

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

*Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving*

Bonduel, Wisconsin  
December 31, 2016/January 1, 2017

## *The First Sunday after Christmas*

### **Welcome to the House of the Lord**

This past week, with rejoicing and thanksgiving, we celebrated the incarnation, the birth of the Christ Child. Today, we join Mary and Joseph, we travel from Bethlehem to Jerusalem. They make their way to the temple in Jerusalem. It would have been about six miles, maybe a little more. It's like walking from Bonduel to Cecil. Within eight days of the birth, Mary and Joseph make their way to the Jerusalem temple for the required purification of the mother and presentation of her first born son. And so they fulfilled the requirements of the Mosaic law, which demanded that a mother be purified (Leviticus 12:1–8) and that a firstborn son be redeemed (Exodus 13:1, 2, 11–16). The baby boy is given His name, Jesus. This was the name given by the angel. This is the One, with the Father and the Spirit, we worship this day as He comes to serve us with His Word and sacraments. God bless your worship.



**Opening Hymn**                      **374**                      *Gentle Mary Laid Her Child*

**Confession and Absolution**                      **page 151**

**Psalmody**                      *Psalm 8*

O LORD, our Lord,

**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouth of babes and infants,**

you have established strength because of your foes,

**to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
**the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**  
what is man that you are mindful of him,  
**and the son of man that you care for him?**  
Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
**and crowned him with glory and honor.**  
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
**you have put all things under his feet,**  
all sheep and oxen,  
**and also the beasts of the field,**  
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
**whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**  
O LORD, our Lord,  
**how majestic is your name in all the earth!**  
**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**

*Angels We Have Heard on High*

**(368)**

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## **Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Old Testament Reading**                      *Numbers 6:22–27*

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>23</sup>“Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the people of Israel: you shall say to them, <sup>24</sup>The LORD bless you and keep you; <sup>25</sup>the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; <sup>26</sup>the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. <sup>27</sup>So shall they put my name upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle Reading**                                      *Galatians 3:23–29*

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the second chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>And at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**                      **page 158**

**Hymn**                      **367**        *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

**Sermon**

**Offering**        *Please complete the Friendship Register found at the end of the pew.*

**Prayer of the Church**

**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**                      **361**                      **370**                      **376**                      **383**

**Post-Communion Canticle**                      **page 164**

**The Service Concludes**                      **page 166**

**Closing Hymn**                      **390**                      *Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*



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## **SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP**

<b>Liturgy</b>	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup	<b>Sermon</b>	Rev. Mark R. Palmer
<b>Organists</b>	Saturday    Ms. Rhoda Lehrke		
	Sunday      Mrs. Debbie Welch		
<b>Acolytes</b>	Andrew Schauder	Patiance Downs	Hailee Thompson

## PRAYERS

**In Need of Healing . . .** *J.J. Brusewitz, Kay Brusewitz, Makenzie Dingeldein, Kathy Ebert, Michelle Hermann, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Mary Luepke, Brittany Slack, David Wegner, Gary Wolf, Pat Wudtke and Delmar Zernicke.*



**Altar Flowers . . .** are placed to the glory of God by the Wickman family in memory of Jenny Wickman-Hacker whose birthday is on January 1.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday School Winter Session begins . . .** on January 8, 9:15am – 10:05am. Children who attended the fall session are automatically registered for the winter and spring sessions. Register your child(ren) through our website at [www.stpaulbonduel.com](http://www.stpaulbonduel.com). The children enjoy learning about Jesus through puppets, crafts, games, songs and other fun activities. *This session we are inviting the children 0–3 with parents/guardians to meet in the preschool room for Jesus time.* Please contact the Sunday School staff at [sundayschool@stpaulbonduel.com](mailto:sundayschool@stpaulbonduel.com) with questions.

**Reminder for all parents of 3-4 year olds . . .** to attend next Sunday's 10:15am worship for receiving the gift of "The Story Bible".

**Children are invited . . .** to decorate Valentine cookies and cards to be delivered to St. Paul housebound and nursing home residents on Sunday January 29, in the fellowship hall, following the 10:15am service.

**Sunday Morning Bible Class . . .** will begin a new four to five week class on January 8, titled *The Intersection of Church and State*. We meet in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade room about 15 minutes after the first service. Please come and join us! Religious freedom in America has been an issue of paramount importance since the founding of this great nation. As the nation has grown and changed, so has the relationship of the federal government with the many religions that comprise the community of faith throughout the land. This Bible study examines this vital relationship to see what's working well and how we can improve the rough spots at the intersection of church and state.

