

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Growing in Faith, Missions, Living, and Giving

Bonduel, Wisconsin
February 11/12, 2017

The Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Welcome to the House of the Lord

“You are the salt of the earth,” Jesus declared to us in last week’s Gospel reading. No doubt, the earth needs to be salted. People need to be told to “repent” and to believe the Good News of Jesus.

Living as the salt of earth takes place in ordinary places – in the car, with the kids, at work and in the break room, after school, and when we go out with friends. But we do not live out our callings in ordinary ways. Rather, living as salt of the earth means striving to live as *extraordinary* husbands and wives, as *wonderful* neighbors and workers, and as utterly *faithful* friends and citizens.

Jesus’ teachings in today’s Gospel reading zero in on particular topics, namely, anger, lust, divorce, and oaths, and these topics also speak to what our lives as God’s children are to look like, and to our need for Christ’s mercy. Today’s hymns and sermon draw together those topics under the theme of marriage and family, which has been under attack ever since the serpent whispered seductively to Eve.

Today, let us praise God for marriage and family, let us repent of our sins therein, receive His forgiveness, and ask for His blessing to lead us to bring our best in love, care, and sacrifice to one another.

Read Through the Bible Program Is Underway!

We are now two weeks into our “read through the Bible” program. Approximately 50 Bibles were purchased so far, and dozens of reading schedules were picked up off the table. Feel welcome to join in. Let us read, mark, learn, and take to heart, the very Word of God. ☺



Opening Hymn 403 *O Savior of Our Fallen Race*

Note: Congregation sings stanzas 2, 4, and 5; trio sings 1 and 3



1 O Sav - ior of our fall - en race, O Bright - ness
2 O Je - sus, ver - y Light of Light, Our con - stant
3 Re - mem - ber, Lord of life and grace, How once, to
4 To - day, as year by year its light Bathes all the
5 For from the Fa - ther's throne You came, His ban - ished



of the Fa - ther's face, O Son who shared
star in sin's deep night: Now hear the prayers
save our fall - en race, You put our hu -
world in ra - diance bright, One pre - cious truth
chil - dren to re - claim; And earth and sea



the Fa - ther's might Be - fore the world knew
Your peo - ple pray Through - out the world this
man ves - ture on And came to us as
out - shines the sun: Sal - va - tion comes from
and sky re - vere The love of Him who



day or night, Al - le - lu - ia!
ho - ly day. Al - le - lu - ia!
Mar - y's son. Al - le - lu - ia!
You a - lone. Al - le - lu - ia!
sent You here. Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession and Absolution

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Psalmody

Psalm 119:1-8

Blessèd are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the LORD!

Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies,

who seek him with their whole heart,

who also do no wrong,

but walk in his ways!

You have commanded your precepts

to be kept diligently.

Oh that my ways may be steadfast

in keeping your statutes!

Then I shall not be put to shame,

having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart,

when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

I will keep your statutes;

do not utterly forsake 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.

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn

740

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

- 1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.
- 2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.
- 3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music

10:15am

God's Special Book and The B-I-B-L-E

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1–9

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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| <p>1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall, Where Jesus Christ is all in all! A home that is not wholly His— How sad and poor and dark it is!</p> | <p>3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed Unto their children's foremost need And weary not of care or cost. May none to them and heav'n be lost!</p> |
| <p>2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found And all in hope and love abound; They trust their God and serve Him still And do in all His holy will!</p> | <p>4 Then here will I and mine today A solemn promise make and say: Though all the world forsake His Word, I and my house will serve the Lord!</p> |

The Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.'²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire.²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.³¹ "It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.'³² But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.³³ "Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.'³⁴ But I say to you, Do not take an oath

at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed **page 159 or inside back cover**

Hymn **860** *Gracious Savior, Grant Your Blessing*

Sermon

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

Prayer of the Church

Benediction

Closing Hymn **737** *Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing*



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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

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| Liturgy | Rev. Mark R. Palmer | Sermon | Rev. Timothy J. Shoup |
| Organist | Mrs. Lorraine Doell | | |
| Music | 10:15am | Preschool, 4K, and Kindergarten Classes | |
| Acolytes | Alicia Oviedo | Carli Anderson | Jake Dreyer |

