

# St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

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

Bonduel, Wisconsin

January 14/15, 2017

## *The Second Sunday after Epiphany*

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

*Epiphany!* The Lord led the formerly unknowing, false god worshipping “wise men” to Bethlehem, where He revealed Jesus to them, using a special star and Old Testament prophet’s promises to do it. *Epiphany is God revealing Jesus and His grace.*

*Epiphany!* Moses asks God to reveal His glory but receives God’s goodness instead. No one can see God’s face and live. In the epistle reading, Paul knows that he was an apostle *only* because God called him, and likewise, Paul declares that we are saints, or Christians and fellow believers in the Son, *only* because God has called us. *Epiphany is God revealing Jesus and His grace.*

*Epiphany!* Forty eight new members we are welcoming to St. Paul – people who are renewing their faith, or transferring to St. Paul from another congregation, or who are confirming their faith in the Lutheran church for the first time – all who are grateful to God for having revealed to them His Son, our Savior from sin, death, and hell. *Epiphany is God revealing Jesus and His grace.*

*Epiphany!* John makes especially clear in today’s Gospel reading the One who is revealed to us in Bethlehem is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. To the wise men, to Paul, and to us all, God has revealed Himself, and has stirred in our hearts living faith and trust in Him, the One who is risen from the dead. *Epiphany is God revealing Jesus and His grace.*

*Epiphany!* Last week, moms and dads, and three and four-year-olds came forward to receive a blessing at the receiving of The Story Bible. Copies are available also for purchase – several of you asked. This week on display is “Today’s Light”, the Bible we are recommending for the two-year read through the Bible program. “Your Word is a lamp unto my feet.” *Epiphany is God revealing Jesus and His grace!*



## Prelude

8:00am

Danza

## Opening Hymn

533

*Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure*

(1-2)



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.  
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

## Confession and Absolution

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 40:1–11*

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

I waited patiently for the LORD;

**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,

**and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.**

Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,

**who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you!

**I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you have given me an open ear.

**Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

Then I said, "Behold, I have come;

**in the scroll of the book it is written of me:**

I desire to do your will, O my God;  
**your law is within my heart.”**

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;  
**behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.**

I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness  
and your salvation;

**I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great  
congregation.**

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me;

**your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!**

**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      533      *Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure*      (3–4)**

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

The Lord be with you

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who sent forth the Lamb of God who takes away the sin  
of the world, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people, grant us Your peace and  
courage, and guard and keep us all our days; 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      *Exodus 33:12–23***

*(Moses asks God to reveal His glory. God will cause His goodness, but not His visible glory or  
face, to pass before Moses, for no one can see God and live. Ultimately, God does reveal His  
goodness and His glory – in the face of Jesus, and in the goodness and mercy of His incarnation,  
crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and triumphant return.)*

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let  
me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and  
you have also found favor in my sight.’<sup>13</sup> Now therefore, if I have found favor in your  
sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your

sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.”<sup>14</sup> And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”<sup>15</sup> And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here.”<sup>16</sup> For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”<sup>17</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.”<sup>18</sup> Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”<sup>19</sup> And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.”<sup>20</sup> But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”<sup>21</sup> And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock,<sup>22</sup> and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.”<sup>23</sup> Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading**

*1 Corinthians 1:1–9*

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,<sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,<sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge —<sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you —<sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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. John the first chapter.

***Glory to You, O Lord.***

The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"<sup>30</sup> This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.'<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel."<sup>32</sup> And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him."<sup>33</sup> I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>34</sup> And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."<sup>35</sup> The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples,<sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!"<sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.<sup>38</sup> Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?"<sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.<sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.<sup>41</sup> He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ).<sup>42</sup> He brought him to Jesus.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

***Praise to You, O Christ.***

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn**

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*We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God* **(1, 3)**

**Sermon**

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

**New Member Welcome**

10:15am

FEBRUARY 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 2016

NEW MEMBERS

Amber Brunner; Bo, Aspen

Bob † and Gigi Cook *Romans 5:8*

Samuel Falck

Michelle Gishkowsky

Karen Harris †; Dahlia *Psalm 62:1*

Nathan Hinz

Gary and Harriet Jentsch

John Jeske † *Romans 5:1*

Heidi Kordus †; Makenna *Isaiah 43:1*

Joel Krause; Jenna

Katie Kunschke † *John 10:14–15*

John and Tammy Jo Lemke

Jason and Tara Parsons; John

Mindy Reinke

Tiffany Reyment

Matthew and Liz Rindt; Thomas

Katrina Schroeder; Kalleigh, Karter

Jesse Schultz

Kristy Spaeth †; Ali *John 10:17–28*

Bruce Stoltenow

Luella Stoltenow

Jennifer Wagner † *John 10:14–15*

Matt † and Tanya Wanta; Harper *Romans 1:16*

Ben † and Laura ♠ † Warning; Olivia ♠, Jackson ♠

*1 Corinthians 1:18, Isaiah 43:1*

Lisa Wenstadt; Patiance, Serenity

Vince Witterholdt † *Psalm 62:7*

♠ Baptism

† Adult Confirmation

# Prayer of the Church

## The Service of the Sacrament

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*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

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548

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## Post-Communion Canticle, Prayer and Benediction

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## Closing Hymn

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*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*



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## SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

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

**Organists** Saturday Mrs. Debbie Welch  
Sunday Mrs. Lorraine Doell

**Acolytes** Trey VandenBrook      Karlee Ziemer      Ella Hischke

## PRAYERS

**In Need of Healing . . .** *Tony Brodhagen, J.J. Brusewitz, Kay Brusewitz, Ruby Christiansen, Makenzie Dingeldein, Kathy Ebert, Germaine Frank, Cliff Hanson, Michelle Hermann, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Marian Monroe, Brittany Slack, David Wegner, Gary Wolf, and Pat Wudtke*



**Baptisms before the 10:15am service . . .** *Laura Emmaline Warning*, daughter of Thomas and Audrey Gretzinger. *Jackson Benjamin Warning* and *Olivia Emmaline Warning*, children of Benjamin and Laura Warning. Their sponsors are Peter and Stacey Warning.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Date changed for Annual Meeting . . .** The annual meeting will be **January 29** at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. Please update your calendars.

