



ARISE,
SHINE,
FOR YOUR
LIGHT
HAS COME

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St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

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The Epiphany of our Lord

Welcome to the House of the Lord

Please take a moment; page ahead to read today's Old Testament reading from Isaiah chapter 60. Israel had tried to glorify itself through wealth and possessions. Only Yahweh possesses and gives lasting glory. In chapter 59, the people are groping in darkness; they stumble and fall. God is always revealing and illuminating His glory, and His glory is always connected to His only begotten Son who is "God of God and Light of Light... who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven." So, the light which followed God's people in the wilderness as Yahweh radiated His glory, which then flooded the tabernacle and later the temple, now that same light hovers over God's people in Isaiah chapter 60, as Isaiah is actually envisioning the light of the glory of Christ to come in Bethlehem. We too are familiar with the darkness of sin and death, and of things depressing. But so has the Lord sent the light of His glory to each of us in Christ Jesus, freely. God then calls us to "Arise, shine, for your light has come!" He does not call us to perform so that the Light will shine upon us. We do not humanly generate divine, saving light. We arise and shine because our Light has already come for us in Bethlehem, and likewise He comes today in Baptism and when we eat and drink at His Table. We eagerly point the way for others to see the glory of God in Christ, knowing that He will come again in full glory.

Today at St. Paul, three and four year olds receive a gift – The Story Bible. Next week we welcome 46 new members to St. Paul. Later this month we begin our two-year read through the bible program. May the Lord continually shine in our hearts and be the Light unto everlasting life.



Confession and Absolution

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Psalmody *Psalm 72:1–11*

Blessed 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!

May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!

May desert tribes bow down before him
and his enemies lick the dust!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

**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.**

Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship You, to You our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Δ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who with the Spirit worshiped and adored,
With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; 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 60:1–6

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the

young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choral Anthem

8:00am

Another Year of Grace

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1–12

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles — ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born

king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”
³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

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Hymn

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As with Gladness Men of Old

Sermon

Offering

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

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn

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Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Acolytes	Gaven Vance	Judah Griesbach	Tala Rosenthal

PRAYERS

We Remember in Prayer . . .

Anthony (Tony) Brodhagen – son of Jim and Kelly, nephew of Linda Wussow, at St. E’s
J.J. Brusewitz – former St. Paul youth leader, breathing problems
Kay Brusewitz – former teacher and school secretary, diagnosed with cancer
Makenzie Dingeldein – receiving treatment for cancer
Kathy Ebert – receiving treatment for cancer
Cliff Hanson – friend of congregation, recovering from a brain aneurysm
Michelle Hermann – receiving treatment for cancer
Gregory Kopitske, Jr. – grandson of Shirley, receiving treatment for leukemia
Brittany Slack – granddaughter of Bill and Tillie Kallies, has cancer and is 5 mths pregnant
David Wegner – receiving treatment for cancer
Gary Wolf – recovering from surgery
Pat Wudtke – at home after surgery related to cancer
Delmar Zernicke – recovering from shoulder surgery



Altar Flowers . . . are placed to the glory of God by the family of *Carl Busch*, who is celebrating his **90th** birthday.

Bulletin Sponsor . . . given in honor of the **80th** birthday of *Pat Wudtke* on January 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The family of Carl Busch . . . extends an invitation to the congregation to join them in celebrating his **90th** birthday on January 8th from 1:00pm – 5:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Lutheran Witness subscribers . . . may pick up the next issue in the narthex.

Sunday Morning Bible Class . . . will begin a new four to five-week class on January 8, entitled *The Intersection of Church and State*. We meet in the 8th 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.

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

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

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

<i>Attended/Communed – December 31, 2016, January 1, 2017</i>			
Saturday	12/31	7:00pm	81/ 73
Sunday	1/1	8:00am	106/ 92
Sunday	1/1	10:15am	<u>162/116</u>
		Total	349/281

So They Set Their Hope in Him					
Pledges to date for 3-year Stewardship Emphasis					
Mortgage	School Repair	WRLHS	Missionaries	Total	Received
\$542,325	\$388,205	\$107,314	\$38,442	\$1,076,286	\$123,975

Regular worship offerings
 A detailed report of offerings including Christmas programs and services together with our overall financial status will be available for our annual meeting on January 22.

