

St. Paul Lutheran Church and School

Bonduel, Wisconsin

March 11/12, 2017

The Second Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Worship

Two weeks ago on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus met Moses and Elijah. Peter, James and John were with them, and saw the glory of heaven.

Last week, we heard that the Spirit led Jesus straight to Satan to be tempted by him. We caved to temptation continually. Jesus never gave in to Satan's attacks, not one time. Since He had no sins of His own to die for, He could sacrifice Himself for our sins, and He did.

This week, Jesus encounters Nicodemus and said to him, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God." These very words of Jesus, since the earliest times of the Christian church, have been foundational for our claiming and clinging to Baptism as a means of Grace. Baptism is among the highest of gifts that God gives to His children on earth, for in Baptism, the Father gives to us everything that belongs to His Son. Welcome to worship!

"On the Way to Calvary, Jesus Encounters..."

Week 1 ~ Jesus Encounters Satan (Matthew 4:1-11)

Week 2 ~ Jesus Encounters Nicodemus (John 3:1-17)

Week 3 ~ Jesus Encounters the Samaritan Woman (John 4:5-30; 39-42)

Week 4 ~ Jesus Encounters the Blind Man (John 9:1-39)

Week 5 ~ Jesus Encounters Lazarus (John 11:1-45)

Palm Sunday ~ Jesus Encounters the Crowd (John 12:12-19)



Invocation, Confession and Absolution

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Psalm 121 – Duet*I Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills***Salutation and Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

O Father in heaven, Your Word has declared that we are born spiritually blind, dead, and enemies of God. We cannot by our own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus said, “Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.” Thank you for uniting water and the Spirit in the Baptism of Jesus, and for using Baptism to take each of us out of the darkness of eternal death and into the glory of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and our Savior.

Amen.**Old Testament Reading***Genesis 12:1-9*

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, ⁶Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. ⁸From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 4:1–8, 13–17

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.” . . . ¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. ¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” ³Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from

or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹ Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰ Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed **page 192 or inside back cover of hymnal**

Baptism Hymns

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

The Savior came to be baptized—
The Son of God in flesh disguised—
To stand beneath the Father’s will
And all His righteousness fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood
And John baptized the Lamb of God,
The Holy Spirit, heav’nly dove,
Descended on Him from above.

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Baptized into Your name most holy,
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Your saints, Your chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Your Spirit now shall live within.

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

Your command is clear and plain,
And we would obey it duly:
“You must all be born again,
Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit,
And My kingdom thus inherit.”

Built on the Rock

Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

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 pow’r to call Him Lord.

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Give Ear, O Zion, to God’s Call

Our death upon the cross He died,
Yet see—this Lamb is living!
In Christ, we now stand justified,
His guiltlessness us giving!
Out of the anguish of His soul,
We have been cleansed, restored, made whole;
Baptized in Christ, made righteous!

Sermon

“Jesus Encounters Nicodemus”

(John 3:1–17)

Hymn

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Create in Me

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

Prayer of the Church and The Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you....

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn

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When to Our World the Savior Came



1 When to our world the Sav - ior came The sick and
2 That good phy - si - cian! Night and day The peo - ple
3 His prais - es then were heard and sung By o - pened
4 Of long a - go: yet liv - ing still, Who died for



help - less heard His name, And in their weak - ness
thronged a - bout His way; And won - der ran from
ears and loos - ened tongue, While light - ened eyes could
us on Cal - v'ry's hill; Who tri - umphed o - ver



longed to see The heal - ing Christ of Gal - i - lee.
soul to soul, “The touch of Christ has made us whole!”
see and know The heal - ing Christ of long a - go.
cross and grave, His heal - ing hands stretched forth to save.