PRAYERS

In Need of Healing . . . *Donna Beyer, Tony Brodhagen, J.J. Brusewitz, Greyson Cornelius, Makenzie Dingeldein, Kathy Ebert, Cliff Hanson, Michelle Hermann, Shirley Kieckhafer, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Marian Monroe, Alicia Oviedo, Doris Schmidt, Brittany Slack, and David Wegner.*



We pray for . . . the family of *Darlene Marohl* who entered eternal glory on Monday, February 6, and received Christian burial Thursday, February 9, at St. Paul.

Birth . . . *Peter Abel Berkesch*, son of Jon and Hannah, born Monday, February 6. Grandparents are Pastor and Nancy Shoup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Council meeting . . . will be on Tuesday, February 14, at 7:00pm.

Reminder that Mission Circle meeting . . . will be Thursday, February 16, at 1:00pm.

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), cakewalks, and a silent auction (need not be present to win). If anyone would like to help or make a donation, please contact Jill Davis at 920–619–6369.

Booster Club Candy Sale Fundraiser . . . Please help support the booster club and athletic program at St. Paul by either stopping in the office and purchasing one of Vande Walle's delicious chocolate bars for \$1 or preordering Easter candy which will be delivered before Easter break. Order forms are in the narthex or the office, and orders must be received by March 1. Candy bars will be available after February 13.

Aluminum Cans . . . Continue to save cans for St. Paul. Bob Luepke will have collection weekends during the next few months. St. Paul participates in a national competition. The school which collects the most pounds per student from each state will win a \$1,000. St. Paul has won the \$1,000 for the state of Wisconsin for the past 3 years. You may drop them off anytime across the street from the school, behind the fence next to the building. If you have any questions, ask in the office or contact Bob Luepke.

Attended/Communed– February 4/5, 2017

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| Saturday | 2/4 | 7:00pm | 112/ 85 |
| Sunday | 2/5 | 8:00am | 295/150 |
| Sunday | 2/5 | 10:15am | <u>217/158</u> |
| | | Total | 624/393 |

January 2017 Thrivent Choice dollars received was \$4,194 . . . Thank you to the 40 Thrivent members that have designated their dollars to St. Paul church and school. Thank you to Thrivent for this much appreciated gift. If you are eligible and have not yet designated your dollars, call 800–847–4836, Monday – Friday, 7:00am – 6:00pm or go online at www.thrivent.com/choice.

Annual Voters' Meeting Results

Motions

M/S/C A motion was made by Dave Hedtke, seconded by Mark Welch and carried to rename the bucket from the Endowment Fund with Concordia from "Church Work Education Endowment Fund" to "Staff Education Endowment Fund".

M/S/C A motion was made by Dave Hedtke, seconded by Rhoda and carried that the council request that the Board of Christian Education include appropriate boards (Trustees and Elders) to come up with a plan for building security.

Ash Wednesday Chili Dinner . . . here at St. Paul on March 1. Menu includes chili, toasted cheese sandwiches, bars, and beverages. Cost is \$7/adults, \$3/children 6–10, and children 5 or under are free. Chili will be served 11:00am – 7:00pm in the fellowship hall and is sponsored by the Ladies Aid. Ash Wednesday church services will be held at 10:00am and 7:00pm. Proceeds will help support Christian education at Wolf River Lutheran High School.

Missing Dishes? . . . See the table in the fellowship hall for dishes that may belong to you.

Lutheran Hour . . . "Love Your Enemies--Jesus Does!" (*Matthew 5:38–48*) God calls us to love and forgive our enemies the way He loves and forgives us. 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 February 5:

Students: 26

Volunteers: 15



What we learned this week:

4 year old – 1st grade: Jesus Meets the Woman at the Well. *John 4:4–29*

Take Home Point: Jesus is everyone's friend...Jesus says, Love everyone.

2nd-4th grade: God Proclaims the King. *Matthew 3:17*

Take Home Point: God tells us in baptism, "I am your God, and you are my child whom I love.