Thrivent Choice Dollars . . . The fourth quarter has ended for Thrivent so if you have a policy with Thrivent, that makes you eligible for Choice Dollars once again. Call Thrivent at 1-800-847-4836 or go on-line at www.thrivent.com/choice to designate your dollars. Every quarter you may have more dollars to direct to St. Paul Church (240 E Green Bay St), School, or Preschool. We are so thankful to Thrivent for this much appreciated gift.

March for Life . . . The Menominee-Shawano County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life is sponsoring their annual March for Life to commemorate the 44th anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision on Sunday, January 22. More information may be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. Also, a newspaper signature ad will appear in the local paper around January 22. If you wish to participate, sign up in the narthex. A \$3 donation is being suggested.

Pails for Haiti . . . January 1 – February 1, 2017 Orphan Grain Train volunteers at St. James Lutheran Church in Shawano will be collecting new or slightly used five (5) gallon pails. Pails are to help the people of Haiti recover from Hurricane Matthew. The Haitian people bring clean drinking water from the mountain area into the villages. The villagers walk for hours to collect water and bring it back to the villages. Pails can be purchased at all the major big box stores (Home Depot, Lowes, Fleet Farm, Qualheims, Menards, etc.) The goal is to collect 5,000 pails! Pails can be dropped off at St. James Lutheran Church, Shawano or St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bonduel. If you have any questions regarding the project or wish to donate please contact Jim or Judy Oberstein, N.E. Coordinators OGT at 715-201-0283.



Lutheran Hour . . . "Looking For God? Look to the Lamb" (*John 1:29-42*) Jesus' love, suffering, sacrifice, and triumph are all expressed in that most precious of titles: the Lamb of God. 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.

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

1/14	Trey VandenBrook	
1/15	Karlee Ziemer	Reid Schwerin

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

1/14	Peggy Buchholz	
1/15	Maureen Zernicke	Barb Wickman

Growing in Faith Missions, Christian Living, and Giving

(A note from Pastor Shoup)

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 may use any Bible they like.

New Member Welcome January 15th – 10:15am Service

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

Strong Bones . . . strength training program is starting again. The Strong Bones Program is a weekly exercise program for men and women of all ages. Each class includes progressive weight training, flexibility and balance activities. People with health concerns such as arthritis, heart disease, osteoporosis, diabetes, obesity, and back pain often benefit the most from an exercise program that includes lifting light weights a few times a week. Kara Skarlupka will be your instructor. Don't wait, you can join at any time! We meet Monday's and Friday's from 7:30 am to 8:30 am at St. Paul church. If you are interested, call the Shawano County UWEX office at 715-526-6136 or pick up a brochure in the narthex and mail in the registration. We are able to provide some weights but if you have your own, please bring them along with a towel/mat and wear comfortable clothing.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 1/8** 8:00am Worship
9:15am – 10:05am Sunday School Begins
9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild)
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship
- MON. 1/9** 7:30am Strong Bones
6:00pm Board of Parish Fellowship – undecorate the Christmas tree
6:00pm Board of Trustees
6:00pm Board of Parish Education
- TUES. 1/10** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
6:00pm Board of Evangelism
7:00pm Church Council
- WED. 1/11** 4:00pm – 6:00pm Food Pantry
5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm SPYRT Storm
7:05pm Choir
- THURS. 1/12** 9:30am Out of Town Ministry
2:00pm Women’s Bible Study
6:30pm Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30pm Family Ministry
- FRI. 1/13** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 1/14** 7:00pm Worship–Holy Communion
- SUN. 1/15** **New Member Sunday**
8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Parish Fellowship)
9:15am – 10:05am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion



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