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SERVING THE LORD IN WORSHIP

Liturgy	Rev. Mark R. Palmer	Sermon	Rev. Timothy J. Shoup
Organist	Mrs. Lorraine Doell		
Music	Duet	Mrs. Nancy Shoup and Mrs. Lorraine Doell	
	8:00am	Adult Choir with Grades 3 – 6	
Acolytes	Reed Luepke	Judah Griesbach	Reid Schwerin

PRAYERS

In Need of Healing . . . *Tony Brodhagen, J.J. Brusewitz, Greyson Cornelius, Kathy Ebert, Cliff Hanson, Doris Hoffman, Shirley Kieckhafer, Freda Krueger, Gregory Kopitske, Jr., Dorothy Krull, Ted Kupsky, Marian Monroe, Sandy Rosin, Doris Schmidt, Brittany Slack, David Wegner, and Phyllis Weisinger.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS

College Age Ministries . . . Parents, please contact one of the following committee members with your college-aged child's contact information. We are looking to compile emails and mailing addresses for college students and military personnel. – Sheila Bahr at 715–853–5471, Cara Richter at 715–851–5435, or Bridgett Dingeldein at 715–853–7991.

Lutheran Hour . . . "A Well That Runs Deep Because You Need It" (*John 4:5–26*) Jesus is determined to meet you today with the water of grace only He can give. 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.

Endowment Fund requests . . . are now being taken. An electronic form may be found on the St. Paul website at stpaulbonduel.com on the Links page under the Resources tab. Email the form to anderson@stpaulbonduel.com.

It is time to start thinking . . . about purchasing flowers to beautify the church for Easter. This year lilies will be \$16 and other types of spring plants will be \$18. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex. A box is available for your payment. Orders will be taken until Palm Sunday.



Mission Circle . . . will be meeting Thursday, March 16, at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall. Bring your *Winter Quarterly* to the meeting. There will be a quarterly topic as well as a short presentation by Tamara Rottier, and updates on April's Salad Buffet.

Aluminum Cans . . . Continue to save cans for St. Paul. 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 – March 4, 5, & 8, 2017			
Saturday	3/4	7:00pm	97/ 87
Sunday	3/5	8:00am	191/146
Sunday	3/5	10:15am	197/128
Wednesday	3/8	10:00am	291
Wednesday	3/8	7:00pm	<u>71</u>
Total			847/361

So They Set Their Hope in Him					
3-year special offering					
As of February 28, 2017					
	Mortgage	School Repair	Missions	WRLHS	Total
Pledged	\$547,935	\$388,595	\$40,442	\$107,314	\$1,084,286
Received	\$76,110	\$56,583	\$4,230	\$15,743	\$152,666

February 2017 Thrivent Choice Dollars . . . were \$7,348. This is the last chance for designating your 2016 dollars. Call Thrivent at 800–847–4836 or go online at [.thrivent.com/choice](http://thrivent.com/choice) by March 31 before the dollars are gone. April 1, 2017 starts a new year for Thrivent. Over 80 congregation members called or went on line to designate their Choice Dollars to St. Paul Lutheran Church, School, and Preschool this past month. Thank you everyone. Over \$7,000 certainly is wonderful.

Midweek Lenten Worship 10:00am and 7:00pm

“Questions of the Passion”

In Matthew’s telling of Jesus’ suffering and death in chapters 26 and 27, there are two dozen questions asked by the High Priest, or the Pharisees, or Pilate, or Jesus Himself. Each Wednesday, a pastor from our circuit will be visiting St. Paul and preaching on one of the questions listed below. The series will continue through Easter Sunday.

“But How Then Should the Scriptures Be Fulfilled?” (Matthew 26:54)

“What Further Witnesses Do We Need?” (Matthew 26:65)

“Why This Waste?” (Matthew 26:8)

“Do You Think that I Cannot Appeal to My Father...?” (Matthew 26:53)

“What Is that to Us?” (Matthew 27:4)

Maundy Thursday “Is It I, Lord?” (Matthew 26:22)

Good Friday “What Shall I Do with Jesus Who Is Called Christ?” (Matthew 27:22)

Easter Sunday “Strong Statements, Not Questions!” (Matthew 28:1 – 10)

Join in the fun! . . . Wolf River Lutheran High School is hosting its 4th Annual Trivia Event today, Sunday, March 12, at St. James Lutheran School gymnasium in Shawano at 1:00pm to benefit WRLHS. The sign-in and event will begin at 1:30pm. The cost is \$10 per person.

