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1 CORINTHIANS 1:18

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

Bonduel, Wisconsin

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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to the House of the Lord

The following verse from St. Paul is central for our worship today. Meditate and pray over these words, and perhaps memorize them. Welcome to worship.

“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”

(1 Corinthians 1:18)



Opening Hymn

913

O Holy Spirit, Enter In (1)

O Holy Spirit, enter in,
And in our hearts Your work begin,
Your dwelling place now make us.
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
Around and in us brightly shine,
To joy and gladness wake us
That we may be
Truly living,
To You giving
Prayer unceasing
And in love be still increasing.

Invocation

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

Amen.

The gifts Christ freely gives He gives to you and me
To be His Church, His bride, His chosen, saved and free!
Saints blest with these rich gifts are children who proclaim
That they were won by Christ and cling to His strong name.

The gifts flow from the font where He calls us His own;
New life He gives that makes us His and His alone.
Here He forgives our sins with water and His Word;
The triune God Himself gives power to call Him Lord.

Confession and Absolution

O Almighty God,

We confess, we love and bow done to the false gods before us.

We boast because of the short-lived glory that comes from all the created things,

Rather than giving praise to the One who created all things.

We love life and happiness

More than we love eternal life and everlasting blessedness.

We seek security in what can only be temporal,

In good health, in ample income, in smart phones, and in praise from friends.

Just as St. Paul proclaims in today's Epistle reading,

We too sometimes live as if the Word of the cross were folly.

We lose sight of the power of God for us and for our salvation

through Christ crucified on the cross for our sins,

And risen from the dead to give to us new and eternal life.

Forgive us dear Lord, for our idolatry, for subscribing to the wisdom of the world.

As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, I forgive you all your sins, most especially your idolatry, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Response

The gifts of grace and peace from absolution flow;
The pastor's words are Christ's for us to trust and know.
Forgiveness that we need is granted to us there;
The Lord of mercy sends us forth in His blest care.

Psalmody

Psalm 96:1–9

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Sing to the LORD, bless his name;

tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations,

his marvelous works among all the peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,

but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him;

strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

tremble before him, 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 forevermore. Amen.

Response

The gifts are there each day the holy Word is read;
God's children listen, hear, receive, and they are fed.
Christ fills them with Himself, blest words that give them life,
Restoring and refreshing them for this world's strife.

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1–8

Hear what the LORD says: Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the indictment of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has an indictment against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? How have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the

house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.” ⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Solo

7:00pm and 8:00am

Amazing Grace

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

Hymn

578

Thy Strong Word

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; at Thy speaking it was done.

For created light we thank Thee, while Thine ordered seasons run.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of Thy salvation, breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.

Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth all Thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

Sermon *“God’s Wisdom = The Cross = Eternal Power”* (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Hymn **486** *If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death*

Offering *Please complete the friendship register found at the end of the pew.*

Prayer of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His Face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen

Closing Hymn **602** *The Gifts Christ Freely Gives* **(5, 6)**

The gifts are in the feast, gifts far more than we see;
Beneath the bread and wine is food from Calvary.
The body and the blood remove our ev’ry sin;
We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.

All glory to the One Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love assures our life above.
His means of grace for us are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!



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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organists	Saturday – Ms. Rhoda Lehrke		Sunday – Mrs. Debbie Welch
Soloist	Mrs. Kimberly Brei	Accompanist	Mr. Dennis Brei
Acolytes	Alicia Oviedo	Abby Stoltenow	Noah Weier

PRAYERS

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

We pray for . . . the family of *Pat Wudtke* who entered eternal glory on Friday, January 20, and received Christian burial Wednesday, January 25, at St. Paul.

Altar flowers . . . are placed to the glory of God by *Mary, Patrick, and Drew Wudtke* in loving memory of *Pat Wudtke, Phil Wudtke, and Gordis Beilfuss.*

Bulletins are sponsored . . . in honor of *Julius Wnuk*, whose **87th** birthday will be on January 31st.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting . . . The annual meeting will be held **today**, Sunday, January 29, at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall.

All Children AND Parents are invited today . . . to decorate Valentine cookies and cards for our St. Paul homebound and nursing home residents in the fellowship hall after the 10:15am service.

