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



Orders are now being taken for poinsettias . . . Sign up in the narthex, church office, or you may call Karen Baker at 715–853–9137. Cost is \$16 per plant. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Service Book . . . Pew editions are currently on sale from Concordia Publishing House for \$20.00 each. Please email Mrs. Doell at l.doell@stpaulbonduel.com or call 715–758–8559 by Monday, December 5th if you would like to purchase a hymnal.

So They Set Their Hope in Him!

It's an amazing response of faith and joy in the Lord. \$1,000,964 is our Faith Promise (pledge) total as of December 1, 2016! More people will be offering their Faith Promises in December, too. A year or two ago we started talking about our 90 year-old school furnace needing replacing. Our monthly mortgage payment for our new classrooms and church (built in 2007) was another concern creeping up on us, as over the years, the number of people contributing regularly to our mortgage fund had decreased. Wolf River Lutheran High School and our adopted missionaries are two additional areas we adopted as options to support through our 3-year stewardship emphasis. There is discussion about hosting an additional presentation/information meeting for those who may not have been able to attend earlier this fall. At this juncture, we simply have great reason to give thanks to God. The response to His Son's sacrifice that He has worked in our hearts expressed in the Faith Promise Cards is tremendous.



Regarding our regular offerings, the amount we have given through the first five months of our fiscal year is approximately 2% more than last year. We give thanks to God for this. However, our offerings are less than what we planned/budgeted to receive so far, and so continuing to fund our full church/school ministry is a challenge, but one we at St. Paul continue to embrace gladly.

In the coming weeks, look for a more detailed report of our total funding/offerings received, including a precise breakdown of allocations for our "Hope in Him" Faith Promises.

Meanwhile, John the Baptist arrives this month of Advent through our Gospel readings as we long for the birth and the return of our Savior, and our children are preparing Christmas programs, beginning with the Pre-School / Kindergarten Christmas service *at 10:15am Sunday December 11*, followed by the 5th-8th grade service at 7:00pm Monday the 19th, and the 1st-4th grade service at 7:00pm Thursday the 22nd.

Blessings to all in the name of our Lord, Jesus,
Pastor Shoup

Attendance — November 23, 24, 26, and 27, 2016

Wednesday	11/23	7:00pm	140
Thursday	11/24	9:00am	122
Saturday	11/26	7:00pm	130
Sunday	11/27	8:00am	188
Sunday	11/27	10:15am	166
Total			746

**St. Paul gratefully accepted the following gifts
for various purposes in memory of:**

- † Fredrick Arlyn Kopitske [1929–2016], brother of Rev. Harley Kopitske, to "Rooted in Christ...and Growing" mortgage fund;
- † Joan (Phillips/Huempfer) Hansford [1936–2016], mother of former member Julie Kallies, to "Rooted in Christ...and Growing" mortgage fund;
- † Lydia (Luebker) Busch [1922–2016], St. Paul member, to St. Paul School, St. Paul School tuition fund; St. Paul technology fund, St. Paul 8th grade, and "Rooted in Christ...and Growing" mortgage fund;
- † Curtis H. Schneider [1929–2016], St. Paul member, to Vanko Missions, and "Rooted in Christ...and Growing" mortgage fund;
- † Ronald L. Robaidek [1939–2016], father of Randy Robaidek, to "Rooted in Christ...and Growing", and to St. Paul endowment fund;
- † Mavis (Fischer) Herman [1937–2016], wife of former member Myron Herman, to "Rooted in Christ...and Growing" mortgage fund.

Children's Christmas Services

Sunday, December 11 - 10:15am *Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten*
Monday, December 19 - 7:00pm *Grades 5 - 8*
Thursday, December 22 - 7:00pm *Grades 1 - 4*

Board of Parish Fellowship meeting . . . will be Saturday, December 10, 10:00am. Decorating the Christmas tree is on the agenda.

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 . . . "Let the Adventure Begin" (Isaiah 35:1–10) In Christ, all of life is an adventure, one that is full of His promise and hope. 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.

WRLHS Christmas Concert . . . Join us for a night of Christmas music and celebration of the music program on Friday, December 9, 7:00pm, at WRLHS gym. The band and choir will put on a wonderful performance.

St Jakobi Lutheran Church – 2 miles west of Hwy 47 on County A . . . will present A Musical Gift to the Christ Child on Wednesday, December 14, 6:30pm. The program will include choral selections by the St. Jakobi “Voices of Praise”, St James Lutheran school hand chime choirs, Wolf River Lutheran High School Choir and ensemble, and instrumental solos. There will be fellowship with refreshments and snacks after the concert.

Join the combined choirs of . . . Immanuel–White Clay Lake, St. Paul–Town of Washington, Faith United and others for our annual Christmas Cantata. The performance will take place at Immanuel-WCL, Cecil, on Sunday, December 11, 8:30am and will include music from the hand chime choir. A free-will offering will be accepted to pay for the cost of the Cantata books/music. Please join us for brunch after the performance. We look forward to celebrating the upcoming Birth of our Lord with you!



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
TARAFRAPPY@GMAIL.COM

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

12/10	Alicia Oviedo	
12/11	Carli Anderson	Jake Dreyer

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

12/10	Sheila Bahr	
12/11	Louise Reisler	Amy Schmidt

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- 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
- MON. 12/5** 7:30am Strong Bones
6:00pm Board of Trustees
- TUES. 12/6** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
5:45pm Board of Evangelism
- WED. 12/7** 5:00pm Public School Confirmation
6:00pm 5/6 Grade Confirmation
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm SPYRT Youth and Youth Board Meeting
7:00pm Elders
7:05pm Choir
- THURS. 12/8** 9:30am Out-of-Town Ministry
2:00pm Women’s Bible Study
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
- FRI. 12/9** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 12/10** 10:00am Board of Parish Fellowship
7:00pm Worship
- SUN. 12/11** 8:00am Worship
9:15am Bible Bowl Practice
9:15am Bible Class (8th grade room)
10:15am Worship – Preschool, 4K, and K Christmas Service
11:30pm Christmas Care
5:00pm SPYRT Christmas Party Potluck



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