Trivia events are informal and fun competitions where teams battle to see who has the greatest knowledge of trivia. Teams may have up to eight adults, and ‘walk-ins’ are welcome. Free drinks, popcorn, and babysitting will be provided. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack item to share at your table. A bake sale will be sponsored by parents to help raise funds for student athletic uniforms.



American Cancer Society Relay for Life . . . Cancer—Almost every one of us has been touched by it in some way. “Team Faith” will be participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on Saturday, March 25. Everyone is invited to attend. If you would like to support our team, drop off your donation at the school office or contact Peggy Buchholz, 715-758-8715. Thank you!

Parents: Many people lose their hair during cancer treatments. To help raise awareness among our students, we will have “Hat Week” from March 20–24. Students who donate \$1 may wear a hat in class for one day. Students who donate \$5 may wear a hat every day for the week. All funds collected will go to American Cancer Society.

Pastor Naumann’s February Newsletter . . . may be found in the narthex.



Palm Sunday Breakfast

Sunday, April 9, 2017
7:00 – 9:30 am



SPYRT (St. Paul Youth Rejoicing Together) will serve a Palm Sunday Breakfast. Please call the school office at 715–758–8532 if you are interested in donating anything to help offset the costs. Thank you in advance for your contribution of supplies or cash donations. Proceeds will be used to help benefit our youth for their next national youth gathering.

Items needed:

- 13 loaves of bread
- 65 dozen eggs
- 22 frozen cans of orange juice (12 oz.)
- 9 pounds of butter
- 300 Styrofoam cups
- 300 paper juice cups
- 30# cheese curds
- 10# shredded cheese
- 4 quarts maple syrup

Cash Donations will be used for:

Sausage, Fresh Fruit, Sweet rolls/Donuts, and French Toast Sticks

Sunday School Update

Please continue to pray for our Sunday School ministry. The spring session will **start on April 2nd** and end on May 21st (no Sunday School on Easter Sunday). You may register new students at the church's website, [://stpaulbonduel.com](http://stpaulbonduel.com). We are also looking for volunteers willing to fill in or teach upcoming classes. Questions and comments may be emailed to @stpaulbonduel.com



Camp Luther News . . . Men's Fishing/Golf Retreat, May 16–19, 2017

Fishing, Golf, Bible Study and Devotions – what more do you need for a manly get away? This schedule is packed with plenty of time for your sport of choice AND plenty of time for being in God's Word together. Gather a few friends or bring your congregation's Men's Ministry Group. Housing is in cottages as available. For more information check out [.camluther.com](http://camluther.com).

Acolyte Schedule Next Week

3/15	Heidi Dreyer	Salvador Oviedo
3/18	Ruth Titler	
3/19	Karlee Ziemer	Noah Weier

SCRIP Schedule Next Week

3/18	Peggy Buchholz	
3/19	Karla Moede	Barb Wickman



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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK

- SUN. 3/12** 8:00am Worship (Gr. 3–6 sing with Adult Choir)
9:00am Fellowship (Altar Guild)
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship
1:00pm WRLHS Trivia Event – St. James, Shawano
- MON. 3/13** 7:30am Strong Bones
5:00pm For the Church
6:15pm Board of Parish Fellowship
7:00pm Adult Instruction Class
- TUES. 3/14** 7:00am Bible Study
8:00am Quilting
6:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Church Council
- WED. 3/15** 10:00am Lenten Worship
11:30am Worship – Holy Communion
5:00pm Public School Confirmation Class
5:45pm Choir
6:00pm Grades 5 & 6 Confirmation Class
7:00pm Lenten Worship
- THURS. 3/16** 1:00pm Mission Circle
6:30pm Grade 8 Confirmation – Parents
- FRI. 3/17** 7:30am Strong Bones
SCRIP due by noon
- SAT. 3/18** 7:00pm Worship – Holy Communion
5:00pm–12:00am SPYRT Late Night
- SUN. 3/19** 8:00am Worship – Holy Communion
9:00am Fellowship (Men’s Club)
9:15am Bible Study
9:15am Youth Bible Bowl Practice
10:15am Worship – Holy Communion