Super Bowl Sub Sandwich Sale . . . today, Sunday, January 29 is the last day to order. All orders may be placed in drop boxes located in the the narthex or the school office. Payment/pickup is on Sunday, February 5 after both services.

Next Adult Instruction Class . . . will begin January 30. If you are interested, please contact one of our pastors.

Attendance– January 21/22, 2017

Saturday	1/21	7:00pm	92
Sunday	1/22	8:00am	301
Sunday	1/22	10:15am	<u>286</u>
		Total	679

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 Sunflower Fest held annually in late July. They grow sunflowers on over 300 acres and will share how their business has grown. Brighten the dull January days with this “sunflower” presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Families Helping Families . . . basketball tournament benefit on Saturday, February 18, 9:00am–4:00pm will help Kathy Ebert with medical bills and the St. Paul Care/Share program. This is open to the public and will include bucket raffles, (need not be present to win) cake walks, and a silent auction (need not be present to win).

Read through the Bible in Two Years

- ❖ Begin tomorrow, January 30th! ☺
- ❖ Feel welcome to take a schedule of readings from the church entry table.
- ❖ Consider using *Today's Light Devotional Bible* - \$25 Suggested donation
- ❖ Interested in meeting monthly to discuss the readings? Contact Pastor Shoup.

Lutheran Hour . . . "Nothing But Jesus!" (*1 Corinthians 2:1–16*) Amid life's commotion and clamor, what will give us peace? Nothing but Jesus! 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.

Camp Luther News



Laborers Needed at Camp Luther . . . Camp Luther is looking for handy laborers to work on various projects this winter. One of the projects is renovating Lakeview cottage! We're looking for no more than 1–3 laborers to work 2–3 days at a time. Housing provided. Please contact Rescue at 715–891–1448 or rescue@campluther.com.

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School Financial Results

Fiscal Year 2016/17 (FY17) as of December 31, 2016

Offerings

- Weekly offerings are behind last year by 1.3%, \$442,000 vs. \$448,000.
- Offerings July – November had been trending positively. The decrease is due in part to Christmas occurring on a Sunday creating the loss of one regular weekend of worship and offerings.

Textbooks

- In addition to the \$7,500 that was donated for textbooks this past summer, PTL donated \$4,000 for this purpose last month, helping to offset a costly piece of this year's budget.

Clubs and Organizations Generously Support St. Paul Ministry

- Booster Club funds various expenses of the athletic program.
- The Men's Club donated trees and bushes for landscaping
- PTL donated Christmas bags for the children's services
- Ladies' Aid gave a generous gift to for church and school operating expenses
- Mission Circle provided support for Pastor Naumann.
- Our students gave their December chapel offering (over \$600) for Care/Share program.

Technology

- The wireless project is almost complete for the year. We're anticipating funding assistance from "Hope in Him" School Infrastructure offerings.

Endowment

- Our endowment is growing – a December \$12,000 gift moves the total to \$159,000.
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Total Results to Date

- The General Fund operating debt **decreased** in December to 97K, due to Christmas offerings and special offerings received, including an estate gift of \$19,848.

Expectations Going Forward

- If current trends continue we will likely reach a total general fund or operating debt balance of \$150,000.
- We will need to monitor this closely and as a congregation plan to address.

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 1/29** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (Board of Elders)
9:15am – 10:05am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship
11:30am Valentine’s Care
1:00pm Annual Voters’ Meeting
- MON. 1/30** 7:30am Strong Bones
- TUES. 1/31** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
12:00pm 55+ Potluck Luncheon
- WED. 2/1** 5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class
6:30pm Youth and Youth Board Meeting
7:00pm Board of Elders
NO Bell Choir or Choir Rehearsals
- THURS. 2/2** 1:30pm Ladies Aid
7:00pm Men’s Club
- FRI. 2/3** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 2/4** 7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
- SUN. 2/5** 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, WRLHS sings

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

2/4 Ruth Titler

2/5 Cashten Davis Owen Springborn

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

2/4 Peggy Buchholz

2/5 Barb Swiecichowski Barb Wickman



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