Quest 5/6: The Ten Commandments: Why bother? *Matthew 22:37*

Brian Wilson Mission Trip . . . Bonduel native and former St. Paul Lutheran member Brian Wilson is raising money for a June mission trip to Slovakia. He will be one of 9 people from the area planning to work with children and to help Slovaks establish a mission congregation of Hillside Assembly of God. Brian has been trained in sign language and as a youth leader; he will be teaching signing for some of the children's songs, assisting with two VBS sessions, and working with children in a variety of other activities. He is reaching out to Bonduel area churches to support his efforts. Checks may be made payable to Hillside Assembly of God – Slovakia Mission Trip and placed in a box in the narthex next weekend, February 18/19, or dropped off at the church office or with one of the pastors.

1st Annual Father-Daughter Dance . . . will be held February 18, 5:00pm – 7:00pm, at Wolf River Lutheran High School, 220 Zachow St., Cecil. All ages are welcome. Tickets are \$10 per couple, \$2 for an additional child, and may be purchased at the door or by calling 715-745-2400. Refreshments will be supplied.

Join in the fun! . . . Wolf River Lutheran High School is hosting their 4th Annual Trivia Night to benefit the school on Sunday, March 12, at St. James Shawano at 1:00pm sign-in and event to start at 1:30pm. Trivia nights are informal, fun, competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams can have up to eight (8) adults. Free drinks and popcorn will be provided and free babysitting. There will be a bake sale to help defray the cost of sports uniforms. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack item to share at your table too. The cost is \$10 per person. Please call the WRLHS office at 715-745-2400 or email office@wrlhs.org.

Positions Available at St. Paul!

Dozens of members at St. Paul contribute hundreds of hours in a variety of ways without receiving compensation.

- ***We have two new non-paid positions we would like to fill. 😊***
- ***Hours are flexible.***
- ***If interested, please contact Trisha Anderson, our Office Manager, or Pastor Shoup by February 28.***

Push Pay Assistant –

Push Pay is our on-line giving tool. Multiple members use it for making school payments or giving offerings electronically. It works especially well on a smart phone.

Approximately \$2,000 – \$3,000 per month in offerings and payments comes into our accounts via Push Pay.

The Push Pay Assistant needs to enjoy using a smart phone, and will –

- Help with the ongoing introduction of and encouragement for use of Push Pay to our members and school families
- Help new Push Pay users with questions
- Help make available monthly Push Pay statements
- Become familiar with the applications Push Pay has to offer us at St. Paul
- Work with our Office Manager and Pastor Shoup

Communications Assistant –

Sending out information clearly written, neatly and creatively formatted, in a timely manner for our church and school by means of mail, electronic mail, constant contact, fast direct, social media, smoke signals, and newsletters is necessary and challenging and fun. 😊 The Communications Assistant needs strong organizational, pc, smart phone, and writing skills, and will –

- Meet with our pastors and school administrator in mapping out a communication timeline of church and school events
- Manage the communication timeline
- Write a small portion of the articles
- Format a large portion of the articles as designated for social media, electronic mail, etc.
- Work with Pastor Shoup, Pastor Palmer, Mr. Schmidt, and our Office Manager

EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 2/12** 8:00am Worship
9:00am Fellowship (Mission Circle)
9:15am – 10:05am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship
7:00pm Christian Couples' at Gerry and Judy Schmidt's house
- MON. 2/13** 7:30am Strong Bones
6:00pm Board of Parish Education
7:00pm Adult Instruction Class
- TUES. 2/14** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
6:45pm Board of Evangelism
7:00pm Church Council
- WED. 2/15** 11:00am Worship – Holy Communion
5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Youth Feed the Flock Bible Study
7:05pm Choir
- THURS. 2/16** 1:00pm Mission Circle
- FRI. 2/17** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 2/18** 7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
- SUN. 2/19** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Ladies Aid)
9:15am – 10:05am Sunday School
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

2/18 Austin Prochaska

2/19 Hailey Zernicke Charlie Tauchen

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

2/18 Sheila Bahr

2/19 Maureen Zernicke Patti Herrmann



**THE
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