**January calendars and Greeters' Schedules . . .** may be found on the table in the narthex.

**2016 year-end statements . . .** will be available mid-January due to office computer maintenance and downtime.

**The family of Carl Busch . . .** extends an invitation to the congregation to join them in celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on January 8, 1:00pm – 5:00pm, in the St. Paul Fellowship Hall.

<b>Attended/Communed – December 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25, 2016</b>			
Saturday	12/17	7:00pm	84/ 74
Sunday	12/18	8:00am	180/133
Sunday	12/18	10:15am	160/110
Monday	12/19	7:00pm	353
Wednesday	12/21	11:00am	16/ 15
Thursday	12/22	7:00pm	491
Saturday	12/24	2:30pm	389
Saturday	12/24	4:30pm	512
Saturday	12/24	7:30pm	226
Sunday	12/25	9:00am	<u>244/183</u>
Total			2,655/515

<b>So They Set Their Hope in Him</b>					
<b>Pledges to date for 3-year Stewardship Emphasis</b>					
<b>Mortgage</b>	<b>School Repair</b>	<b>WRLHS</b>	<b>Missionaries</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Received</b>
\$542,025	\$386,520	\$107,314	\$38,442	\$1,074,301	\$118,230

**Thank you . . .** to all the donors and volunteers for participating at the December blood drive. They collected 48 pints that will potentially save 144 lives. What a wonderful way to give to others!

**Lutheran Hour . . . " God's Real Promise of Righteousness and Justice "** (Isaiah 42:1–9) Jesus brings us righteousness and justice to restore bruised reeds and reignite faintly burning wicks. Tune in next Sunday to hear Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz at 7:30am on WTCH/960 AM or at 10:00am on WRVM/102.7.

**Hillside Apartments . . .** A one bedroom apartment unit is now open at Hillside Apartments, just across the street. Units are for ages 50+ or disabled. If you or family members are interested, please call for an application (715–526–6960) or go to [www.shawanocountyhouseing.com](http://www.shawanocountyhouseing.com). Check with Sandy Staszak for more information.

## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

<b>SUN.</b>	<b>1/1</b>	8:00am Worship – Holy Communion 10:15am Worship – Holy Communion
<b>MON.</b>	<b>1/2</b>	7:30am Strong Bones 6:00pm Board of Trustees
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>1/3</b>	7:00am Bible Study 8:00am Quilting
<b>WED.</b>	<b>1/4</b>	5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class 6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class 6:00pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Youth and Youth Board Meeting 7:00pm Board of Elders 7:05pm Choir
<b>THURS.</b>	<b>1/5</b>	1:30pm Ladies Aid 5:15pm College Age Ministry 7:00pm Men’s Club
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>1/6</b>	7:30am Strong Bones SCRIP due by noon
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>1/7</b>	7:00pm Worship
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>1/8</b>	8:00am Worship 9:15am – 10:05am Sunday School <b>begins</b> 9:15am Bible Study 9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice 10:15am Worship

### Acolyte Schedule Next Week

<b>1/7</b>	Gaven Vance	
<b>1/8</b>	Judah Griesbach	Tala Rosenthal

### SCRIP Schedule Next Week

<b>1/7</b>	Sheila Bahr	
<b>1/8</b>	Karla Moede	Patti Herrmann

# Growing in Faith Missions, Christian Living, and Giving

(A note from Pastor Shoup)

## A New Tradition at St. Paul – The Story Bible

Each year our 3-year-olds will receive a children's Bible called "The Story Bible", noted for the beautifully done artwork which complements the Bible stories. On January 8<sup>th</sup>, next Sunday, the tradition begins during the 10:15am service. Cost for this year's gift Bibles is sponsored by the Lorraine Busch memorial gift to St. Paul. Thank you to St. Paul *Family Ministries* for organizing.

## Read through the Bible in Two Years

Please consider joining me in a two-year read through the Bible program. I am very much looking forward to it.

- ❖ We will begin week one on Monday, January 30.
- ❖ Consider using with me "Today's Light Devotional BIBLE"
  - Copies will be on display in the narthex
  - This Bible includes a brief explanatory comment to begin each day's reading and a brief concluding devotional message to help "bring home" the point.
  - Suggested donation to cover cost is \$25
- ❖ Certainly, people can use any Bible they like.

## New Member Welcome January 15<sup>th</sup> 10:15am Service

Over 40 people, including children, will be welcomed to St. Paul during the late service on January 15<sup>th</sup>. We give thanks to God for each of them, and for you, members of St. Paul, for your work in talking to them, arranging for them to meet with a pastor, or inviting them to worship or to our adult confirmation class.



Rev. Timothy J. Shoup, Administrative Pastor  
Rev. Mark R. Palmer, Associate Pastor  
Mr. Gerald R. Schmidt, Principal  
Mrs. Lorraine Doell, Music Director  
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