**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.

**Baptism Scrapbooking . . .** will take place next Saturday, January 21, 9:00am – 3:00pm. Come to the fellowship hall and help whatever time you have to give. Bring your own brown bag lunch. If questions, contact Patti Herrmann at 715–758–2370.

**Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale . . .** Pick up an order form in the narthex. Proceeds from this sale will be used to support the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington D.C. Pre-order slips are due by Sunday, January 29, pick-up on Sunday, February 5 after both services.



### ***Attendance – January 7/8, 2017***

Saturday	1/7	7:00pm	96
Sunday	1/8	8:00am	189
Sunday	1/8	10:15am	<u>270</u>
		Total	555

**Thrivent Choice Dollars . . .** for December 2016 were \$657. The fourth quarter has ended so if you have a policy with Thrivent, that makes you eligible for Choice Dollars once again. Go on-line at [www.thrivent.com/choice](http://www.thrivent.com/choice) or call Thrivent at 800–847–4836 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.

**Mission Circle Members . . .** Our January 19 meeting will be at 1:00pm.

**Next Adult Instruction Class . . .** will begin January 23. If interested contact a pastor.

**March for Life . . .** The Menominee-Shawano County Chapter of Wisconsin Right to Life is sponsoring its annual March for Life to commemorate the 44<sup>th</sup> 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 \$3.00 donation is being suggested.

**Join us for IF: Gathering 2017 . . .** This is a women's ministry event that desires to "gather, equip and unleash women to live out their calling." Our desire is that women across denominations can gather together, unified, to be inspired and return to their home church excited to serve God and the world around them. This event is on the evening of Friday, February 3, and Saturday, February 4, at Hope Community Church in Shawano. The goal of the event is to disciple the next generation of women to live out God's calling on their lives. If you want more information, please call Cheri Weier at 715-758-6432. (She is our church's representative for this event.) If you want to register, go to [www.shawanochurch.org/if](http://www.shawanochurch.org/if), or call Cassie Beyer at 715-304-9808. The cost is \$25. Snacks and refreshments will be provided as well as lunch on Saturday.

**Lutheran Hour . . . "The Word of the Cross – Power for Life" (1 Corinthians 1:10-18)**  
To the world, Jesus seemed to be a loser. He suffered what all would consider defeat in order to win new life for you. 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.

**Sunday School Attendance for January 8:**

Students: 27  
Volunteers: 14



What we learned this week:

**4 year old – 1<sup>st</sup> grade:** The Wise Men Give Gifts to Jesus. *Matthew 2:1-11*

Take Home Point: Jesus is our Savior...Give Jesus our best.

**2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade:** Welcome the King. *Luke 2:8-20*

Take Home Point: We welcome the King with our praise

**Quest 5/6:** Meet Jesus – He deals with our sin. *2 Corinthians 5:21*

**The Children's Story Bible . . .** is available for purchase in the narthex or the church/school office for \$25. Make checks payable to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

## Growing in Faith Missions, Christian Living, and Giving

### Read through the Bible in Two Years

Please consider beginning a two-year read through the Bible program.

- ❖ We will begin Week One on Monday, January 30.
- ❖ Consider using with me *Today's Light Devotional Bible*
  - Copies are on display in the narthex
  - This Bible includes a brief overview note 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.

**55+ Group . . .** will meet on Tuesday, January 31 with a noon potluck in the fellowship hall. The program will be a presentation by Bergsbaken Farms on their annual Sunflower Fest held in late July. They grow sunflowers on over 300 acres and will share how their business has grown. Interested people are encouraged to attend.

**Exciting News for WRLHS Supporters . . .** In December a contract was signed with Bayland Buildings, Inc. for construction of the new WRLHS in Shawano. Construction is to begin on April 3 and is to be completed by September 1. Please pray that the construction will run smoothly once it starts. More supporters are needed as the construction date gets closer, so feel free to spread the word about this new Christian high school opportunity.

**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. The goal is to collect 5,000 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. They walk for hours to collect water and bring it back to the villages. Pails will be purchased from a source with your donations. See the display in the narthex. If you have any questions please contact Jim or Judy Oberstein, N.E. Coordinators OGT at 715-201-0283.



## EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 1/15** 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
- MON. 1/16** 7:30am Strong Bones  
5:00pm For the Church Ministry  
6:00pm Board of Christian Education
- TUES. 1/17** 7:00am Bible Study  
8:00am Quilting
- WED. 1/18** 11:00am Worship – Holy Communion  
5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class  
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class  
6:30pm Youth Feed the Flock Bible Study  
**NO Bell Choir or Choir Rehearsals**
- THURS. 1/19** 1:00pm Mission Circle
- FRI. 1/20** 7:30am Strong Bones  
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 1/21** 9:00am – 3:00pm Baptism Scrapbook workday  
7:00pm Worship
- SUN. 1/22** 8:00am Worship  
9:00am Fellowship (Teachers)  
9:15am – 10:05am Sunday School  
9:15am Bible Study  
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice  
10:15am Worship

### Acolyte Schedule Next Week

- 1/21** Reed Luepke  
**1/22** Lila Pleshek Heidi Dreyer



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